

Christ Swallows Up All Things
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Keep looking to the Lord in all things. I want to share some things this morning. I am not quite sure how to share them all, but I trust the Holy Spirit and his guidance. I have been challenged over the past year in relationship to a separating of views of Christ in relationship to himself in resurrection. One which is the most common view. Well, actually if you want to talk about the most common view, it is the view of Jesus before resurrection. That is, Jesus of Nazareth as he walked the earth, as he healed and blessed. However, It is hard to understand that Jesus actually died. He rose again in a whole other form, and he is no longer Jesus of Nazareth. He is Jesus Christ, Lord of all, and all fullness and filleth all things, which is more than a local messiah touching, helping, healing, and blessing. It is even more than a universal messiah that is touching, blessing, and healing. The main resurrection view that those of us would have is him preeminent in all things. One wording that would be King of kings and Lord of lords and I personally believe that that is true. I believe that he is King of kings and Lord of lords and that as who he is in resurrection, he is preeminent in all things and above all things. That is a good view, and that is a God view. It is a correct view, it is a scriptural view, but, there is another view, is the father's view, and it is higher even than that. It is higher than making Jesus higher than everything. It is further than making Jesus' reign to the furthest extent of possibility. It is the Fathers view of the son, and it is all going to be swallowed up and that is a good word. It is all going to be swallowed up with one. Even the resurrection view of him being preeminent in all things will be swallowed up.

Where all this is heading and what God has in his heart, is not just a king on a throne and a bunch of people worshiping him. It is, like the song Cassie shared with us, and what the Lord has in His heart, that Christ be all and in all. We all know the scripture, but it seems almost impossible to us. But he is going to do that by filling all things. He is going to do that by his nature and his life, not being believed in, not being partially adhered to, but filling all things. Filling us all. And let Christ become all and in all. Therefor we will be one as God is One. I in you and you in me, Jesus said. That oneness will express the one which is Christ. The Kingdom will not just be Jesus sitting on a throne and saying, “ding, ding, don't do that,” or “o.k. You can do this,” it will be Jesus sitting on the throne of every heart and instead of him sitting in there going “ding, ding, don't do that,” he will be sitting on the heart which is the motivation. Our motivations will proceed out from his *nature*.

We see that that is not yet the case, when we do certain things we do not get acknowledged and going “ummph.” And it proves that we thought that we did it by

nature, but the fact that we would react like that if it is just nature, it is just nature. I mean a cow acts like a cow, a horse acts like a horse. A horse does not act like a cow and expect to be rewarded for it. But a Christian acts like Jesus, and expects to be rewarded for it. And yet when his life and nature is flowing through us then we will do the impossible folks. We will not be divided, we will not be bitter, we will not be unforgiving, we will not be hurtful. We will be *one!* And really that is the truth. That is the Glory of the coming King! Then in all things he will be glorified. No flesh will glory in his presence, because there will be no flesh in his presence. It will be Christ all and in all.

I have been meditating, even through the night, on this scripture 1 Corinthians 15: 26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. Now I know that all of this is looking

forward to the fact that death will be destroyed and we will live forever. That is the way most people read that scripture. But the word death throughout the scripture really is a word representing separation. You say “well how so?” Well when your soul is separated from your body, what happens? You die! That is what. Amen? There is a separation. I am trying to think of what James said, The spirit of the body is death, and faith without works is dead. There is a separation that takes place where, when you are separated from something, then death. You know a plant separated from its roots will die. So death really is nothing more than separation. Eternal death then would be, eternally separated from God, right? Because in truth, no one really dies, you all live forever. You see what I am saying? So we say “death.” But no one really dies, you just live either in heaven or hell. It is living in the presence of God, or separated from God. That is the more clear picture, because I cannot imagine a hell any greater than just being separated from God forever. Flames are not that bad, compared to separation from God forever.

