School of Jubilee DWELL - Session 1 – Class 5 Teacher: Steve Dittmar

Who am I in Christ?

When Jesus begins to step in, all the issues that we carry begin to show up. This may look like hell is breaking loose but actually, God is breaking hell off of us. Our hearts break open to our need of Christ alone.

As we begin our journey into Christ, our emphases is "<u>Who I am in Christ</u>"; as we mature, it is "<u>Who I yield to in</u> *Christ*". We are nothing apart from Him.

Col. 1:27 – The mystery of the Gospel, hidden in the ages, is Christ in us the hope of glory.

2 Corinthians 5:21- For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (Christ Jesus)

- This is our location/place of dwelling. He in us and us in Christ. This is essential.
- Christ became sin for us and we became the righteousness of Christ in Him.
- Our <u>soul</u> may feel responsible to act righteously, defined by law, pulling strength from the flesh. It is self-effort, self-righteousness. We must lose the war of <u>our own righteousness</u>.
- We don't need to be responsible to prove the scripture or be approved by trying to do the scripture. We can just receive and dwell
- Without the soul being submitted to the righteousness of God, it starts to attribute itself to that righteousness.
- The problem is that the soul is a great magnifier (not an originator).
- The soul displays whatever is going into it but doesn't have the capacity to sustain it.
- Only the Spirit carries life and His Spirit connects to our spirit.
- Our soul feels responsible to act righteously and start defining what right is. All it can go back to is law.
- The power of my confession affects who I am. It's like the rudder of a ship.

The soul: Is a fixator

- The part that lusted in the garden and followed lucifer into rebellion.
- The place where warfare exists, place where strongholds are, where hopelessness dwells, etc.
- Our soul wants to take over the Word because it doesn't want to submit to Jesus Christ.
- To walk in quietness and confidence and learn to rest, we have to release the tensions that we are holding.

Dark night of the soul: When the soul sinks in despair and the accuser is just waiting to tell you everything that is wrong with you. Then our soul tries to correct, make vows, or use self-effort. Coming out of the dark night of the soul: Forgiveness to God, myself, and others.

Example: The Lord told Pastor Steve, "You don't have an image of prosperity in your heart" when talking to him about using his financial efforts to provide financial problem solving.

It is not the souls' responsibility to produce. With the heart man believes (not the soul). (see **Rom. 10:10**) Take our heart, present it to God, let His words be rooted in our heart. The image of our heart can come into agreement with prosperity in Christ with the abundance that Christ brings.

The image in our heart is where our faith, hope, and union grows. It's the abiding (our Spirit to spirit - Heart to heart).

Surrender – Surrender in obedience and trust, instead of our lust efforts. The heart surrendered, believing, seeing, enjoying and allowing God's word to be true, even when we can't produce it.

The Holy Spirit is ready to go to battle for us but He is looking for the SWORD. The sword is the word of God.

- We have to get quiet and get into the Spirit, come into Christ, and agree with Him.
- We return and enter into the rest, the peace, and into the quietness of His love. Then we start agreeing.
- The heart can hold the image of union. It is not the mind. It is the heart.
- The heart of the believer meditating on the words of God begins to bear fruit.

Ephesians 1:3-8 - Read these words slowly.

They are doors to enter into. They are to go into the ear gates and eye gates, into the heart. The heart is to let the words find a place of rest. Ponder these words. Allow the words to come and define "Christ in me and me in Christ".

The Word is how we maintain the place of relationship in Christ. (His Word abiding in us -*John 15*, If we abide in His Word - *John 8*)

"Abiding in Christ" is two ways:

- 1. We abide in Christ, His words abide in us
- 2. We abide in the Word, Christ abides in us

Hearing: Faith comes from hearing – but, when you hear something, it doesn't mean you have the position of it. Ponder each word of scripture, allowing them to come and define Christ for me and me in Christ.

Simply hearing does not mean you possess it yet.

- When we hear truth it is the door opened to learn it, and to become free through.
- When we abide in the Word/truth we know the truth and the truth makes us free.
- I can *hear* the truth but it has to get to the place where I *know* the truth The Truth is Jesus Christ.

Our 2 allies to help the truth to become more than our mental ascent are The Spirit of God and the Word of God

- The Spirit of God is in and upon me
- The Word of God is in me and I abide in the Word of God

The bible is not something I'm trying to <u>DO</u>. I'm here to submit and agree with Jesus Christ and enjoy the place I've been given. This is our place when we are abiding in Christ, knowing we are received by the Father. We are accepted into the family in Christ. We never have to earn it.

When the Spirit of God and the Word of God find root in our heart and our heart believes it, it finds expression in our soul. It affects our emotions and changes how we think and grants us the "surrender" possibility. We are accepted in the Beloved by grace, not of works. It is a gift. We are dependent on Christ. We are the branch that abides in the vine so the branch can express the fruit, drink and have an extension of the life of Christ.

When you take a scripture (Like *Ephesians 1:3-8*) and allow the words to define who you are in Christ and let your tongue be as the pen of a ready writer, the words begins a transformation. The riches of the glory begin to be seen and you begin to walk into a new door. Our capacity to see and perceive increases.

What happens when we come to Jesus with the Word?

Hebrews 4:11-16

vs 11 Let us therefore be diligent to <u>enter that rest</u>... How do we come into this rest? **vs 12** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged <u>sword</u>, <u>piercing</u> even to the division of soul and spirit, and of <u>joints and marrow</u>, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- When we come to be with Jesus, we come through what He has provided and Who He is (The Living Word).
- As we meditate on the Word and experience it, the Word of God becomes a sword of the Holy Spirit. He first turns this on us. We are the ones with the greatest need.
- Here, the word *piercing* means: He only has to say it once and we can SEE it. It separates soul from spirit.
- Our soul isn't a life source—Jesus is our life source. Jesus is united to us in our spirit. Our soul must submit.
- Rather than this sword being a fearful thing, it is rest giving.

Practice

- 1. Meditate on *Ephesians 1:3-8 and* Hebrews 4:11-16
- 2. What is your experience in practicing and processing the Dwelling in Christ? How are you doing in your hour or time you are giving to the Lord? Give us a question or comment about what you are experiencing.