

“Christ Liveth in Me” Pt. 2

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Continuing on from the great teaching in Part 1 of this sermon, Dr. Lake gives some examples of “Christ liveth in me” and the kind of life that produces in and through a believer: a healing from realizing Christ within cleanses of BOTH SIN AND SICKNESS; and also the reception of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit poured out in Los Angeles through the preaching of Brother Seymour.

This section concludes with an exhortation for you to get still and let God move in YOUR LIFE.



THE WOMAN AND HER RHEUMATICS:

In a conference in Chicago, I set with a black woman one afternoon. After the meeting she told me of her woes and sicknesses and they were many. After a time when she had grown somewhat still I said, “Dear Mother how long have you been a Christian?”

She said, “Since I was a child.”

Then I tried to show her that God expected a development of God and His nature, and the action of God in His transforming power through the agency of the Spirit, and that there was a process of remaking and remolding that should change her nature and dissolve the rheumatics, Bright's disease, and all the other difficulties, just as truly as long ago sin dissolved out of her soul.

After the conversation had gone on to the proper point I said, “Dear sister anybody can see that Christ dwells in your spirit.” Her eyes were lovely, delightful.

- “Let your mind extend just a little bit,
- let your thoughts comprehend that
- just as Jesus dwells in your spirit and also possesses your soul, in **just exactly the same way** He is possessing your blood in your old rheumatic bones

- and that **the very same thing** will happen in your bones
- when you
- **realize the truth that happened in your spirit**
- when you were converted at the altar.”

She had told me how she had prayed 22 days and nights until Christ was revealed in her soul as Savior. She seemed to want to wait 22 days and nights for God to manifest Himself in the Rheumatic bones, and I was trying to get her away from it.

She said, “Brother, lay your hands on me and pray for me, and I will be healed.”

I answered, “No, I want you to get well by realizing that right now that same Christ that dwells in your spirit and your soul is in your bones and in your blood and in your brain.”

Presently the old lady hopped to her feet and said, “My God, He is!”
She had it.

Christ had been imprisoned in her soul and spirit; now He was permitted to be manifest in her body.



Brother Tom Hezmalhalch came into a black meeting in Los Angeles one day where they were talking about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He had picked up a paper and read of these peculiar meetings and among other things, that they spoke in tongues. That was new to him. He said, “If they do, and if that is real, that is an advance in the Spirit of God beyond what is common and I am going to get it.”

He went and listened as the old black Frank Seymour taught. He was trying to develop the thought of conscious cleansing, and he used the beautiful text, “Now you are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you,” (John 15:3). That became very real to Tom. After a while the congregation was invited to come and kneel at the altar and seek God for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Tom later told me, “John, I got up and walked forward to that old bench with the realization in my soul of the truth of the word the man had spoken and that the real cleansing and Cleanser was in my heart.”

He knelt and prayed for a minute or two. His soul reached up and his heart believed for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Then he arose and took one of the front seats. One of the workers said, "Brother don't stop praying until you are baptized in the Holy Ghost."

He replied, "Jesus told me I was baptized in the Holy Ghost."

Mr. Seymour said, "Just leave him alone. He has got it. You wait and see."

A few days passed, and one day Tom said the Spirit began to surge through him and a song of praise in tongues, and an angelic voice broke through his lips.

GET STILL AND LET GOD MOVE IN YOUR LIFE:

An old preacher came into my office in South Africa and said, "Brother Lake, there is something I want to talk to you about. There used to be a very remarkable manifestation in my life. It was the manifestation of tongues and interpretation. But I have not spoken in tongues for a year. I wish you would pray for me."

I said, "No, go over and lie down and get still and let God move in your life."

I was writing a letter. I went on with my writing. Presently I observed that something wanted to speak in me, and I turned my head just a little to see that the old man was speaking in tongues, and I was getting the interpretation of it as I wrote the letter.

Christians are stumbling over that fact (that God is ready to move in your life) every day.

You are doubting and fearing and wondering if Christ is there.
Beloved brother and sister, give Him a chance to reveal Himself.
He is there.

Probably because of your lack of realization (that He is there), your soul is closed, and He is not able to reveal Himself.

You know, God is never able to reveal Himself outside of the spirit or soul.

The **real secret of the ministry of healing** is in permitting the grace of God in your heart (spirit/inner being) to flow out through your hands and your nerves into the others life. That is the real Secret.

And one of the greatest works God has to perform is to subject our flesh to God. Many Christians, the deepest Christians who really know God in their spirit, and enjoy communion with Him, are compelled to wait until a process of spiritualization takes place in them before God can reveal Himself through them.

Do not imprison Christ in you.

Let Him live, let Him manifest Himself, let Him find vent through you.



Coming in Part 3 (conclusion)

- Mankind's Supreme Need Is Love
- The Case of the Insane Girl
- Reaching Your Family Through Love