So death really, really gets down to separation, and separation can be understood as division. Dividing the one. Jesus is the one, amen? He is the one and we have been made one with him. Division is not complicated, amen? It is separation. Separation from the One. It is separation from the Lord, and separation from his body. Paul speaks of this. I want to show you something. As you know, Paul was always dealing with stuff. This is the Corinthian church, in other letters he is dealing with other churches, and if you look very closely, Paul’s answer is Christ. Before I read this let me try to explain it a little more. Jesus of Nazareth in the form that he was in before he died... and Jesus rose in a whole new form. He died as an individual with an individual body. He rose with his nature and life in a many member body. Amen? His workings with that body are totally different than they were with Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus of Nazareth walked around and touched people, helped people, cast out demons, and did all of this stuff. But the Jesus that is risen from the dead, and is at the right hand of God, the bible says we are risen with him and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. That can be wonderful doctrine, but, wonderful doctrine will not do anything for you, and if the church primarily has wonderful doctrine, they are going to revert back to Jesus

of Nazareth, because wonderful doctrine will do nothing for you. Does that make sense to anybody? You have got to get past wonderful doctrine.

I see David going out against Goliath, and I see him believing God, and I see him standing with the Lord, in the morning. I see the rock hit that giant and I see him walk over and cut his head off and hold it up and say this is the victory. I see us standing off like the rest of Israel, standing way, way back, afraid when he was alive, watching this thing from afar off, never picking up the head. Never going over and standing on his chest, Never wielding a sword. Never truly seeing the victory in Christ in that way, where we lay hands on it, where we get a hold of it, where we have it. It is not his victory, it is our victory, it is one and the same, amen? And we hold up the head of Goliath. I see very few holding up the head of Goliath. Does that make sense.

Well then, the next phase I should move into is jumping and screaming and screaming “let’s get with God!” “Defeat the enemy!” However, that is not the “proper next phase” according to God. The next phase would be, to begin to comprehend and lay hold of it, and put it to work in our lives, what Jesus did on the cross, instead of trying to get Jesus of Nazareth down here on earth to touch you and you and you, and then and come back and “pass by.” “He passed by!” “Stop Jesus, stop!” Stop? We are in him now! We are more that in him, we are his hands, and his feet. We are his body.

This last enemy, “separation,” is going to be put under his feet so that the body is one. That is what it says, we just don’t read it like that. We are so busy trying to get a robed, bearded guy to stop and touch us that we have not realized that in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we died with him and that we have been raised up and seated where, by him? No! That is James and John, “Oh Lord, could you let us be seated on your right hand and on your left? And he is thinking “you have got better than that coming.” Because as long as there is a division between us and him, guess what? We are going to have to have Jesus of Nazareth because we have got nothing else. Because we have got to have somebody to help us and touch us. Well let me tell you something. When we are one with him, his life (his nature, his thoughts, his being) begins to flow through us, and then there are no divisions.

Now we say “what is wrong with the church today?” Well let me tell you what is wrong with it, it does not have Jesus. I mean they might be saved, but it is not *full* of Jesus! Christ is not all and in all Christ is not over come us. What are we doing, trying to minister out here , trying to overcome the world, when he has not overcame us?

Well brother, you are supposed to be up here encouraging me today. I am encouraging you toward Christ. I am encouraging you to quit leaning toward the arm of the flesh, and to the “pre-cross Jesus,” and to believe in the death and resurrection of Christ. To believe that we are one, and that any failures in you can be overcome by the “One!”

Now Paul faced this, and we are here in 1Cor. 3. Let us look at verse 1-4. *And I brethren*, (now who is he talking to? Rank sinners, amen? No, this is 1 Corinthians 3:1 *And I brethren*. So he is talking to the *brethren*) *could not speak unto you as unto*

spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. So what is he saying to here? He is saying “you are in Christ. You are brethren. But he is saying “I cannot talk to you in spiritual reality. We still have to talk about “Jesus loves you, he will help you. You are still separated and far away, and maybe he will notice you when he passes by. . But no, *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.* So what is he talking about? He specifies right here. *For ye are yet carnal:* (how does he know you are yet carnal?) *for whereas there is among you* (Who? You! Brethren! Among brethren?) *envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

The thought that has been coming to me is “the love of Jesus.” When somebody is down and out and is hurting...well what does that mean? Here is what that means to most people. When someone is down and out and hurting, we are supposed to come and help them. When down and out and hurting... they have never done anything wrong... it has all been false accusation...they do not deserve what they are going through... and so we come and help “the good.” But Jesus said love your enemies. Is that right or wrong? He said love your enemies, and he will.

