

HIMSELF

I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT Jesus and Jesus only. I often hear people say, “I wish I could get hold of Divine Healing, but I cannot”. Sometimes they say, “I have got it”. If I ask them, “What have you got?” The answer is sometimes, “I have got the blessing”. Sometimes it is, “I have got the healing”. Sometimes it is, “I have got the sanctification”. But I thank God we have been taught that it is not the blessing, it is not the healing, it is not the sanctification. It is not the THING, it is not the IT that

you want, but it is something better. It is “THE CHRIST”; it is HIMSELF.



How often that comes out in His Word — HIMSELF — Who took our infirmities and bore our sickness; HIMSELF Who bore our sins in His Own Body on the tree!”

It is the Person of Jesus Christ we want. Plenty of people get the idea and do not get anything out of it. They get IT into their head and IT into their will, but somehow

they do not get HIM into their life and spirit, because they have only that which is the outward expression and symbol of the spiritual reality.

I prayed a long time to get sanctified, and sometimes I thought I had it. On one occasion I felt something, and I held on with a desperate grip for fear I would lose it, and kept awake the whole night fearing it would go; and of course, it went with the next sensation and the next mood. Of course, I lost it because I did not hold on to HIM. I had been taking a little water from the reservoir, when I might have all the time received from HIM fullness through the open channels.

I went to meetings and heard people speak of JOY. I even thought I had the JOY but I did not keep it because I had not HIMSELF as my JOY. At last, He said to me — Oh, so tenderly — “My child, just take ME, and let ME be in you the constant supply of all this, MYSELF”. And when at last I got my eyes off my sanctification and my experience of it, and placed them on the Christ in me, I found, — instead of an experience — I had a CHRIST larger than the moment’s need. The CHRIST that had all that I should ever need was given to me at once and forever.

When I thus saw what was in HIM, it was such rest; it was all right, and right for ever. For I had not only what I could hold that little hour, but all that I should need

the next and the next and so on, until sometimes I get a glimpse of what it will be a million years afterwards, when we shall “shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of our FATHER” and have “all the fullness of GOD”.

Matthew 13:43: Then shall the Righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

I thought the healing would be an IT, too, that the Lord would take me like an old run down clock, wind me up, and set me going like a machine. It is not thus at all. I found it was HIMSELF coming in instead, and giving me what I needed at the moment.

I wanted to have a great store laid up for many years so that I would not be dependent upon Him the next day, but He never gave me much of a store. I never had more holiness or healing at one time than I needed for that hour. He said, “My Child, you must come to ME for the next breath, because I love you so dearly I want you to come all the time. If I gave you a great supply, you would do without ME, and would not come to ME so often; now you have to come to ME every second, and lie on My breast every moment”.

He gave me a great fortune, placed thousands and millions at my credit, but gave a check book with this one condition, “You never can draw any more than you need at the time.” Every time a check was wanted, however, there was the Name of JESUS upon it; and so it brought more glory to HIM, kept HIS Name before the heavenly creatures, and God was Glorified in His Son.

I had to learn to take from Him my spiritual life every second, to breathe HIMSELF in as I breathed, and breathe myself out. So, moment by moment for the spirit, and moment by

moment for the body, we must receive. You say, “Is not this a terrible bondage, to be always on the strain?” What, on the strain with one you love, your dearest Friend? Oh, No! It comes so naturally, so spontaneously, so like a fountain, without consciousness, without effort, for true life is always easy, and overflowing.

Now the question for each of us is not, “What think you of Divine healing?” but “What think you of Christ?” There came a time when there was a little thing between me and Christ. I express it by a little conversation with a friend who said, “You were



healed by faith.” “Oh no,” I said, “I was healed by Christ.” What a difference. There is a great difference.

There came a time when even faith seemed to come between me and JESUS. I thought I should have to work up the faith, so I labored to get the faith. At last I thought I had it; that if I put my whole weight upon it, it would hold. I said when I thought I had got faith, “Heal me” I was trusting in myself, in my own heart, in my own faith. I was asking the Lord to do something for me because of something in me, not because of something in Him.

