

## **Easter Sunday – The Same Spirit that Raised Christ from the Dead**

**4-4-10**

**Purpose:** That we may understand the power of God and extent of the realm God within us (and beyond us)

**Romans 8:11** (What happened on Easter Sunday?)

<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**Ephesians 1:17-19** “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (WITHIN), <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”

**It is very easy to become too “outward-orientated / physically”**

- In this world we are surrounded by sights, sounds, smells, circumstances.
- West – very unspiritual (taste it and test it) INNER / SPIRITUAL

**Presence of God / picture God** - looking for something to happen from the outside.

- Waiting for the “glory of God to fill the room”
- Perspective – “heaven coming down”

**Problem: Can miss the miracle of the New Covenant experience**

**NOTE: There are times when** outward manifestations of the kingdom of God

- Glory clouds, gold-dust, and precious stones
- Not the usual

God intended us to have **all the time**

We live from the “inside out” rather than from “the outside in”

**The Great Mystery**

“...The mystery which has been hidden from ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles which is Christ in you the hope of glory.” **Colossians 1:26-27**

**The World of the Spirit/spirit inside** - Bigger than the universe!

**Like the Tardis or Mary Poppin’s bag** - larger on the inside than on the outside

**Problem** – a life based on feelings, circumstances and other people’s reactions to us.

What if the church, work-situation, relationship doesn't bless us or make us feel good or has things about it we don't like?

- We go and find a church, job or relationship that will bless us more
- Easily offended or upset:
  - If the style of worship or the music or the seating or the temperature or the sermon isn't to our liking;
  - The people at work persecute us, or the boss is mean etc.

## **New Testament**

- Christ dwells **within us** and will never leave us
- His peace is **within us**
- His love has been shed abroad *in our hearts* by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5)
- Galatians 2:20 "...Christ that lives **in me...**"
- "The anointing abides **within us!**"

### **1 John 2:27**

But the **anointing** which you have received from Him **abides** in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same **anointing** teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

**OT** - anointing was always poured on from the outside.

**Exceptions:** Once again there are times when we are anointed from outside as God uses others to minister to us or there is a corporate anointing.

- But even when things appear to be very outward, it is interesting that those who are most in-tune inwardly receive the most.

### **In the OT there were many "outward" phrases**

- There were physical altars, physical sacrifices, physical fire, physical clothes, laws written on stones and parchment to be kept outwardly.

**In the NT** we are to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, we have spiritual clothes, spiritual fire and laws written on our hearts.

### **John 4:24**

God is **Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and **truth**."

On Easter Sunday the Holy Spirit within Christ raised Him from the dead.

The vast majority of visions, dreams and spiritual experiences are inward (spiritual) experiences.

### **Mistaken in thinking that these are less real than the physical, outward experiences**

- All that we see and hear and touch and taste physically, came originally from the imagination and words of the Invisible God.

- When we perceive /discern – spirit communicates with mind

## **2 Corinthians 5:15-17 (New King James Version)**

<sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

When I say I am a new creation, I am born of His Spirit, I have the breastplate of righteousness and have on the helmet of salvation can you see it with your physical eyes? Probably not!

### **We need to start believing that the power of God dwells *within us*:**

- Reaches out through us to change things into the physical world
- Our souls and bodies and circumstances.

**Sitting in a Crowd:** we may not be anything physically, but right there within us abides the Spirit of the Living God!

**2 Corinthians 4:16** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day

As we believe it and “see” it, something will happen.

### **“Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” 1 John 4:4**

- No matter what circumstance or devil comes against us

**John G Lake** so believed that the Spirit of God that raised Christ, dwelt in His mortal body, that he had no fear of disease coming on his body. If this self-same Spirit could raise a dead body from the dead, it could certainly deal with any disease. When deadly viruses and bacteria were placed on his body they immediately died.

- He was living from the inside out.

### **When we lay hands on the sick:**

- We can expect that from within will come gifts of healing,
- Supernatural power and whatever is needed to bring the kingdom of God in to the situation.

### **Luke 17:21**

“Nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the **kingdom** of God is **within** you.”

### **We always hear about bringing the kingdom down**

- God wants His people to be aware of His presence
  - When there is no worship in sight,

- No music and everything around us seems so earthy and unlike heaven.

Paul encouraged people to “stir up the gift that is within them”.

### **God wants us to be free from the restrictions of this physical realm**

- Be able to soar into the realms of the Spirit on eagles wings;
- To be able to walk in the heavenly realms;
- To see things that cannot be seen and hear things that cannot be heard.

### **IN CHRIST and that CHRIST is IN US**

- It is IN God’s realm – the unrestricted realm of the spirit.

INSIDE US - how the Spirit leads us and warns us and helps us.

The “wisdom from above” (James 3:17) is actually within.

The “peace that rules in our hearts” (Col 3:15) is within.

As many as are led by the Spirit of the Lord, they are the sons of God!

**Christians struggle with the whole idea of hearing God and seeing God** and being led by God because they **haven’t understood and exercised this area of their being**

**“When you learn to know who you are IN HIM and who He is IN YOU, you are no longer** restricted, and are able to remain strong and be unmoved by the things around you.”

### **So what do we do about this?**

- There are a few things that we can do to **cultivate a spiritual life.**
- We need to renew our minds (Romans 12:2), it is then that we will be **transformed** “to know the good and acceptable and perfect will of God”.
- We can use **our imagination** to think on the world of the Spirit, of heaven and of things true but unseen by the physical realm.

### **Right now I can imagine: SCRIPTURES - DOORWAYS**

- myself sitting down with the Lord in heaven;
- I can see myself filled with a mighty river of living water that is coming up from within me;
- I can see myself clothed with the armour of God, holding a mighty sword and trampling on demons;
- I can imagine the throne of God and see the beasts and the elders, the angels and saints and me worshipping God.

These are all true and according to **Philippians 4** worth of thinking about.

### **When I am sick:**

- I can start to see a variety of things that will help me or I can imagine things that will not help me at all.

- I will choose to see the anointing within moving in my body and bring life and health where ever it touches.
- Back to the time of Jesus and see Him receiving stripes that are for my healing.

When I am depressed or down in the dumps or circumstances are pressing in on me and I am feeling anxious:

- I can see Jesus in me dancing for joy and gladness
- I can see angels surrounding me and chasing the enemy.
- I can start speaking God's words and see that those words are like might swords going out and defeating the enemy.

I can always declare the truth, see the truth and use the truth.

**Ephesians 3:16-19** <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.