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CHRIST IN ME (PART 1)

Colossians 1:27 (KJV) "To whom 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:"

The biggest mystery of Christianity is of having Christ himself reside in mere human beings. The biggest difference between Christianity and other religions is of having the object of worship residing in the heart of its worshipper. No other religion in the world can do that. All of them worship what is outside them, only Christians worship 'Christ in us the hope of glory '

The Bible calls it a mystery because it has never been seen elsewhere that one can worship that which is within him or that can stay within him.

In most African cultures where ancestral worship is prevalent, people are taught to worship their ancestors who are in some imaginary world of the dead. They pour beer and put snuff on the ground so that they can appease them. They beat drums and sing as a way of having these powers to come as close as possible to them but at best these powers can just visit one person, possess that person for few minutes and goes back, everyone is happy when they 'come' but sadly it is not permanent. They then select an animal mostly a bull which they ordain to be the physical embodiment of the ancestor...all this is a vain attempt to have their object of worship dwell as close to them as possible...

In other religions like Buddhism, worshippers will have to go out and pay to buy an image of buddha which they will then bring home and put it in a room. Some will put it in their business premises in an attempt to make their 'god' to stay as close to them as possible. The fact that they are worshipping something they bought is not important to them, what is important to them is the fact that at least they have their 'god' very close to them.

Also, in religious Christianity (which is a perverted way of worshipping God and Jesus Christ) there is always a vain attempt to bring God closer to them, albeit with very little knowledge. Some worship looking the direction of the sun and some at a specific place where they think God must be residing, a mountain in most cases. When they need their members to feel closer to God, they give them objects to use like CRUCIFIXES (check dictionary meaning), water, oil, stones, etc... this is to give their followers a sense of closeness to God.

But we are privileged brethren, that we worship Christ IN US, the hope of Glory. The beauty of Christianity lies in this realization that Christ is not in heaven or on your neck, or in your pocket, or in your church building or in your pastor/priest/prophet, but He is in you, the hope of your glory. Guys this is the real deal, Christ is in us. That is why we always say Christians are different, yes, we are.... why? Because we carry in us what we worship. What we worship (Christ) is so good that He chose us (his believers) to be His favourite place of residence. That is why you are glorious because glory is in you. All believers who are struggling today is because they have rejected this truth that indeed, inside them resides Christ in His fullness His glory, in His majesty. Demons fear us because of what we carry, misfortune fears us not because of our muscles but because of Christ in us, the hope of glory. Stop trying, you cannot bring Jesus in you by your efforts, it is simply by your belief and faith in His grace because of this you already have the real deal in you.... uhmmm.

Let us come back tomorrow and look deeper into this mystery of how Christ would humble himself or how He could value us so much to want to come and reside in us. Read the whole chapter of Colossians 1. You will like it and learn something new. Share with as many friends as possible only do not edit any of this content.

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CHRIST IN ME (PART 2)

1 John 4:4 (KJV) "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

The above scripture has made it clear that we have overcome them (the world) and the secret of our overcoming is not because of prayers, fasting or of our good works, NO! We overcame only because the one WHO IS IN US is Greater than the one who is in the world. So, it means we carry someone special in us. We carry someone who is able to help us to overcome from within. This person is Christ.

This is the mystery of our faith, that Christ dwells in us and is the hope of our glory (**Colossians 1:27**). Christ does not dwell in a church built by physical hands. Christ dwells in a spiritual church which is the heart of a believer. While religion pushes God far away from people, Christianity brings God closer to the people, in fact inside the people. This must sink in our hearts and mind that we are not alone, someone superior and special is in us permanently and daily.

The reason why we are able to cast demons away and able to pray for the sick is because we have some strong back up behind, otherwise who would dare drive out a devil in his/her natural state?

Who is this Christ who is in you?

1. Christ is the fulness of the Godhead in bodily form (Colossians 2:9). Which means God in His trinity is represented in Christ and that Christ is in you.

2. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature (Colossians 1:15). Christ is the image of God. God is exactly Christ....and this Christ is the first born of everything created. He is not younger than anything, even heaven and earth are younger than Him. He is the firstborn of all creation...and that Christ lives in you.

3. He is the creator of everything we see, and all creation is His (*Colossians 1:16*). Remember Jesus Christ is the Word that became flesh, the same Word which God used to create everything (**John 1**). So, this Christ who is the creator and owner of everything dwells in you.

4. Christ is the head of the body, which is the church (*Colossians 1:18*). The church reports to Jesus Christ. He is the boss and head of the church. You cannot participate in the things of church without understanding its boss and head which is Christ.

This is part of who Christ is according to the book of Colossians, this list is not exhaustive but can help us understand the kind of the person whom we carry when we say Christ in us the hope of glory. The devil cannot match all these qualities of Jesus Christ, that is why he was defeated and conquered. Now the same conqueror who conquered the devil lives in us...and Paul confirms it in ***Romans 8:37*** "In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us...".

So, when the Bible says that we have overcome, it is just pointing us to this truth that we have in us a very special person. Many people still think we overcome the devil by what we do, as in praying, fasting etc....all these are good and they have their own place in our faith but we cannot use them alone to overcome. No man can overcome the devil on his/her own powers but we have overcome him because we carry in us someone who is greater than the devil, who is more powerful than the devil and this is Christ who is in us. The day you gave your life to Jesus, He came to dwell in you and at that moment you became an overcomer. From that day the devil feared you but because you did not know who you are and what you have that's why he was taking advantage of you. Now you know! Hallelujah!

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