

Musings of a Jesus Junkie *Chip Kirk*

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.
—I Corinthians 6:17

*The Holy Spirit is not a heavenly influence invoked by a Christian,
but a Heavenly Person who indwells a Christian.—Chip Kirk*

*It is not what we have
but what we know that we have
by a conscious appropriating faith
which determines our spiritual wealth.—A.J. Gordon*

When Christ came into my life; when I was “born again”

- *John 3:6-7*

6 *Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

7 *You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'*

the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ joined Himself together with my spirit, and my spirit became one with His Spirit

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My spirit was absorbed (but not dissolved) into His Spirit, His Spirit was absorbed (but not dissolved) into my spirit, and the two, His & mine, became one spirit—yet each with its own separate identity and still very much two distinct persons, the divine Christ and the human me, and yet at the very same time the two literally becoming one spirit.

At that point, by a transaction of God’s response to my faith in Himself, I became “in Christ,” Christ became “in me,” and I entered into the “mystery of God”

- *Col 1:26-27*

26 *the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.*

27 *To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

My spirit was integrated into His Spirit & His into mine, although each still remaining two separate and distinct persons—the divine Christ and the human me—thus becoming one spirit. When that happened, all that was his became mine because I became, and am now, one with him, not figuratively or symbolically or metaphorically, but as a literal fact of space & time reality. My spirit is now as much one with His Spirit

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as my spirit is one with itself. And His Spirit is now as much one with my spirit as His Spirit is one with Himself. His Spirit now lives in me as literally as I live in myself and my spirit lives in Him as literally as His Spirit lives in Himself. One is just as real & true & actual fact as the other. Therefore, for me to ever again ask Jesus to "be with me" or to invite the Holy Spirit into my presence would be on the same par as asking my own self to "be with me" or even for Christ to ask Himself to come into His own presence. His Spirit and my spirit are now one spirit, and one can never come any closer to himself than he already is.

When my spirit was born again, my spirit was infused with the life of Christ in the person of His Holy Spirit

- *John 14:15-18*

15 *"If you love me, you will obey what I command.*

16 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--*

17 *the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

18 *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

- *Rom 8:10-11*

10 *But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

I did not receive a thing or an it or a jolt of spiritual juice or power that jump started and resurrected my dead spirit to life. What my dead spirit received was Jesus Christ and Him only. God gave me nothing less than Himself in Christ in me

- *John 14:6*

6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

(*Jn 14:6, 17:21; Col 1:27*). My spirit was born again (*Jn 3:1-8*) because my spirit received and became one with the Spirit of Jesus. The life I received was Jesus himself—the Life (*John 14:6*). Furthermore, the eternal life I received was not just a someTHING, but was indeed a someONE—Jesus Christ (*1 Jn 1:2, 5:11-12, 20*). My spirit received life because & only because my spirit received the Life—Jesus in the person of His Holy Spirit (*Phil 1:19*). And when He came into my spirit, He joined himself with my spirit and we two became one spirit (*1 Cor 6:17*).

Therefore, from that point on Christ was in me (in my spirit) and I was in Him (in His Spirit). All that was His became mine (*Rom 8:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3-4; James 2:5*) when I became identified as one with and in Him because He became mine, & even so much more than "mine," as if He were merely something or Someone that I "possessed." He not only became something that I possessed, but someone that I became ONE with by His Spirit becoming one with mine.

My present and my future are as secure as is His because I am fully identified with & one with Him. The only way I will not go to heaven is if Jesus Himself will not be there, because where He is I am and will ever be (*Jn 14:1-3*). Therefore, I am crucified with Christ (*Gal 2:20*) because His crucifixion has been inherited by me as my crucifixion (*see footnote #1 below*). I am raised with Christ (*Col 2:12, 3:1*) because His resurrection was inherited by me as my resurrection (*Rom 6:2-8*). His life and everything in, about, through, and around it is now my life. In fact, He Himself is the source of my life (*1 Cor 1:30; Gal 2:20*) & even IS my very life (*Col 3:4; John 11:25*). His past is my past. His future is my future. His inheritance is my inheritance (*Eph 1:18; Col 1:12; Heb 9:15; 1 Peter 1:3-4*).

I am now seated at the right hand of God because Christ is seated at the right hand of God and I am in Christ (*Eph 1:20; Col 3:1-4*). Where Christ is I am because of my oneness with and in Him. I am now an heir of God (*Gal 4:7*) and a co-heir with Christ (*Rom 8:17*). Why? Because I not only inherited all that is His, but I inherited Him, & even more than that—I am now one with Him. I have everything of His—all of his riches, promises, inheritance, etc—because of, and only because I have Him, am in Him, & He is in me. I have it all in Him and in nothing else (*Col 2:9-10*) and there is no need for anything else because everything good from the Father is in the Son. And the Son is in the Father (*Jn 14:10*), I am in the Son (*1 Jn 5:20*), the Son is in me (*2 Cor 13:5*), and we are in the Father (*Jn 17:21-23*).

My identity & inheritance is now fully in Him. I can now identify with & rest in what & who He is (*Hebrews 4:1-11*). Because of my identity and oneness with and in Him, what is his is mine and can be claimed by me as long as I abide in Him and His word abides in me as I seek to glorify Him by bearing much fruit (*John 15:7-8*). I have His mind (*1 Cor 2:16; John 15:15*), his life (*II Cor 4:10; 1 John 5:12*), have been equipped with everything I need to do his will (*Heb 13:20-21*), and have even become a partaker in the divine nature of God (*II Peter 1:3-4*) and empowered by Christ in me who can do far beyond what I can ever ask or imagine (*Eph 3:20*). As a country preacher said, "You got all there was to get when you got Jesus. You ain't gonna get no more 'cause there ain't no more to get."

Therefore Paul can say, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me" (*Gal 2:20*) and that "you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (*Col 3:3*). And these mind-boggling claims are not in the least figurative or symbolic or metaphorical, but literal and real & practical & for me to experience by faith. They are as they are, & are as real as Christ is real. When Jesus Christ walked on planet

earth, it was His Father living in Him who did His works through Him (John 14:10; Acts 2:22). And now I am to live like Jesus in this world (*1 Jn 4:17*) realizing that just as the Father lived and worked through the Son, He also calls me to allow Him in me “both to will and to work for His good pleasure” (Phil 2:13; see also I Cor 15:10).

Jesus taught the same truth recorded in John 15 when he said, “I am the vine and you are the branches.” Which is the plant? Can we pin-point where the vine ceases to be the vine and begins to be the branch? That is not possible. The vine and the branch are one, just as my spirit & Christ's Spirit are one. Just as the tree and the branch in my back yard are one, so is the Spirit of Jesus (vine) one with me (branch). We are one. WE ARE ONE!!! Oh, the glory in that divine truth.

Now I can see that all of the references in the Bible to “Christ in me” and “me in Christ” are all true, so very true and real and practical and rich and more than I can ever imagine or conceive.

And how has the revelation of this truth changing me? First I realize that I am a three-part whole of spirit, soul, and body (1 Thess 5:23). Next I ask the question—am I primarily a body with a soul and a spirit or a spirit with a body and a soul? The way I answer the question will affect the way I live (see Romans 8; Gal 5). I realize that I am primarily a spirit with a body and a soul. So now I serve not "in the flesh," but with my spirit (*Rom 1:9, 8:4; Gal 5:16-18*).

Footnotes:

1. The same Greek word for “crucified with”-- *sustauroo*--in Galatians is used in the Gospels (Mt, Mk, and Lk) re: the thieves on their crosses being “crucified with” Jesus.

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