

Life

In the Upside-Down World

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A dear man is always watching for my next statement in this series. He says he is looking for some evidence that Christ lives in believers—evidence such as bodily healings, miracles, or prosperity. He is looking for Christ in the believer to shape and reshape the outside world of the believer.

While these things become natural to most Christ-life believers—for they daily see wonderful things happening to themselves, their families and others—the final gospel brought by the Apostle Paul does not teach how much power the believer has, but how much the believer allows Christ in him to use and manifest Himself through him. It is not the believer alive anymore. The new Christian life is in the Son. The believer no longer lives. It is Christ alive.

I realize this truth is a big jump for most Christians to take. The result is that at least 90 percent of born-again Christians live in an upside-down world of religion, a world where they must see external evidence before they can believe. Christianity is not based on how much faith a believer has, but on how much he allows Christ to live through him. Christ living in believers was God's way of producing the kind of life a believer should live. I have a doctor friend who says he sees miracles every day. This does not mean the people he works with have changed lives, where they live godlier, more honestly or more graciously. This is the problem with outer changes. Jesus of Nazareth focused His miracles mostly in outer blessings because this is the only way God had ever been able to get the minds of Israelites. Jesus of Nazareth preformed more miracles for more people in His days on earth, but they were not prepared for the great miracle of the Cross or the message of grace brought by the Apostle Paul. The Cross changed all this. When God ushered in grace through the Apostle Paul, God's plan turned a corner. God would no longer try to reach believers through what He did outwardly, but Christ in the believer would be the one whom God would work through. Now, it is not about what God can do for us; it is about who we are by Christ living in us. Once a believer has a revelation of Christ as his new-creation life, the outer things of life just fall in place or lose their importance altogether. I have written many things about the Christ-life; get a hold of some of the life-changing books. The great miracle-worker and healer lives in and is the life of the grace believer.