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So the Lord allowed the devil to try my faith, and the devil devoured it like a roaring lion; and I found myself so broken down that I had none. And God seemed to speak to me so sweetly, saying, “Never mind, My child, you have nothing. But I am perfect Power. I am perfect Love, I am Faith. I am your Life, I am the preparation for the blessing, and I am the Blessing, too. I am all within and all without, and all for ever.” It is just **The Faith of God**.

Mark 11:22: And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

And the life I now live in the flesh, I live, [not by faith ON the Son of God, but] by the faith OF the Son of God.

Galatians 2:20: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth 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.

That is it. It is not your faith. You have no faith in you, any more than you have life or anything else in you. You have nothing but emptiness and vacuity, and you must be just Openness and Readiness to take Him to do all. You have to take Him to do all. You have to take **His Faith** as well as His life and healing, and have simply to say. “I live by the faith of the Son of God.” My faith is not worth anything. If I had to pray for anyone, I would not depend upon my faith at all. I would say, “Here, Lord, am I. If you want me to be the channel of blessings to this person, just breathe into me all that I need.” It is simply Christ, Christ alone.

Acts 3:16: And His Name through faith in His Name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Now, is your body yielded to Christ for Him thus to dwell and work in you? The Lord Jesus Christ has a body as well as you, only it is perfect: it is the body, not of a man, but of the Son of Man.

Have you considered why He is called the Son of Man? **The Son of Man means that Jesus Christ is the one typical, comprehensive, universal, all-inclusive Man.** Jesus is the one man that contains in Himself all that man ought to be, all that man needs to have. It is all in Christ.

All the fullness of the Godhead and the fullness of a perfect manhood has been embodied in Christ, and He stands now as the summing up of all that man needs. His spirit is all that your spirit needs, and He just gives us Himself. His body possesses all that your body needs. He has a heart beating with the strength that your heart needs. The energy which enabled Him to rise and ascend from the tomb, above all the forces of nature was not for Himself.

That marvelous Body belongs to your body. You are a member of His body. Your heart has a right to draw from His Heart all that it needs. Your physical life has a right to draw from His Physical Life its support and strength, and so it is not you, but it is just the precious life of the Son of God.



Will you take Him thus today, and then you will not be merely healed, but you will have a new life for all your need, a flood of life that will sweep disease away, and then remain a fountain of life for all your future need? Oh, take Him in His Fullness.

The Apostle Paul tells us there is a secret, a great secret, which was hidden from ages and from generations which the world was seeking after in vain, which wise men came from the East hoping they might find, which sages died vainly seeking for themselves. And God says, "It is now made manifest to His saints", and Paul went through the world just to tell it to those who were able to receive it; and that **simple secret is just this, "Christ in you - 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:

Once it was the blessing, Now it is the Lord;

Once it was the feeling, Now it is His Word.

Once His gifts I wanted, Now the Giver own;

Once I sought for healing, Now Himself alone.

*Once 'twas painful trying, Now 'tis perfect trust
Once a half salvation, Now the uttermost.
Once 'twas ceaseless holding, Now He holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting, Now my anchor's cast.
Once 'twas busy planning, Now 'tis trustful prayer:
Once 'twas anxious caring, Now He has the care.
Once 'twas what I wanted, Now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking, Now 'tis ceaseless praise.
Once it was my working, His it hence shall be.
Once the power I wanted, Now the Mighty One;
Once I tried to use Him, Now He uses me.
Once for self I labored, Now for Him alone.
Once I hoped in Jesus, Now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying, Now they brightly shine.
Once for death I waited; Now His coming hail;
And my hopes are anchored, Safe within the veil.*

Dr. A. B. Simpson said, "Our trials are great opportunities, but we look upon them as great obstacles." **It would be a haven of rest and an inspiration of unspeakable power if each of us would henceforth recognize every difficult situation as one of God's chosen ways of proving to us His love and power.**

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