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T H E Larger Vision Of Jesus Christ

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THE BEAUTY OF JESUS! His loveliness! His serenity! His compassion! His tenderness! His patience with the wayward! His century continued bearing with insult and rejection! And the great circle of His complete character perfections! Ah! they exceed compare! They excel imagination! They outrun the swiftest penman! They pale the lofty flights of the most fluent linguist! One lightning flash from that noble character face changed Saul the murderous persecutor to Paul the sweetest saint.

GLANCES of that surpassing FACE, falling on mortals here on earth, change them "from glory to glory into the same image" of Divine sweetness of character. "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Or when we see Him—transformed while beholding. Of COMPANIONS, most lovely and delightful, exercising the while so gentle, polite and considerate and confidential watchcare, anticipating in

such unobtrusive yet all observing ways,
every wish, desire and plan, till one
seems compelled to relax from all ef-
fort into rest of faith; leaving the six
days of human toil, to enter at once and
forever the seventh Sabbath of rest
from human works of wood, hay and
stubble: to fall into the arms of the Be-
loved, and sit with Him henceforth in
the heavenlies, and work the works of
God.

"O, softest sound of seraph song,
That stirs the heavenly breeze,
Thou canst not wake among thy notes
Such blessed strains as these!
They hush me like a lullaby,
When filled with earth's unrest,
They lift to 'everlasting arms'
Upon a Savior's breast."

IF LOVER fair and dear thou seest
Him—
"Sweet is Thy voice,
And Thy countenance is comely."
Lavish love and tenderest wooing of
Him
Who wouldst thy heart entrancing;
Till pining for embrace Divine,
All earthly loves renouncing:
Thou wouldst with alacrity tread;
His holy hill ascending, hasten
To be joined in nuptials Divine,—
At once entering to go no more out for-
ever.

"O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly,
O beloved."

Long time then abiding in His holy hill,
Partaking of Heavenly privileges;
Yet, if thy soul scarce now be able,
Such melody and rhapsody to be piping:
Let us descend to lower levels:
While still the vision Divine retaining
Of Him whom thy soul loveth, that
Though now descending,
Later and finally, we may again
Ascend His holy hill to heights trans-
cending.

UNION WITH CHRIST in a larger vision
is now appearing. Union of pur-
pose, or identification in aim. This im-
plies and requires identification of sight
or vision. This is obtained and impart-
ed by the supernatural revelation of
Jesus Christ, as the ever proceeding, ac-
tive manifestation of God in creation
and re-creation: in material creation,
and spiritual re-creation. The Author
and the Finisher. The active Logos.
"In the beginning was the Word." The
Logos, the Word, is God operating, act-
ing, bringing forth, producing. Jesus
Christ, the beginning, the continuing,
the ever present One, active in each step
of advance. This is true in all material
creation, and all spiritual as well. He
is the Beginner, the Continuer, the Pro-
ducer of each step in spiritual adventure
and advance. "I Am Alpha and Omega,"
"the First and the Last."

A sight, insight, understanding and union of relationship like this, comes by revealing identification, inwrought supernaturally by God, giving one the vision of Jesus in action, or in His activities. This is the beginning of a new series of revelations, not based on theology, supposition, superstition, or tradition: but directly on the openings of the Divine Holy Spirit. And not to generate Christians in whom the Indwelling Christ is dwarfed and cramped, but to produce robust, full-grown mature sons of God, who will anticipate and contend for full overcoming and a place in "The most High order of saints." (Daniel 7: 18). To attain to this highest group, it is necessary to discover and break with all traditions and man-made interpretations and teachings and come to Jesus, the True Light, the Revealer. This is not light or easy of accomplishment. It takes a resolute and determined effort.

JESUS NATURE. Union with Christ or identification with Him in nature and character, requires as a prerequisite, a Divinely given and heavenly sense of His matchless loveliness, and wide perfection of character in His sphere, as the Infinite Almighty Son of God; and our imparted perfection inwrought by Him, sustained by Him, and perpetuated by the great inflow, outflow and throughflow of the Holy Spirit. This makes us

to see and be in our finite, human, created, dependent realm perfected into His image. Thus sighting by revelation the nature and nobility of character found in Jesus is highly essential to our becoming like Him. "He chastens us for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness." "According as His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature." 2 Pet. 1:3, 4.