Think of that good Samaritan. We do not even comprehend the meaning of that name. Samaritan was a foul name. They said of Jesus, “thou have a demon, and you are a Samaritan. That was a horrible name to be used against somebody. A Samaritan is more like Jesus than they are. Why? Because it is not just to the deserving, it is to the undeserving that really begin to see the Lamb of God. He died for the un-godly. Is that right or wrong?

So lets say that somebody here really messed up. They were really dumb and stupid, really failed, were really a knucklehead and they just deserved the worst. What do we do? Well... we all compare clubs and then swing! No! Of course not! I am trying to make a point. Every one look around. Everyone is going to mess up. Every one is going to get their turn where the opportunity for people to gather together against them. Jesus said do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Amen? So think about what they are going through, think about your words. “Oh Lord, make my words soft and tender, lest I have to eat them. Because it does, it switches around. Right now particularly in this group, it is not my turn. I have had my turn. I have had many turns. The wheel of torture, I have twirled around on that thing many of times, but right now I am doing ok, people love me. Tomorrow they will hate me. I am aware of that. My trust is in Jesus. Amen. But I will tell you what, I can use the fact that I am not the one down. I want to tell you something the Lord told me. When I was at one of the lowest points in my walk, in my life, where I was down, the Lord said “use your position to push others up.” And so as much as I could, I tried to do that. You don’t even have to be up above them to pull them up. You can be the lowest of the low and and say “well I am going to use where I am. I have got some leverage. I am on the bottom of the bottom of the barrel here, and I have some leverage, and I am going to push some of them up.

Would not the Father say “oh, they shine as lights in this crooked and perverse generation that beats people down instead of pulling them up. That is the kingdom coming folks. But that is not going to be you because you are mean! And I am mean. But with Jesus we are not mean! We will think mean thoughts even if we don’t do them. I would hate to see the thoughts all come up right now. We would just quit. We would just walk away. But thank God, that is not us. Jesus is our life! We have a new heart, and we do not have to judge ourselves by the old, and we do not have to judge anybody else either! That is precious!

He says “*For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?*” All he is saying here is that there is division. Turn to the 1 Cor.1:10. You know what he is going to say here, These are very good scriptures.: *Now I beseech you, brethren, (Who is he talking to? Brethren) by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (What name is that? That is the name we have been given) that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; (How many divisions? Let there be seven divisions among you? Let there be only three? No! Let there be **no** divisions) but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.* How is this possible? That is impossible with man. There has to be a greater realization that Jesus standing over here, and us in a crowd over here, and he is pointing to us saying “Now I don’t want there to be any divisions among you.” There has got to be a greater reality than that.

For him to do that is not good news. That is bad news! I cannot do that! This is not cheering me up. This is bumming me out, if he is telling me to do what is impossible to do. But by Christ it is not impossible. Not just by Christ far away, who helps you, or Christ standing there commanding it, but by Christ in you, the hope of glory.

So a people divided. I cannot change the world. I cannot change the church world. I can barely have any effect in my life. I can join with you, and we can believe, because, I mean look at this. It says “that you speak the same thing.” “That there be no divisions among you.” That you be perfectly joined together, and of the same mind and the same judgment. Judgement? Of the same judgement? What is that judgement? The same judgement is the cross! Because you have been judged! You know what? Jesus does not come down from the throne and go die again every time you sin. The judgement is come. He bore your judgement.

“Well they did not repent.” The judgement is come. Love them. Cover them. Help them. Do you remember Noah? He offered the sacrifice, and after that went out and got drunk and was lying in his tent, uncovered. His sons walk by, one of them makes fun of him, and becomes cursed the rest of his life. Cover one another! With what? The blood of Jesus, and the love of Jesus! I ask God to make these speakers go out over the whole earth! It is not of course, it just going in here. But the whole world, all of Christianity needs to find Christ! That is what I am talking about. And there is a revelation, I mean this with all my heart, There is a revelation of Christ that is beyond

his preeminence, beyond him being greater than everybody else. It is a revelation of **him who swallows up everything!**

We will see that in some scriptures. He says in verse 11 *For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?* That is the bottom line. Amen?

