

## ***Christ in you – formed within your flesh, the hope of glory***

[Colossians 1:26](#) *Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 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:***

Read [Ephesians 2:4-22](#). This Scripture has been given me for you. Read it carefully, as you never read it before. It is full of instruction. **Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith means the contemplation of Christ, beholding Christ, ever cherishing the dear Saviour as our very best and honored Friend**, so that we would not in any action grieve and offend Him. We have always this promise to comfort and help us, “For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” [[Verse 8.](#)] [11LtMs, Lt 40, 1896, par. 1](#)

The part man has to act in the salvation of the soul is to believe on Jesus Christ as a perfect Redeemer, not for some other man, but for his own self. He is to trust, to love, to fear the God of heaven. There is a certain work to be accomplished. Man must be delivered from the power of sin. He must be made perfect in every good work. In doing the words of Christ is his only assurance that his house is built upon the solid foundation. To hear, to say, to preach, and not to do the words of Christ is building upon the sand. **Those who do the words of Christ will perfect a Christian character**, because Christ’s will is their will. Thus is Christ formed within, the hope of glory. They are beholding, as in a glass, the glory of God. By making Christ the subject of meditation, He will become the subject of conversation; and by beholding, we will in character be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord. Man, fallen man, may be transformed by the renewing of the mind so that he can “prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” [[Romans 12:2.](#)] How does he prove this? By the Holy Spirit taking possession of his mind, spirit, heart, and character. Where does the proving come in? “We are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.” [[1 Corinthians 4:9.](#)] A real work is wrought by the Holy Spirit upon the human character, and its fruits are seen. [6LtMs, Ms 1a, 1890, par. 18](#)

Just as a good tree will bear good fruit, so will the tree that is actually planted in the Lord’s garden produce good fruit unto eternal life. Besetting sins are overcome; evil thoughts are not allowed in the mind; evil habits are purged from the soul temple. The tendencies which have been biased in a wrong direction are turned in a right direction. Wrong dispositions and feelings are changed, new principles of action supplied, and there is a new standard of character. Holy tempers and sanctified emotions are now the fruit borne upon the Christian tree. An entire transformation has taken place. This is the work to be wrought. [6LtMs, Ms 1a, 1890, par. 19](#)

We see by experience that in our own human strength resolutions and purposes are of no avail. Must we, then, give up our determined efforts? No. Although our experience testifies that we cannot possibly do this work ourselves, help has been laid upon One who is mighty to do it for us. But the only way that we can secure the help of God is to put ourselves wholly in His hands and trust Him to work for us. As we lay hold of Him by faith, He does the work. The believer can only trust. As God works, we can work, trusting in Him and doing His will. [6LtMs, Ms 1a, 1890, par. 20](#)

Christ came to our world to elevate humanity, to renew in man the image of God, that man might become the partaker of the divine nature. Jesus gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith causes** us to become as a branch grafted into the true Vine. The Majesty of heaven gave His life to make us individually His own by bringing back the transgressor to his loyalty to God's law, by turning away the sinner from his iniquity. Oh, that men would love and fear God! [14MR 85.1](#)

Where are you standing, brethren and sisters? Do you take hold of the death of Christ by faith and make it your salvation? Then we have made a new beginning and all our past life is as though it had not been. **It is God's life we are to live**[\[Notice this is what WE must do, but how?...\]](#). God wants us to **keep walking right along with Him**[\["divine principle of co-operation"\]](#). When we **receive Him**[\[through our co-operation\]](#) we are made free and sin no more. Why do we sin? We do not understand God's sufficiency. **He will reveal Himself in our hearts**[\[minds\]](#). We have had in our Sabbath school lessons that when we confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, we are to confess that **He has come in our flesh**[\[because of our co-operation, but, in what manner does He do this? Ellen explains...\]](#). We have laid aside our own sins and we are living to the glory of God[\[this is why He has come in\]](#). [9LtMs, Ms 15, 1894, par. 23](#)

We need a new heart. Paul says, "I die daily," and when these things come up, we must crucify the flesh[\[akin to denying to self\(Mt16:24\) -- how we die daily\]](#). [\[1 Corinthians 15:31.\]](#) Every time we fall we crucify the Son of God afresh. When we come to Him and confess those sins([1Jn1:9](#)) and offer Him praise, He takes our praises[\["let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually"\(Heb13:15\)\]](#) and offers it to the Father[\["for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."\(Heb13:16\)\]](#). I want you to see that this is so. Some people say, "I do not see how my praises can affect God. The Bible does not say so." But you **must read your Bible prayerfully and carefully**[\[Christ says, "eat My words! My words are spirit and life!\]](#) and then it[\[what we learn\(store in our mind\) from the Word of God\]](#) **will be transformed into our very flesh and blood just as the bread and fruit that we eat is transformed into flesh and blood**[\[<= here, Ellen told us exactly how it is that Christ "has come in our flesh"\]](#). Christ was the representative of God here on earth. [9LtMs, Ms 15, 1894, par. 24](#)

**1 John 4:3** And every spirit[\[mind/brain\]](#) that confesseth[\[mind working through voice/hands\]](#) not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh[\[our flesh/mind\]](#) is not of God: and this is that *spirit*[\[mind\]](#) of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

**John 5:21** For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth[\[gives life to\]](#) whom he will.

**1 Corinthians 15:45** And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening[\[life-giving\]](#) spirit.

**John 6:63** It is the spirit[\[Christ\(1Cor15:45\)\]](#) that quickeneth[\[gives life\]](#); the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

**Romans 8:2** For the law of the Spirit[\[words/mind\]](#) of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.