Union with Jesus, or partaking of the Divine nature, also prepares one for intimate relationship of friend, companion and Lover. The social side of the character of the Lord Jesus, makes Him an Adorable Fellow. The marriage relation as type of the inner circle intimacy of Christ and His wife, is set forth in Solomon's Song, Revelation and various other Scriptures. Language is exhausted and inadequate to describe and convey conception of this most sacred union. To taste it is bliss indescribable, ineffable delight. "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?" S. of S. 3:6.

To the ancients, the Lord spoke and REVEALED Himself in many ways. He had free converse with Adam till

sin came in. To Moses Jehovah appeared face to face and spoke face to face. Abraham heard His voice from Heaven. He spoke to Joseph by dream. To Samuel Jehovah was made known in His Word. Isaiah saw the Lord in "majestic splendor," seated on a throne high and lifted up. Ezekiel says: "The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." Daniel was quite overcome by visions and Divine visitations. One shaft of light from the face of Christ Jesus instantly converted Saul. John saw and described the dazzling and beautiful appearance of the glorified Christ, and fell at His feet as dead. This unworthy scribe also saw visions of Jesus, extending from the manger to the cross, through the tomb, ascension, and to greeting the Father.

Abide with me. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." "He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." "We will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

UNION IN WORKS. "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth." "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you." To thus come into un-

ion with Jesus in power and works, requires revelation of Jesus to and within as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. A recognition of His supreme all-prevailing sway in our whole personal lives. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice."

UNION OF ATMOSPHERE. Every being having moral or immoral nature is surrounded by an atmosphere, a cloud or influence emanating from the individual. This influence, power or pervading energy is so strong surrounding God, that Jehovah told Moses, "Thou canst not see My face, for there shall no man see Me and live." At Those times when Jehovah has let His glory, power and influence be manifested, men were struck with terror and fell as dead. Ex. 33:20; Deut. 4:31-v3.

Amazing condescension! God has proffered to His servants, that He would endue them with this power of His presence, literally convey upon them a portion of His power, influence and saving potency. To know Him in this way is indeed a very high privilege, sought by comparatively few, and retained often but briefly, or in only very limited degree. Alas! for so feeble response of man, to the great liberality of his Maker, when offered so noble an opportunity to be clothed with the very atmosphere of Almighty God. What sacrifice could be too great! What effort to attain too strenuous! Why the reve-

lations of Jesus, so varied in their kind, so gracious His condescensions offering to impart to man—oh! why so lightly esteemed! So sparingly partaken of! Let us ascend the hill of Zion, and dispossess all the Jebusites!

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS: Paul most earnestly prayed that he might know its power. Also he prayed for his assemblies that, "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenlies." (Eph. 1:18.) "Hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and unfading, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation that even now stands ready to be unveiled at the end of the age." 1 Pet. 1:4.

If you catch a vision of this rare privilege, you will press on to know the power of His resurrection, which "will give life also to your mortal bodies." To find this "new and living way into the most holy place." "Which entereth into that within the veil; whither the

Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." This is the vision of eternal life—Heaven by translation. Heb. 10:19; 6:20.

To catch a vision of "PUT YE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST," is indeed very great in its entirety. "He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Identified Himself with us, that we might be identified with Him in God. "Our old man is crucified with Him." "Ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sin of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." Our old man identified with Christ, on the cross is put off. "I am crucified with Christ." Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:11.

THE LIVING WORD. Jesus Christ as the Word indwelling the believer, is indeed a mighty miracle: a great condescension on the part of the Divine Son of God. This is truly a Divine impartation of the living, indwelling Word of God; for we read, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Col. 3:16). This is a gift of highest spiritual order. It is of the nature of prophecy. "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and songs in the Spirit." This is in a high

order the gifts of prophecy and prophetic wisdom, or both combined. Jesus Christ the Word of God and the wisdom of God indwelling, permanent, ever abiding. "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30.

But not alone as "wisdom" and "word" does Christ dwell in us, but He is made unto us "Righteousness." And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." (Phil. 3:9).

He is also made "SANCTIFICATION" unto us. "Them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me." The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." This is the sanctification produced by the constant flow of the cleansing blood, and inward reception of the water of life.