Christ is not divided, and if we have his nature, we will not be divided. I am not just talking about us here. We need this truth. We need to hear this truth and we need to love one another, but greater than all of that, if there were no divisions, if there were no problems with anyone else, there is a revelation of Christ where he swallows the whole thing up and becomes all in all. It is the goal of the Father. It is the revelation of the Father concerning his son. It is not just the revelation of the Spirit concerning Jesus Christ. It is the revelation of the Father concerning his son.

Is Christ divided? Everyone would have to say no. Is the church as a whole basically divided? Wait! The Church is the Body of Christ! Well the truth is, the Church is divided. The truth is that the Church has not come to the understanding of “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Now I am not saying “come to an understanding that that is an understanding.” But I mean that you come to the place where divisions will arise, but Christ overcomes you! Glorious One!

Now there is no need for to be publishing, and traveling, and doing all our stuff if there is no “him in us.” Now I do not have any condemnation in me for anyone here. In fact I say these same things wherever I go, but it means more to me here. For those who have come to a revelation that Christ is preeminent over all things, I ask you to cry out to God to find the Father’s view concerning his son.

1 Cor. 15: 24-26. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

This is everything that is not him; everything that is not out from his nature. Jesus said it when he came; “every plant that my Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Well I know one that he has planted. The true vine. You and I are the branches. That means that the life that is in the vine, is the same life that is in the branches, and we should live and bring forth fruit by that same life. Amen?

So he is saying, that he has got to rule until everything that is separate from him, (which he calls an enemy) is put under. He says in Ephesians that the purpose of God is to gather up all things in one even in Christ, whether in heaven or in earth, in him. That is where all this is going. It is not about winning souls. You can win souls left and right, and they do not know Jesus and they can be just as mean.... I do not want to lead people to the church. We have got enough mean people. We have an overabundance.

What we need now is a little bit of Jesus. We need a lot of Jesus! We need the fullness of Jesus. We need him filling every branch; every part. Every thing that comes forth needs to be Jesus, and we need to face it, a lot of what pops out of us is not Jesus. I am intent on this! This is working in me! I am not just a creature. I am a disciple. I am a student of the Lord. I am sitting before his feet. This must happen! If it does not happen, in anyone else, it must happen in me.

I groan when I see little sheep and little lambs wounded because of divisions. I groan deeply. Why? Because Christ is appearing as divided, and yet it was not Christ at all, was it? I mean we have to admit that.

So there is this working that I see from these scriptures that “Then the end will come” when everything has been gathered in; everything in heaven and earth gathered together in one. Not just gathered in heaven, folks, every thing in heaven gathered in one, in him. Where he is all and in all. Where his nature fills all. Where it is **one new man**, the body of Christ. The bible never talks about new men. It talks about one new man, and that is Christ and we are all members of that one new man, called the body of Christ. Amen? Not a bunch of new men. You receive newness of life, each and every one of you, but the newness of life is “new, not you!” That is a good phrase! It is new not you, it is Christ. So all of your best efforts is not going to be enough. You will find this out eventually when you really start messing up and everybody hates you, and then you go “oh my God!”

For that reason, I do not even mind there being times of divisions. Some of the closest times I have got to Jesus is when I have lifted my head and felt that I could not look anywhere else but in his face, and he still had that same look that amazing, beautiful, same look. He did not change, and everybody else is ... well you know.

