

# Forgetting About Christ in Us

It is right to focus on The Kingdom – Jesus did<sup>1</sup>, and so did Paul<sup>2,3</sup>.

It is right to focus on sonship – Jesus called us sons<sup>4</sup> more times than he referred to the *ekklesia*<sup>5</sup>.

It is right to focus on solid teaching (sound doctrine) – that’s what Paul wrote<sup>6</sup> and taught<sup>7</sup>, and what he advised Timothy<sup>8</sup> & Titus<sup>9</sup> about.

It is right to focus on revelation and spiritual knowledge – this is what Jesus said would come to us following his ascension.<sup>10</sup>

It is right to focus on intimacy and oneness in our relationship with the members of the trinity – this is what Jesus stated was the pinnacle of being one of his followers.<sup>11</sup>

**But...** have we ignored one of the vital ingredients of our citizenship in God’s Kingdom, that is, he lives in side of us?

It is the presence of the Spirit in us<sup>12</sup> that regenerates our spirit, provides our ability to communicate spiritually with the Trinity,<sup>13</sup> and gives us the power to operate super-spiritually<sup>14</sup>.

Also, it is the presence of the spirit of Christ in us that enables us to change. He does the internal work to remove our carnality and souliness so we transform into his image,<sup>15</sup> an essential process in our Kingdom citizenship. John Paul Jackson summarises Terry Bennett’s teaching on that need for transformation like this:

*“One of the things I think is really important is that...the church as a whole has (we included) gotten so caught up with what Christ did for us that we fail to take on the nature of Christ in us. And so we sometimes will think that, “I don’t have to be something because of what Christ did for me”. And we exclude, “I don’t have to be like Christ. I don’t have to take on the nature of Christ. Christ did all this for me. I don’t have to worry about becoming like him. He’s already provided. I don’t have to change my life, he’s already provided”...*

*‘Christ in us the hope of Glory’<sup>16</sup>, and we talk about the issue of the Law. But the reality is, the Law’s all about him, and if he is in us, then we exceed the requirements of the Law. So that when Jesus said that, ‘I tell you that...adultery’s not the sexual act of this woman, it is the thinking about it’. We exceed the Law when we no longer think about it. We exceed the requirement, the righteous requirement of the Law. So it’s not like we follow the Law, but we can’t do that without the focus, the internal plumb-line, of the Lamb, ‘Christ in us the hope of glory’...If there’s nothing else, we get out of this, it’s the centrality of Christ in us that enables us to understand everything that we are capable of understanding – and so much more...*

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1 – Acts 1:3 (see the entire record of the Gospels)

2 – Acts 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31

3 – Frank Viola debunks any myths about Paul’s focus. See “Dispelling kingdom myths: part 1” (November 2017) ([frankviola.org/2017/11/02/dispelling1](http://frankviola.org/2017/11/02/dispelling1))

4 – For example: Matthew 5:9, 45; 8:12; 13:38; 17:26

5 – Only twice in all of the gospels (Matthew 16:18; 18:17)

6 – All Paul’s letters, including the few recorded in the Bible

7 – Acts 19:8-10; 20:31

8 – 1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:3

9 – Titus 1:9; 2:1

10 – John 14:26

11 – John 17:10-23

12 – Romans 8:9, 11

13 – 1 Corinthians 14:14-15

14 – Romans 15:19

15 – 2 Corinthians 3:18

16 – Colossians 1:27

*We need more Daniels with the centrality of ‘Christ in us the hope of glory’ to bring about effectual change, because it will not happen if we’re relying on our gift<sup>17</sup> to change [us], it will only happen if we rely on Jesus, Christ in us, to change us, because it begins within us. He is the hope of glory, and he will effect that change.”<sup>18</sup>*

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This divinity that is within us – ‘Christ in us’ – is so important. It demands a specific component of our spiritual attention and cannot be ignored by relegating it to the theology of ‘the finished work of Christ’<sup>19</sup>. Our King warned us recently about disregarding his presence in us. Here is a little of what he told us:

*“Being a new species<sup>20</sup>, different to a normal human being, they have capacities far beyond their imagination. Not only do they have dunamis<sup>21</sup> and exousia<sup>22</sup> power that the New Testament talks about, but they have the full power of Heaven behind them – resident inside them. If only they knew who they were and what they contain, their lives would be totally transformed. They would operate, think and act in entirely different ways. This is why I am challenging you today to demonstrate the power of my Kingdom, because that demonstration comes from within you, from the divine nature that’s within you, from my presence, from my Spirit. And I am capable of doing absolutely anything through you.”<sup>23</sup>*

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17 – i.e. our spiritual gifts

18 – “2013 Streams Ministries - Terry Bennett & John Paul Jackson – {FloTX022013}” [52:00-55:20]

([www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9LuayshZjw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9LuayshZjw))

19 – Hebrews 4:3

20 – A new creature. See 2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP); Galatians 6:15 (ASV)

21 – The inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

([www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/dunamis.html](http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/dunamis.html))

22 – The power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)

([www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/kjv/exousia.html](http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/kjv/exousia.html))

23 – CCOP (9-10-2017) “MESSAGE-The Divinity Within Us”

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