Again He is made unto us "REDEMPTION." "Plenteous redemption," or more than full redemption. "Eternal redemption," unending, throughout all time and eternity. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." "Even we our-

selves, who have the Spirit as foretaste of the future, even we sigh deeply to ourselves as we wait for the redemption of the body that means our full sonship." (Rom. 9:23, Moffatt). We are now coming into the time of "Redemption of the purchased possession," which includes salvation to the uttermost of spirit, soul and body: completely delivered from every malady and infirmity and affliction, even of death. This is full salvation. Less than this is not.

"We then as WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM." "We are laborers to gether with God. Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Union with Christ in its full measure, in the prosecution of His work, comes by full entrance into the Spirit in His prophetic power. This is that oneness of action by the Divine Spirit, that exists between the Father and the Son, and which Jesus said should be between Him and His people. "That they may be one, even as we are one. I in them and Thou in Me." Jno. 17:22.

ONENESS WITH CHRIST IN HIS KINGDOM, is set forth in Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45; 7:18, 22, 27. Also in Rev. 3:21; 19:14; 21:2, 9. "Saints of the Most High Order" are given to "possess the kingdom forever, even forever and forever," along with "The Son of Man" (Dan. 7:13, 14). This becoming the Consort of King Jesus is highest possible of union honor.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne." Highest or culmination of all union, identification and oneness with and in Christ.

Oh! the UNIVERSALITY of the vision of union and impartations, to every faculty and all powers of man's being! So that one may know the whole circle of Divine union with Christ: "May grow up into Him in all things." "And ye are complete in Him." The various identifications with us in trial, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, ending in sitting down with Him in His throne. The impartations of wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption, along with scourgings, chastenings; persecutions and different means for making us partakers of the Divine nature. Then the indwellings, in the will: "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do." In the mind, "Bringing into captivity every thought," till "We have the mind of Christ." In the heart, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye may be rooted and grounded in love." "May know the love of Christ."

You may know Christ in some one or two wonderful ways, and be charmed and entranced therewith. But to know HIM in the full circle of His character perfections, His identifications, His impartations, and His indwellings, is to know that which passeth knowledge.

Recapitulation

Have you ever had a revelation of His beauty, His loveliness? Has He been your bosom companion? Has your heart melted under the glances of His love? Have you had illuminated to you Sol. Song 5:9-16? Has He been revealed to you as dearest Friend and Lover Fair? Most confidential secrets sharing with you?

Do you know Him as the intensely active worker? Have you entered that rest? Ceased from your works so that God works in you? Are you entering or aiming for that "Most High Order of saints?"

This highest union with Christ, demands union of nature by partaking of His nature, His perfect Divine nature infused, stamped and made into your nature! Marvellous miracle of Divine impartation!

Has He revealed Himself to you, so that you can say with the ancients, "I saw the Lord?" "I saw" "One like unto the Son of man." "The Angel of the Lord appeared unto Him in a flame of fire?" As to Isaiah, John, Moses, Samuel, Abraham, Ezekiel and many others?

Have you shared that supernatural Divine miracle of coming into the very atmosphere of God's presence? Have you

retained it? Has it been permanent pervading all your works?

Have you joined in Paul's prayer, to know "What is the exceeding greatness of His power," "which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead?" Resurrection power? Hitherto little known. A body quickening power.

Do you know Him as the indwelling Word? It should be richly in tongues, prophecy, prophetic wisdom, and knowledge.

To know Him as supreme substitute in salvation, righteousness, sanctification and redemption! To be identified with Him in His judgment, condemnation, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, New resurrected life,—this is oneness with Him. To receive of His impartations of grace, love, health, vigor, power understanding and all needed gifts and powers must require large vision.

"On bended knee I beseech the Father ...To grant you in accordance with the wealth of His glorious perfections—to be strengthened by His glorious Spirit with penetration to your inmost being. I pray that Christ may make His home in your hearts through your faith; so that having your roots deep and your foundations strong, in love, you may become mighty to grasp the idea, as it is grasped by all God's people, of the breadth and length, the height and depth—yes, to at-

tain to a knowledge of the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, so that you may be made complete, in accordance with God's own standard of completeness. Now to Him Who in the exercise of His power that is at work within us, is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers or thoughts—to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, world without end! Amen." Eph. 3:15-21

Note. The revelations in this tract were given by the Holy Spirit. They are not only to be read, but by prayer and waiting on God for an understanding, you may see and enter the fulness of the Great round Circle of attainable privileges of knowing Jesus Christ in each of these relationships, thus living possessed and operated by Him in His working power. These are but little known and less appreciated.

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