Remember the woman taken in adultery? She was brought in and thrown down. “This woman was caught in the very act!” You know the Pharisees, “drama queens” asking Jesus “what are you going to do!” Jesus remedied it real quick. “Well lets see, he among you who is without sin cast the first stone.” Jesus stoned her with his life. The Rock of Ages came into her. Hallelujah that is your only hope. If you just said “go and sin no more,” she would sin some more. If she had not been stoned by the real rock, not the shadow, and lost her life, and received the life of Christ, then there would be no hope for her. So we see this progression, and everything is being gathered in or subdued under his feet, which is the body. That means that every part of him, even the little pinkies of his toes, do not have division, or separation. They are not separated from his life and nature. They have seen more than one who stood taller than all others, and was greater than all others and that had the right to command all others. They saw one in whom they were gathered up into. Look at verse fifty three of the same chapter. (*1 Cor 15:53 KJV*) *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. The first thing is, you are corruptible. Amen? What is incorruptible? (1 Pet 1:23 KJV) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.* Did any body catch that? “Being born again.” Being is an “ing” word. That means “a continual process.” We are continually

finding Christ as our life. We are continually finding new birth. We are continually being filled with the seed, which is Christ of which, yes, there was an initial receiving, but there must be a “being” born again, and it is of “incorruptible seed.” That means that you are corruptible and the “new birth” is something that is not. That means the hope for all man kind is not just a new birth, as an action, but the seed of the new birth. The incorruptible seed. Can you see that? Being born again, not of corruptible seed, because you are already corruptible and we do not want to encourage corruption any more. We want to encourage Christ, and he is the incorruptible seed, not the word of God that you read in church and carry around in your hand. He is the word of God that *liveth!* Man, any man, all men, I do not care what they look like, how good you look or whatever, all flesh is like the grass, and the glory of man like the flower, the grass fadeth away and the flower falleth. But *He* liveth and abideth forever. This is the incorruptible seed. So your only hope of being free from corruption is Christ! Christ, not in heaven, not standing down here ordering you around as king, but Christ living and taking possession of his land, of his dirt. He has some dirt in the earth. He owns some land in this earth. It is called *us*.

So he is talking about immortality. Immortality? If you had that, you would be a super hero! But you do not have that, so you are not a super hero. You have it by Christ, so you are a Christian...or a believer... or a *Branch!* Now the next verse. (*1 Cor 15:54 KJV*) *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.* Separation by corruption, separation by being mortal. “well...I am just a man.” “what do you expect, I am just a man.” No! No! No! No you are not! You are not just a man! You are not just man-kind. You are born again! You are a new creation in Christ Jesus! Although you experienced a salvation experience years ago, the saying has not yet been brought to pass (death, separation, incorruption from earth corruption to incorruption, mortal to immortal) until Christ has swallowed all of that up.

Turn with me to Exodus the second chapter. You know that the enemy came, right? Satan came to Adam and Eve and they partook and they died. So we know that Satan is tied to death, and he is tied to separation. He is tied to division. Just one of his names is “the Accuser of the Brethren.” There are horrible sinners out there doing terrible things, and he does not accuse them. If he had any sort of a righteous guide, he would be pointing out some of his guys! But no! He is picking on the brethren. Do you know that that is his spirit and that is his nature, and when that spirit and nature gets in us, then we begin to accuse. Now know this, when the Spirit of the Lamb is in us, we will die for others. We will lay down our lives. We all know John three sixteen *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* First John three sixteen says this *“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”* For who? The brethren. For who? The accused ones. For who? The ones the Devil accuses. For who? The ones who may even be accusable! When you have been hit, and you are walking through the fray and it is your turn, when you have been hit, jabbed sliced, when you survive that, one of the

things you want to do is just lay over the top of other people. When the fire gets thrown over them, you just do not want to see anybody have to go through that. Elisha and others would lay on top of the dead, and just cover them over. You did not see the person then, you saw the prophet of God. If you have truly been through something, not some penny ante thing, but really been through something, then you do not want to see any body go through certain things. So you do whatever you know to do to cover that. It is the Lamb that begins to work in you because you are being brought to an end of your self. You realize that everyone is just as weak as you, and they need this same Jesus. If they do not have it in them at the moment they are being beat, or stoned or the fiery darts of the enemy are coming that Jesus can come to the rescue in his body. You just throw yourself over them andforget me. You do not think anything glorious about yourself for doing it. You know it is the Lord, but it is more than the Lord. It is a oneness that has began to happen in you that so much so that you think, and speak as the Lord. Do you remember the scripture we read? Having the same mind. There is a joining, not together, but to Jesus, which makes us together. The joining is unto Jesus. The gathering is unto him. When all the members are joined to the head, then that life and that nature, mind and spirit flows to every part and you are just ready to take a bullet for the worst. It does not matter to you when this really begins to work in you.

