

Developing Conscious Awareness of God's Presence Pt. 2

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Conscious of:

to notice that a particular thing or person exists or is present

Aware of

To notice

focusing one's attention on something or is even preoccupied by it

John 17:21: Divine Entanglement

Contemporary Standard: May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me.

Complete Jewish: Just as you, Father, are united with me and I with you, I pray that they may be united with us

Phillips: Father, live in me and I live in you, I am asking that they may live in us

John 15:5: Divine Offspring

I am the Vine and you are the branch

Message: "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant."

1 Corinthians 6:17: Divine Union

Contemporary English: But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one in spirit with him.

Disciples Literal: But the one joining himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Expanded: But the one who joins with the Lord [C in spiritual union] is one spirit with the Lord.

Galatians 2:20: Divine Indwelling

Phillips: my present life is not that of the old "I", but the living Christ within me.

New Testament for Everyone: I am, however, alive – but it isn't me any longer, it's the Messiah who lives in me. And the life I do still live in the flesh, I live within the faithfulness of the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Voice: the Anointed is living in me

John G. Lake: from sermon "Development of Christian Consciousness"

"A few months ago I was absent from the City of Spokane, and when I returned we discovered Mrs Lake was not at home. It was just time to leave for my afternoon service. Just then someone came in and said, "Your secretary, Mrs Graham, is in the throes of death, and your wife is with her." So I hurried down to the place. When I got there the wife of one of my ministers met me at the door and said, "You are too late, she has gone." And as I stepped in I met the minister coming out of the room. He said, "She has not breathed for a long time." But as I looked down at that woman and thought of how God Almighty, three years before, had raised her out of death after her womb and ovaries and tubes had been removed in operations, and God Almighty had given them back to her, after which she had married and conceived, my heart flamed. I took that woman up off that pillow, and called on God for the lightnings of heaven to blast the power of death and deliver her, and I commanded her to come back and stay, and she came back, after not breathing for twenty-three minutes.

We have not yet learned to keep in touch with the powers of God. Once in a while our soul rises, and we see the flame of God accomplish this wonder and that, but beloved, Jesus Christ lived in the presence of God every hour of the day and night. Never a word proceeded from the mouth of Jesus Christ but what was God's Word. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

When you and I are lost in the Son of God, and the fires of Jesus burn in our hearts like they did in Him, our words will be the words of life and of spirit, and there will be no death in them. But, beloved, we are on the way.

Did you ever stop to think of Jesus at the Throne of God? I like to think of the twentieth century Christ. Not the Jesus that lived in the world two thousand years ago. Not the humiliated Jesus. Not Jesus dying on the cross for my sin, but the glorified, exalted Son of God at the Throne of God, who stands declaring, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore; and have the keys of hell and of death." Blessed be God.

And that is the Christ that breathes His power into your soul and mine, and that is the Consciousness that is breathed from heaven in the Holy Ghost when it comes to your heart."



It became easy for me to detach myself from the course of life, so that while my hands and mind were engaged in the common affairs of every day, my spirit maintained its attitude of communion with God.

— *John G. Lake* —

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