Christ is All

by B H. Cledennen

We have this in 2 Peter 1:3; "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him (Christ) that hath called us to glory and virtue." This scripture says that the education, sanctification, and growth of the New Creature are in "learning Christ." From conversion to his death, the dominant theme of the Apostle Paul's life was summed up in these words; "That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death," (Philippians 3:10). Until it becomes a revelation of the heart that "Christ is all" (Colossians 3:11), we can never truly overcome this thing called "SELF."

Self is very subtle; like Satan, it can appear as an angel of light. If it

were possible, the very elect would be deceived by it. Self can be very religious, and its greatest desire is to be accepted and recognized as righteous. The attitude of most Christians is that God should improve them. Their thinking is, I have been redeemed, I am a child of God, and I must ask Him to make me a better servant of Jesus Christ. Further, they believe that God should channel some love into their heart, faith, power, and holiness and improve them. We must learn that self-improvement is both a sin and an impossibility.

To overcome this self and to truly become the Christian God intends, the revelation must come to the heart that "Christ is all and in you all." With that revelation will come the understanding that "God is love." Love cannot be channeled into

you; love is a person; God is love. Therefore, love is Godloving. Power cannot be given to you, making you a more powerful servant of Jesus Christ. Power,



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like love, is a person, and that person is not I. It is exclusively Christ who is God; it doesn't matter whether you call Him Father, Son, or Holy Ghost. Finally, with the revelation that "Christ is all" comes the further revelation that "eternal life" is not something it is a Person. Jesus did not say that He had a life to give; He said, "I am life."

Perhaps there is the question,

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SOC Summit 2024

by Brian Larsen

I want to praise the Lord for our privilege and opportunity to host our 3rd Annual SOC Summit in October of this year! We were blessed and encouraged to have six different nationalities represented and we experienced such a hunger and thirst for the True Word of God.

Although we did not have a particular theme for this event, it

seemed that the Lord was dealing with the Church and Ministry as a whole. Also, we felt a great need to focus our time consecrating ourselves unto the Lord. Our lessons for the three and a half days were centered around the series Faith, Discipleship, The Church, Unity in the Church. Stewardship, and Rebuilding the Gate. The closer we get to the return of Christ, the more necessary it has become to take time out of our daily schedules and gather with people of precious faith and fellowship in the

Word of the Lord. This is precisely what we experienced during the Summit 2024: brothers and sisters in Christ coming together with a deep desire to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of the Lord!

In this report, I want to include some of the testimonies that we received from the participants of this year's Summit:

"What has the SOC done for me? I

was at a crossroads in my life and needed direction. These lessons and this fellowship gave me the knowledge to meditate on and action to take. I'm so excited to implement what God has shown me. Thank You!"

"God has used this Summit to confirm His calling and help me in specific matters of this life at

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the present moment. I leave the Summit refreshed, rekindled, and encouraged! God is faithful! Praise to Him!"

"My heart has been hungry to join with people who believe, uphold, and preach the Truths of God's Word and doing so without fear or compromise of modern-day religion or the attempts of persuasion from the enemy. The SOC are those

people! I am truly blessed!"

"The SOC has been incredible in my life! I now have a better understanding of God's purpose for my life and the faith He has given me. One thing that touched me during the Summit was this, 'Nothing is impossible with belief and faith.' As we learned, Peter did not walk on the water. He walked on

the Word of God! There is so much power in the Word of God!"

"I want to thank the SOC for providing these wonderful lessons that I can take back home, to my Church, and walk in life. These lessons. contain a lot, both spiritually and mentally, but they are

all worth it! Every lesson is lifechanging. Hearing this truth has and will take my relationship with Christ even further and deeper in my walk. The SOC has changed my life since the first time I encountered it! Thank you for this opportunity to grow my relationship with Christ!"

"The SOC has shown me what I need to work on in my life. It has given me the knowledge of how I am

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to operate in Christ, and chains have been broken!"

"The SOC Summit 2024 has been such a blessing, as I have brought a group of young adults hungry for the Spirit and the Word of God. I appreciate the SOC for continuing to be a pure voice of Truth amid a turbulent sea of lies."

On behalf of the SOC's entire staff and leadership, we are grateful for everyone who came and participated in this year's Summit. We give God all the glory for the testimonies that have come and will come because of His Word being preached!

We have already set the dates for our SOC Summit 2025, which will be from September 24th through the 27th (the Location and Venue to be determined). If you are interested in attending next year's Summit, please do not hesitate to call our office and get your name on the list!



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"Where do I fit into all of this?" It is all gathered up in the statement, "Christ is all and in all." Christ is all, not Christ has all. If Christ is all, what is left for me? We thought we were somebody and something or could get something. We found that God had taken the lot. Christ is all. Here is the link. Christ is all and in all. When this revelation came to my spirit, I saw, and I pray that you see, that the reason for the existence of the entire creation is to contain the Creator! Not to be something but to contain someone. With this truth comes another important truth. We humans regard the human self as important, which shows us that self is extremely unimportant. There is only oneself in the universe that is important. Why? Because there is only one person in this universe who said, "I Am." There is only one

person, and the human creation is brought into a living relationship with this One so He can manifest Himself in His perfection of life and love through us. The whole creation exists because the Spirit must have a body to manifest Himself. The scriptures declare, "The whole earth is full of His glory." The scriptures also say Christ ascended "that He might fill all things." If Christ fills all things, all things are containers of Him. Here is both the height and dangerous depth of humanity.

The height is this: The rest of creation can contain manifestations of God; we can contain God as a person. God can manifest His beauty through the flowers and the trees. We can look at them and marvel at their beauty, but we do not say, "That's God." The greatest marvel,

the greatest height of personality, is when we can look at a human being and say, "God is there."

The depths, the dangers, of humanity are that personality means freedom. Intelligent choice is the essence of personality. Therefore, God appeared to be on the horns of a dilemma when He created people because the people He created could turn around and say, "I don't want you to live in me." That is exactly what happened. We make ourselves our god, not God. We want to run our own lives, and that is our whole problem. There is not a single problem in humanity except our self-reactions. Once we know how to handle the human self and return it where it belongs, we have found the key to life.

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