Jesus, Jesus of Nazareth, when he walked and would see a demon possessed person, he would say "demon I rebuke you and the demon would flee. That is fine. He is preeminent and this is true and the scriptures declare this. There is a scriptural view of him that shows that he is preeminent, King of kings, Lord of lords, and it is a true picture no question about it. 1Then there is this understanding of being gathered into him where the enemy does not have any place in you. You remember that Jesus said that the evil one cometh and he has no place in me (Jn. 14:30). There is a place in him, not in you, but there is a place where you in him are clothed in the armor of light without you even being aware of it, and the enemy has no place there. You are walking in him. you are walking in his nature and his life and there is a defeat of the enemy without head to head combat. There is a defeat of the enemy without war, that only by swallowing up death, separation, division, etc. that they are just gone. That is what you see here in Exodus seven beginning in verse eight

. And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

So Aaron brings in hi rod and throws it down and it turns into a serpent. Then Pharo brings in ten of his guys and does the same thing, and now the odds are ten to one. Well the modern day preaching of the gospel is "Glory to God, give me those odds. One Jesus against ten devils." We have a Rambo mentality! We are ready to fight. We are ready to go at them. "Sick em snake!" We are all running around screaming "what a

sermon!” It is not as much fun when each one is just swallowed up so that in the end there is nothing left. Next verse:

For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

That is it! Aaron’s rod just swallowed them up. Oh come on! Hollywood would not like that one! It is not “glorious” enough. You can so walk with the Lord that the enemy is just swallowed up. It is not like you defeated the enemy. It is not like you figured out all of his tricks and whipped up on him. It is not like you figured out the “wiles” of the devil, and God was smarter than him, and you stepped aside and missed that dart. There are so many ways that we think of such things. We are wanting Jesus of Nazareth to come and touch, heal, and deliver, when in reality there is in him no darkness at all! As long as he is preeminent, we will be looking to the touch. As long as he is all in all, he is going to swallow up every thing. Those serpents do not affect you. They get swallowed up and are no more. Jesus has nothing in him that is open to darkness. In other words, you in your present state are not in him. I know that is not the best way to put it. My point is that he has nothing in him open to the devil, so the “you” that is in your mind, is not in him. That is not the best theological point, but it does make a point that you are not there if he has nothing in him that is open to the enemy. In reality, you are there. You are in him, but you have not recognized what the condition is that this Jesus, ultimately every thing will be brought under the rule, every thing will be swallowed up, and Christ will be all and in all. He will fill each person with his life and nature so that he does not have to instruct wayward people. There is something better than instruction. It is called Life! You did not receive eternal instruction. You received Eternal Life!

Now as long as we call that a long extension of our own life, we are not going to understand what eternal life is. It will be just a whole lot more of us for a long time. Is any one looking forward to that? No! I am looking for a whole lot of Jesus filling me and me being so full of him that I am not even aware of me. Therefore a lot of the things that the enemy comes against you with is nothing. It is nothing! He said “then it will be brought about the saying, death, separation, division swallowed up. That is the victory. What God did in Christ is the victory, not what God did by Christ alone. Check it out for yourselves. He always causes us to triumph when Jesus comes up and beats up the enemy. No! He always causes us to triumph *in* Christ.

