

I picked up the phone. The person at the other end was hurting. She felt like whatever she did wasn't good enough for those around her. Her husband wasn't dealing realistically with his emotions. He wouldn't talk through their problems.

And, as far as God was concerned, it seemed to be the same thing, she couldn't please him either. He wasn't happy with her either.

Many Aren't At Home Anywhere!

Too many of us, as God's redeemed people, live so unnecessarily with this kind of pain.

God has something better for us.

This something better is, as always, Himself.

Nor is this some abstract, indefinite concept that proves to be a practical non-reality. It is very real and practical indeed! Praise His name.

We are in Him. He is in us. We are complete in Him. He fills us.

We are dead to sin, alive with Christ to God and righteousness. Our sins of the past are forgiven. Our present sins are under the blood of Christ as we confess and forsake those we recognize.

We are accepted in the beloved. He that has begun a good work in us will perform it till the day of Christ.

What does all this mean in practical everyday terms?

It means that we can live at home with God, content, at ease, at peace, at rest in His love, His acceptance and His enabling power.

We don't have to live in self-condemnation and guilt. In spite of our obvious imperfection, we can live in peace and contentment. We can live in contentment, not with ourselves or with anything about us, but in Him, what He has done for us, what He is doing for us, and what He is going to do for us.

It is He Who is our hope of glory now and eternally.

We needn't fear his condemnation nor that of anyone else. No matter our failure nor what anyone thinks of us, we can turn to Him and revel in His love and acceptance, assured that, as we trust Him and rest in Him, He is seeking to change us into His image from glory to glory even when it least seems like it.

So this will actually happen, He not on-

Do we have a role to play?

ly assures us of the adequacy of His work on our behalf and of our acceptance in Him, He tells us what to do so this will be increasingly real in our daily experience.

He tells us to put to death the old man, or the old practices. And we find that idea appealing, so we rush off on the old steed of the flesh to tilt at those wind-mills.

Read the lengthy passage below. See Christ as your hope and life, your wisdom and knowledge, your all in all. Respond to the appeal to seek Him at the right hand of God in prayer, and worship, and thanksgiving, and praise.

Begin spending an increasing amount of time alone with Him seeking Him for Himself alone, not for any temporal thing.

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Let Him become increasingly precious to you. Stay alone with Him in worship, adoration, thanksgiving, praise, loving communion, listening to Him, enjoying Him, leaning on Him, learning Him. Stay with Him until your pre-occupation with yourself and your concerns evaporates in an over-whelming consciousness of Him, even if it be for only a moment. Stay until a tenderness, meekness, and gentleness of spirit emerge, or a peace and quietness before Him, or a desire after Him. Look to Him. Listen for Him.

Then throughout the day whenever you're aware you're succumbing to life's pressures, you're hurried, and harried, God has faded into the background and you're excessively conscious of yourself and others, withdraw into the chapel of your heart, worship Him, and let the cares of this life subside as you return to living at home in God.

*To (his saints)
God would make known
what is the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the Gentiles;
which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory;
whom we preach,
warning every man, and
teaching every man in all wisdom;
that we may present
every man perfect in Christ Jesus:
whereunto I also labour,
striving according to his working,
which worketh in me mightily. . .
That (your) hearts
might be comforted,
being knit together in love,
and unto all riches
of the full assurance*

*of understanding,
 to the acknowledgment
 of the mystery of God,
 and of the Father, and of Christ
 in whom are hid all the treasures
 of wisdom and knowledge. . . .
 As ye have, therefore,
 received Christ Jesus the Lord,
 so walk ye in him:
 rooted and built up in him,
 and stablished in the faith,
 as ye have been taught,
 abounding therein with thanksgiving.
 Beware lest any man spoil you
 through philosophy and vain deceit,
 after the tradition of men,
 after the rudiments of the world,
 and not after Christ.
 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of
 the Godhead bodily
 and ye are complete (full) in him
 which is the head
 of all principality and power. . . .
 buried with him in baptism
 wherein also ye are risen with him
 through the faith
 of the operation of God,
 And you. . . . Hath he quickened
 together with him,
 having forgiven you all trespasses. . .
 and having spoiled
 principalities and powers,
 he made a show of them openly,
 triumphing over them in it. . . .
 Let no man therefore judge you. . . . Let
 no man beguile you
 of your reward. . . .
 If ye, then, be risen with Christ,
 seek those things which are above,
 where Christ sitteth
 on the right hand of God.
 Set your affection on things above,
 not on things on the earth.*

*For ye are dead,
 and your life is hid with Christ
 in God.
 When Christ, who is our life,
 shall appear
 then shall ye also appear
 with him in glory.
 Mortify, therefore, your members
 which are upon the earth. . . .
 Christ is all, and in all. . . .
 And let the peace of God
 rule in your hearts,
 to which also ye are called
 in one body;
 and be ye thankful. . . . And whatsoever
 ye do in word or deed,
 do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
 giving thanks to God and the Father
 by him. . . .
 Continue in prayer,
 and watch in the same
 with thanksgiving.*

(Selections from the book of Colossians.)



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*Abide in me.
 - John 15:4*

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