

THE GIFT THAT WE HAVE IN JESUS

Colossians 1:27, "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.

If there was "one wonder" that stood out to the apostle Paul, it was this...that Christ, the very Son of God, and God himself, now lived inside the very life of Paul. That same truth is the case for every single person that has been saved by the grace of God. When you accepted Jesus Christ, if you are a Christian, God gave you the gift of "Jesus" to live "within you". But what does that mean? It means that every believer irregardless of who they are, and where they are, they can never under any circumstance every be alone...no matter what! Many people will find themselves this year "alone" for the very first time in their lives, due to the death of a spouse, a family member. Yet, the wonder of Christmas and the Cross is the very fact that God will never let us be alone.

When Jesus Christ came to this earth, He was born in a stable, destined for the cross, to die for the sins of mankind. But He did not only die for our sins, He came to live within each of us...meaning this...that any person...no matter who they are...is never really alone. No doubt Paul spent some lonely times apart from friends, neighbors, and fellow Christians, but the "reality that Christ lived in him" changed each and every day of his life. That truth is the same for all believers today.

Whoever Christ is, and whatever Christ can do, the power of Christ and whatever the nature of Christ is...now lives inside every born again believer. There was no fear in Jesus, there was no frustration in Jesus, there was no anxiety in Jesus, there was nothing He could not accomplish by God's power...and that same reality can be ours as we come to "REALIZE" that Christ lives in us as believers. How can Jesus live inside a human being? Paul declared that is was a mystery...yet it is the truth of God's Word. When you have lonely moment as a Christian remember...it is an absolute impossibility for all eternity for you to ever be alone again. When you have moments of fear and frustration...you have the all-powerful Jesus living within you.

When you have moments of difficulty...you have living within you the Person for whom nothing shall be impossible. For you have been give the gift of Jesus...and He lives inside of you 24/7/365. Sadly, however that is not the case with the unbeliever. The unbeliever cannot live with the same degree of confidence because he does not have "Jesus" living within him. But he can through faith, trust and confession. The wonderment of "true Christmas" is this...that the living Christ lives in every born again believer...and He empowers us to face all of life's difficulties...with His divine power. For Scripture says that "Nothing shall be impossible with God", and that is who lives inside all believers...Jesus (God the Son).Through the simple means of faith, belief, confession of sins, God the Father has given to all, the amazing and unspeakable gift of "Jesus in us".

May each of us as believers "really enjoy" Christmas with the assurance that the very Son of God lives in us with all His power, might and boldness.