I sincerely have many things to share with you, but we do not have time. I want to share this with you because I so want to get it in me. I do not want to pass this time without this great work of the fullness of Christ having its way. I feel like it is a time and a place in our body where we have so moved up, and have moved to a place where Christ is predominate. There is a real preeminence of Christ among us. In so many things we will not take the flesh way. We will not go the soul way, but we will go the way of the Lord. That is commendable, and is a true view of Christ. But I believe that we are coming to a time now that we need to move on in to the next phase where Christ begins to overshadow everything, where Christ begins to swallow it up. Because as long as he is preeminent (when you look at the mount of transfiguration and Christ in his glory, seeing Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, and John there is still division. Do you want me to

build a booth, do you want me to do this or that. As long as there is still people, as long as there is still us, there is still division, and Christ wants to fill us by his life and nature. There is a whole new step in revelation in relationship to the Father's heart concerning his son that is something that he really wants to bring us into. He will do everything that he can to bring us into it. The end result of it is that he is really increasing, and we are really decreasing. If he keeps increasing, and we keep decreasing, guess what? He will end up swallowing everything.) some of us may say (among ourselves) that there has been a real increase in me and I a real decrease in some areas. I can verify in me that there has been a lot. But that is not enough for me. I am really tired of an increase and a decrease. I am ready for a swallowing up! I want more than more of Jesus. I want the fullness. Please pray for me along this line because I have a yearning heart for the Lord. Turn to Galatians the third chapter. Verse 27 & 28

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

You do realize that when you were baptized you did not come out clean, you came out wearing Christ, not yourself. When people saw you come out they did not see your clothes, they saw Christ. I am not talking about physical clothes, I am talking about you. When you go down you do not come up. You see baptism is a picture of death burial and resurrection, our death, His resurrection. It says in the scriptures that it is not the cleansing away of the sins of the flesh. You do not go down dirty and come up clean. It is not the waters of cleanliness. It is the waters of death. When you come up, you put on Christ. Now, most Christians have not done this, they have put up with Christ. He is the secret guest at every table. He is their co-pilot. That is a far cry from putting on Christ. If I am making this up, we will throw it out, but if this is all bible, and this is where God is heading, then would it not be dumb for to dig our heels in the sand and hold back? So he explains now what he means by this swallowing up. The next verse.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

If Jesus of Nazareth is still walking, then he is unifying Greek and Jew, bond, and free. He is making us all come together as one. If Jesus of Nazareth is no longer, Jesus the Christ, the Glory of God, The Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, (that is the one) and he is not unifying Jews and Greeks, bond and free. He is not bringing them together. This says "where there is neither Greek, nor Jew, nor bond." There is none of that. Look at your bible again. It does not say that, and neither does it say that we are all one. It says that there is none of that. Are these what the scriptures are saying or not. I did not make that up.

Look in Colosians 3:11 where he is saying the same thing. Then look at the conclusion of what he said. *Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision,*

Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all. Now just read that scripture and make it say what it is saying. If you will do that without saying what every other preacher you ever heard preach that verse says, You will see that Jesus is not unifying anything. He is making one that all will be gathered in and joined in. That means that he is not making Jew and Greek get along. He is saying basically that Jew (and now) Scythian will never get along. It will appear they get along when the antichrist comes and we will all say “Ah, I believe in unity.” Then you will be deceived and sudden destruction comes. Is that what the bible says? You are not supposed to believe in unity unless it is the unity of the faith and the bond of peace. Even in that chapter it says that there is one God and one Lord and one baptism and one Father. Every where and always the end result is yes, Jesus must be elevated out of the crowd. Yes he must be given preeminence. Yes he is being given that and yes it is glorious. Yes there is a higher revelation that God wants to bring us to, and that is, now he is no longer King of the kings of the Jews, the King of the kings of the gentiles, but that Christ is all and in all. That it is all being swallowed up in him and in him, Christ is your motivation. Christ is your mind. You put on the mind of Christ. You did not put on a Christian mind. A Christian mind is: I read my bible. I pray. I go to church. I give tithe. I do this and that. That is a Christian mind. He never told you to put on a Christian mind. He said put o Christ!

Romans 13:12-14 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. Did you notice what those last two were? Strife and envying. Is it not funny that they are right up there with drunkenness and rioting, and in other verses adultery? It is not in our minds. We are good people. But in his mind it is the same. Why? Because none of it is Christ. He wants his *Son!* He wants his son in you, and he wants to get his son out of you. He deposited his son in you, he wants his son out of you. Is that too much to ask? No!

