

# None of Self and All of Christ

by Annie Poonen

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*Annie Poonen emphasizes the transformative journey from self-centeredness to a life fully devoted to Christ through personal experiences and biblical truths.*

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's grace and the gift of life, leading to a transformation in perspective towards gratitude and surrender. It highlights the journey of realizing the need for spiritual awakening and a deeper relationship with Jesus, focusing on the significance of daily surrender, obedience to God's commandments, and learning to be meek and lowly like Christ. The sermon encourages a continual decrease of self and an increase of Christ in one's life, ultimately seeking to live fully for God.

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## Transcript

We don't know how many opportunities God is going to give like that in the coming days. So I thank God for giving us a chance to hear wonderful truths from His word. Especially truths which we don't hear anywhere else.

Those of us who are mothers, I want to think of a picture like this. And that was partly true in my life. Suppose you have a daughter who is in her teenage.

And she is growing up in your loving home. But she hasn't grasped your love at all. You do so much for her but she hasn't understood even a fraction of that love.

From morning you have to wake her up. You have to bring hot water for her to wash her hand even because it's a cold place. And heating by firewood.

You get her dressed and tender to the best school in that district. And you do everything you can to have her well fed and well cared for. Then she comes back home.

And she doesn't even take time to change her uniform. She takes a story book and sits and reads. And when the food is brought, she is not even thankful.

She eats that food. And days go like that. That was my story.

I did not care and understand how much my parents were struggling to bring me and eight other children in my home. But then a jolt happened in my life. And I think because I didn't care for my mother's struggling, they had to keep servants to help her.

And one was a man cook. And he put poison in our food. And he wanted to finish off our whole family.

Maybe to steal or something. But see the wonderful way of God that nobody in my family got affected by it, only I got sick. I became so sick and unconscious and for a week I was almost at the brink of death.

Then by God's grace he saved me from death. And he opened my eyes to see what a gift life is. And through that he saved me from physical death and spiritual death.

I prayed and prayed after that and I saw the love of Jesus and accepted him as my savior. That was a picture of the spiritual life which God was dealing with me. Until then I took everything which God gave me for granted.

I thought I deserved it. I took everything and I was so thankless about anything that the Lord did. Then God opened my eyes to see.

After that poisoning I could have been a vegetable and lived my whole life as a retarded person. I realized that everything which I have now God has given me as a gift. And I said, Lord I want to live hereafter only for you.

This extra life which you have given me. One life I would have died but this is a new life I have got. So when I heard the truths about the new covenant it really thrilled my heart.

Lord I would have died without knowing this wonderful thing. After you have given me life, Lord what do you want me to do with my life? There is only one thing which he said you must do everyday. And I thought I must pray everyday, read my bible everyday.

That's true but Jesus said, the words of Jesus was take up your cross everyday. I don't think anything else he said. And if you love me keep my commandments.

If you love me keep my commandments. So the new covenant truth became so, I love to hear it and I want to do that. Jesus said if you learn from me for I am meek and lowly.

So I want to come to the Lord and learn to be meek and lowly in my life. So I want to come to the Lord and learn to be meek and lowly in my life. And when he says not my will but yours be done, he prayed like that.

I want to pray that prayer in my life also. When something happens and I want to open my mouth and say, and suppose I say some foolish thing, then the Lord speaks to me and says, learn from me. To be meek and lowly.

When tempted to get angry, learn from the Lord. When tempted to get angry, learn from the Lord. This morning when we were listening about Abel and Cain, I thought of one song which came to my mind.

I will just read the words of that. Oh the bitter shame and sorrow that a time could ever be. Oh the bitter shame and sorrow that a time could ever be.

When I let my Saviour's pity plead in vain and proudly answered, all of self and none of thee. When I let my Saviour's pity plead in vain and proudly answered, all of self and none of thee. Then second verse says, the last line says, some of self and some of thee.

Then second verse says, the last line says, some of self and some of thee. That means at one time I was saying, Lord there is no place for you in my life. That means at one time I was saying, Lord there is no place for you in my life.

Then slowly God's spirit works in my life and I said, Lord ok I will give you a little place, half for you and half for me. Then we come closer and closer to the Lord and finally we say, Lord there is less of self and more of thee. Then we come closer and closer to the Lord and finally we say, Lord there is less of self and more of thee.

I think that is the stage I am in now. I want to get less and less of myself and more and more of Jesus. Let me read the last line, last verse.

Higher than the highest heaven, deeper than the deepest sea. Lord, thy love at last has conquered. Grant me now my supplication, none of self and all of thee.

That is my prayer all the days of my life. All of us as mothers, our children should have good memories of their mother when they leave home. They should not think, oh my mom was always getting angry, always worried, always losing her temper.

They should have a memory of us, oh my mom was very patient. That is the best legacy we can give our children. That is the Christ like nature.

Thanks God.

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