

Immanuel

God with us, is it enough?

With you or in you?

- John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Helper, that he may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and will be in you.
- Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

First Birth or Second Birth?

- Matthew 1:25 And did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he may have the pre-eminence.
- 1 Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- Romans 8:29 For whom he foreknew, he also predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Jesus Prayer

- John 17:20-23 I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in me through their word; That they may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you sent me. And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, just as we are one: I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me.

The Ephesus Experience

- Acts 19 v 1-20
- “We did not know there was a Holy Spirit.”
- Baptised in the Name of the Lord Jesus.
- Filled with the Holy Spirit : Tongues & Prophecy.
- Unusual Miracles at the hands of Paul.
- Others try.. and disaster results!!
- Fear of God fell... the name of Jesus magnified.
- Purification from Occult Practices.
- Word of the Lord grew mightily, & Prevailed.

Know who you are

- We know who we are by **listening** to God.
- Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realised that they had been with Jesus. In union.
- Luke 10 - John 11 & 12 - Mary Magdalene
- Unity with Jesus John 17.

Who am I?

- I am the salt of the earth. (Matt 5:13)
- I am the light of the world (Matt 5:14)
- I am a child of God (John 1:12)
- I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1,5)
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
- I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear his fruit (John 15:16)
- I am a slave of righteousness (Romans 6:18)
- I am a son of God: God is spiritually my Father (Rom 8:14, 15 : Gal 3:26, 4:6)
- I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing his inheritance with him (Romans 8:17)
- I am more than a conqueror, I am victorious (Rom 8:37)
- I am a temple – a dwelling place of God. His Spirit and His life dwells in me (1Cor 3:16, 6:19)
- I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with him (1Cor 6:17)
- I am a member of Christ's body (1Cor 12:27 , Eph 5:30)
- I am a new creation (2Cor 5:17)
- I am reconciled to God, and am a minister of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18,19)

Who am I?

- I am a saint (Eph 1:1, 1Cor 1:2, Phil 1:1, Col 1:2)
- I am God's workmanship – His handiwork – born anew in Christ to do his work (Eph 2:10)
- I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's family (Eph 2:19)
- I am righteous and holy (Eph 4:24)
- I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Phil 3:20, Eph 2:6)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3)
- I am an expression of the life of Christ because he is my life (Col 3:4)
- I am a son of light and not of darkness (1Thess 5:5)
- I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Heb 3:1)
- I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as spiritual house (1Pet 2:5)
- I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (1Pet 2:9,10)
- I am an alien and a stranger to this world in which I temporarily live (1Pet 2:11)
- I am an enemy of the devil (1Pet 5:8)
- I am a child of God and I will resemble Christ when he returns (1John 5:18)
- I am born of God and the evil one – Satan – cannot touch me (1John 5:18)
- I am not the great 'I AM' but by the grace of God I am what I am (1Cor 15:10)

Filled with the Holy Spirit

- Acts 1:6-8 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- Who is The Holy Spirit?— God Himself.
- Genesis 1v 2 "brooding over the face of the deep"
 - The cherishing of incipient life in anticipation of its outburst.
- Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you: therefore also that holy one who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
- The Breath of God –
 - Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- Ephesians 5 v 18 Be **being** filled with the Holy Spirit.

Feared God

- Ps 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.
- Albert Barnes' Notes The fear of the Lord - Reverence for God; respect for his law, his will, his government, himself; the fear of offending him, which will lead us to do right. This fear is not that of a slave; it is not mere dread; it is not terror. It is consistent with love, and springs from it. It is consistent with calmness of mind, and promotes it. It does not produce terror, but rather delivers from it, and preserves the mind from alarms. The word here rendered "fear" is a noun of the same origin as the word rendered "reverend" in the previous verse. The suggestion to the mind of the psalmist that the "name of the Lord" was "reverend," or was to be venerated, introduced this thought that such reverence is the very foundation of wisdom.

Feared God

- Both respect and fright, God is a bit scary. He is not tame. God is wild, He does not tolerate any rivals.
- Fear of God promotes activity not inactivity.
- Parables of the end times are hardest on the sins of omission.
- Luke 12:4-5 And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

Feared God

- Acts 5:11-16 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Conclusion

- God wants us to move on from “God with us” to “God in us”.
- Being conscious of this is a constant challenge.
- But we have to actively make that a reality by knowing who we are, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and having a healthy fear of God.
- Christ in you, the hope of glory.

It is a process

- Philippians 3:10-14 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, if indeed I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward unto those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward calling in Christ Jesus.