

## IN CHRIST

I'd like to take a few minutes and share with you the most powerful life-changing revelation that I ever received from the Holy Spirit.

First a little background.

I accepted Christ as my savior and was baptized when I was 12 years old

I was told that Jesus died for my sins and if I received him as my savior I would go to heaven when I died.

I was also told that I could expect an abundant life and have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faith, self-control, and all kinds of wonderful attributes.

I was taught that I was supposed to go to church, worship God and read the Bible and there was a list of things that pleased God and a list of things that displeased him.

I was supposed to try to do the things that were on the list that pleased him and avoid the things that displeased him

I was pretty excited, and went after it pretty hard but my life seem pretty much the same.

I did go to church. I did read my Bible and I did try to do the things that please God.

I tried to do all the things in the Bible that Jesus did but I was terribly unsuccessful and I got pretty frustrated.

I was taught that all these things were mine because Jesus died on the cross.

Because I didn't know then anything about the Holy Spirit or the Revelation that he can bring,

I used to ask myself the question how can the lynching and murder of a Jewish Carpenter in Jerusalem 2000 years ago produce these wonderful attributes in the life of a ball playing white boy in San Diego in 1962.

At the peak of my frustration I had an experience with God and began to receive revelation from the Word by the Holy Spirit.

As I mentioned before, I read the bible a lot after I accepted Christ, but after my experience with the Holy Spirit the Bible came alive to me.

## I GOT THE REVELATION OF BEING IN CHRIST

I had read the account of Christ's death and resurrection and listened to it preached hundreds of times.

Then I read Romans 6 which I had read many times before.

The Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see that I was baptized into Christ's death. Jesus not only died FOR ME, he put me in Christ and I died WITH HIM and WAS RESURRECTED WITH HIM.

I began to see over time that I was not here on the Earth petitioning God who lived way out in the ozone someplace to help my best efforts to change my behavior and be more like Christ.

He wasn't interested in helping me improve my life. The best he could do for me was kill me and start over.

I started to see that his death on the cross was also my death on the cross and that his resurrection was also my resurrection.

I saw that my old corrupt unfixable nature that I inherited from Adam was actually crucified and buried with him.

His eternal life was now available to me because I was in Christ and that was completely by his doing.

I began to see that becoming a new creature in Christ wasn't just a scripture in the Bible, the Holy Spirit was actually making it my reality.

Then, instead of hearing people talk about God, quote Jesus, and try to explain the Holy Spirit, I was growing in my relationship with all three of them because they actually lived in me.

I began to transition from religion to relationship.

I began to see the gospel as the supernatural working of God on my heart, instead of a prayer that everyone needed to pray to go to heaven and miss hell.

God went from a concept and a set of religious teachings that I struggled to walk in, to what he really is, the heavenly father who loved me and wanted a relationship with me more than I wanted one with him.

HE loves his children with everything he has, and everything that he is. All the way and all the time.

My journey became a supernatural, relationship with the Living God by His Spirit, instead of trying to grind out a religious performance that I was completely incapable of doing.

I also read. 1 Corinthians 1.30. Which said that I am in Christ by his doing and that he became to me wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

The Holy Spirit showed me that God made me one with him in Christ and everything that Christ had, became mine because I'm one with him. He became my wisdom, my righteousness my sanctification, my redemption, my ability, my anointing, and my reality.

These things became mine by his doing. They became mine because he said so.

At first I couldn't see them very well, but my journey with the Holy Spirit enabled me to see these realities a little more and a little more and a little more each day as I was gaining full possession of them.

As I continued to walk with God, the Holy Spirit continued to expand my capacity for eternal life. My capacity to know God and the one who He sent Jesus Christ.

He also began to give me a revelation of the kingdom of God. He showed me that Jesus didn't preach Salvation. He didn't preach, sin, tithing, stewardship, or any of the other things that are common themes in our modern preaching.

He preached repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. He was not at all sin conscious. He was Kingdom conscious. It wasn't repent of our particular sins. It was repent of our entire old nature that we inherited from Adam because what we were originally created for had arrived.

I began to see that the kingdom was not a place. It was the influence of the King on his territory and on his subjects. We are his dwelling place and we are his people. He was looking for people that would cast aside their own natural life and allow him to be God within them.

He wants to fill us to overflowing with his abundant eternal life. As His life swallows up our old nature, It's the overflow of his life that will influence all those around us. It's the ministry of reconciliation that he gave to his New Creations in Christ.

The Holy Spirit began to reveal to me that as members of his family we are citizens of his kingdom. He has made us ambassadors to every tribe, every people, and every nation on this planet to manifest his kingdom so that they can be drawn into the family of God.

We were created in the image of God. Spirit soul and body.

We are his Supreme creation to manifest his life to this planet.

We were created by Him and for him.

He has empowered us with his spirit, his own eternal life, so that we can draw all men to him. So that he can get his children back into his family.

He made us citizens of his kingdom and ambassadors to the whole world.

I encourage you to follow Jesus's instructions,

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is here because He wants us all to be a part of it.

God Bless You.

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