

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Hello I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to share a few thoughts and quite a few scriptures with you.

One of my favorite scriptures in the Bible is when the Apostle Paul prays for the Ephesian believers in chapter 3.

He prayed six things for them.

That they would be strengthened with power by His Spirit in their inner man.

That Christ would dwell in their hearts by faith.

That they would be rooted and grounded in love.

That they would be able to comprehend with all the saints the love of Christ.

That they would know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.

So that they would be filled up with all the fullness of God.

Frankly I can't even comprehend all the fullness of God, but it seems to be what God the Father has intended for His children.

I'd like to share some scriptures that I hope will enlighten us to a few kingdom realities.

1 Corinthians 2.9 talks about,

That which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor ever entered into the heart of man, those things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

These things are hard to comprehend in our natural minds, even with our wildest imaginations.

Let me share an observation of mine from my 58 years as a Christian.

We have been taught to pray to God about everything. We continually petition God, to get off His throne in heaven and intervene in this circumstance, to fix that situation, or deal with this person or that problem.

We typically make these petitions not fully convinced that God will answer them. We often try to get as many other people to pray with us thinking that God might respond to our request, if enough people ask Him.

It's pretty much a maybe He will, or maybe He won't situation.

It's a lot like a sea captain who's ship is taking on water, sending out a distress call, desperately hoping that someone will hear it and rescue them.

Although this is common practice, it is not the reality of our relationship with our heavenly Father. We pray that way because we are unaware of what our Father has already made available to us as His children.

John 1.12 + 13, I'll read from the Amplified version.

To as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority, the power, the privilege, and the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in, adhere to, trust in, and rely on His name

Who owe their birth neither to blood, nor the will flesh, that of a physical impulse, nor to the will of man, that of a natural father but to God. They are born of God.

When we pray, we're not praying as strangers, beggars, or even the kid next door. We are His children and members of His family.

Let me share a few statements of reality from God's Word.

Jesus said to the Father in John 17.22, the glory which you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one just as we are.

Ephesians 1:3 says,
He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Heavenly places in Christ.

2 Peter 1:3 says

He has given us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own Glory and excellence. He has given us His magnificent promises that by them we might be partakers of the divine nature...

Jesus said everything that the Father has is mine, and I've sent the Holy Spirit to give it to you. That's John 16:14

Luke 12:32 states that, it's your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

It doesn't appear that God has withheld anything from His children.

The scripture actually states in Romans 8:32

He who didn't spare even His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

God is Spirit, and we can't see him in this natural realm, but He has committed everything He is and everything He has to His children as their inheritance.

Our inheritance has already been paid for by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Our inheritance has also already been delivered, and guaranteed to us when Christ sent the Holy Spirit to lead us into the reality of it. Ephesians 1:13+14

Let's look at a several scriptures to try to clarify how this becomes our reality.

Whoever is joined to the Lord has become one spirit with him. That's in 1 Corinthians 6:17

1 Corinthians 1:30 says that,

By His doing you are in Christ Jesus who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

These things become ours because we are one with Christ by God putting us in Him.

Romans 8:16 says,

The Holy Spirit himself, testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. If children, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ of all things.

1 John 5:11 states,

This is the testimony, that God has given us His eternal life, this life is in His son. He who has the son has that life, he who does not have the son does not have that life.

Colossians 2:9+10 reading from the Amplified version.

For in Him (Christ) the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life, (in Christ, you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and reach full spiritual stature).

Christ dwells in us, and we dwell in Him by God's doing.

Since God is Spirit, all of His blessings are also Spirit. They are not natural circumstances or attributes. We read that He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places. That means that they are created by God and His Holy Spirit has imparted them to our spirits. Not to our minds, or our bodies, but to our spirit.

Jesus said in John 6.63,

It's the spirit who gives life, your flesh profits absolutely nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

The natural man cannot understand the things of the spirit of God because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually appraised. 1 Corinthians 2.14

Romans 8.6+7

The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.

Paul exhorted the Colossian believers in chapter 3, I'll read from the Amplified version.

If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at *and* seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds *and* keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His glory].

It's our choice. We can live by our minds natural perceptions that produce only death or we can live by the spiritual reality of God's eternal life in our spirits.

Moses said, in Deuteronomy 30. 19, I've set before you life and blessing, death and the curse. Choose life that you may live.

So let me ask the question.
So where do you wanna live?
It's up to you.

God bless you.

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