

On Being Inwardly Christian

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A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of an inward Christian faith that transforms the inner person.

Scripture: Psalm 51:10, Matthew 5:8, Luke 17:21, John 14:17, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 3:16-17, Colossians 1:27, 1 John 4:4

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that true Christian faith is an inward experience rather than an outward expression, highlighting that the essence of Christianity lies within the spirit and heart of the believer. He argues that many misunderstand the nature of faith by focusing on external solutions to internal problems, which only perpetuates the rut of the inner person. Tozer asserts that Christ dwells within us, making the inward transformation essential for genuine faith. He calls for believers to recognize that the kingdom of God is within and to seek spiritual renewal from the inside out.

Transcript

Fellowship, committees and clubs are all right under the right circumstances, but this kind of an answer to that kind of a problem presupposes that those who give the answer have misunderstood the problem. There are three things they misunderstand. First, they misunderstand the nature of Christian faith. Christian faith is inward, not outward. It is of the spirit and not of the flesh. The kingdom of God is within you, Christ dwells in your heart, and "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27) is the burning core of the Christian faith. So Christianity, the true Christian faith, is inward in nature--we are to be inwardly Christians.

It is inside, somewhere in the spirit, soul and heart--the inner person--that we get into the rut.

Because the problem is inward, it is ridiculous to say, "All right. The inner person, the spirit of me, the inner shrine of me, is in a rut. It isn't where it ought to be, so let's eat something."

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