So what is the answer? The normal thing we would say at this point is, it is goodness and kindness and be good and loving and helpful. That is what we would say next. But that is not what the scripture says. Verse 14: *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.* What is the answer? Christ! Putting on Christ! Now he is talking to Christians here, by the way. He is not talking to sinners saying “you guys are bad, and if you would get saved...” He is talking to Christians saying “saved people, You would not have all the trouble you have if you would put on the Christ that you received when you got saved. The last enemy is going to be death, division. The last enemy is going to be that which separates from him. All enemies are going to be brought under his feet, and then the body will be all and in all, this risen Christ. This will be the crowning jewel that God wanted to accomplish. The Body of Christ will be only place the Kingdom of God truly reins! For he will rein, not over, but in. He will not Lord it over, and he tells us not to lord it over the flock. So why would he start Lording over the flock? He would not. *He will rein in.* He will rein by his nature, and by his life and by his spirit. And we will not see divisions, because we will not walk after the flesh. Meaning just this, we will not see and judge after the

flesh. We will see as the Father sees, and that will be our judgment. We won't have a judgment. So if something looks bad, for example, every body turned against Daniel in the book of Daniel. Every body turned against him and said he was a bad dude, and got the mob type thinking going on and wanted to kill him. When the mob mentality gets going it is like an opiate. Every thing is red in view of this mob, so you assume that it is something really bad. But I am here to tell you that God said that that man is about the only man I have here in Babylon. Well, how is he going to turn that mob? He is not! Daniel is going to lay down his life and God is going to bring him forth. The three Hebrew children lay down their life, and God brings them forth. Always and forever, loss, gain, death, resurrection. Always. It is God's way.

When Christ begins to take more ground, you loose more ground in the earth, but you gain more of the Lord. It is a gain of unparalleled proportion. So, in all of my desire in what is in me of the Lord to protect people, I want to say to anybody in this room that if you are going through it on your job or wherever you are at, I want to tell you that being down and picked on, there is a place where you can be separated unto the Lord and you can come away with the Lord on levels that you cannot even imagine. That no one could have told you. Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard about it. It has been prepared for you. How would you have known until you got to a place where you are tired of your reputation in the earth and the things in the earth, and all of that stuff really does not mean anything to you and your heart went after the Lord. There are poor folks over in India, and they do not have Jesus. So just being poor and broke down is not the answer. But to be brought low, and have very body look down on you and to have all of this attack. When a heart turns to the Lord, there are treasures of the Lord, not from the Lord that are just incredible and you cannot express it in words. You will become like the wind and people will feel the effect of it, but they will not know from whence it came. You know where it is coming from. They felt the effects, "Glory! That was the Lord!" Well it is not an "experience" that was the Lord. It is a place of loss, of rejection, of being outside the camp, where you have gone unto him. As you let him know that you are not outside the camp begging for him to open the door to get back in the camp, but you say "I will bear whatever reproach I have to with you, but I am here for you. I am not here just to be a reproach for you. I want you, I want to be with you." He will hear your heart and he will begin to open things to you that were prepared for them that love him. So I cannot protect everybody. I can share things and maybe people will come to a realization that something in them is not Christ and they will so want the Lord that they will turn and maybe it will lift someone's affliction. On the other hand, sometimes when you are in that place of affliction, that is when you will find the Lord precious, so precious. So then, the end result of today's sharing is that we find the Lord, that we open our hearts. I am not just talking about being more spiritual or deeper. I am talking about being so with the Lord, that it does not really matter what is going on. You have just embraced the joy of all creation, of all life, of all living. You cannot and will not let that go. It is what you have longed for, for your whole Christian walk, and you finally begin to come in and taste that and savor the Lord. You do not get satisfied with a few hordeurves. You stay at the table. You press in. You let the Lord know, like Elijah, God forbid that I stay here in Gilgal. God forbid that nothing but

death separate me from you. I am with you. This is what your heart just longs after. Jesus. Let us stand together.

(the prayer was from some one in the room)

Father, thank you for your word, and thank you for your presence. We thank you for you word that you have given us. We thank you that there will be a time when some of the things that are now will not be. Things that we hope for, but until then, Lord, we just trust you to do your part, and we are waiting on you and receive all in our heart.