

# Hiding (The Call to Find Our Place: United to Christ)

by Hans R. Waldvogel

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of hiding in the Lord Jesus Christ, surrendering to His control, and finding our place in Him.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 91:1, John 14:3, Romans 8:1, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 5:30, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:3, Hebrews 4:10, 1 John 3:2

**Topics:** "Identity in Christ", "Hiding in Christ"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the necessity of finding our true place in Christ, highlighting that true salvation involves hiding in Him and being united with His body. He warns against the dangers of self-admiration and discouragement, urging believers to recognize their identity as members of Christ's body, where they find their true purpose and rest. Waldvogel illustrates that this hiding is not merely a passive state but an active choice to cease from our own works and allow Christ to control our lives. He calls the church to embrace this divine hiding place, where we are safe and fulfilled in God's presence, and to understand that our true calling is to be united with Him. Ultimately, he reminds us that our satisfaction comes from being transformed into His likeness.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

Psalm 91:1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

John 14:3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Colossians 3:3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Ephesians 5:30. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Opening:

When we read the 91st Psalm, we think, "Well, isn't it wonderful what promises God has made to us." We can at least get a motto and hang it on the wall and remind ourselves of the fact that "he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Or we can put on our tombstones the scripture "there is therefore a rest for the people of God."

Oh, how far Christianity has departed from Christ! We've made a religion of it instead of a marriage. But when we realize what the Bible teaches about hiding--it teaches that hiding is absolutely inevitable. That's where we're saved from the wrath to come. God tells us to "labor to enter into that rest" where we "cease from our own works." What a marvelous place! But it's inevitable. It's a command. It's the salvation Christ has provided for us: "I go to prepare a place for you... that ye may be where I am" or "where I am ye may be also." Where is that? Why, in the bosom of the Father. That's where I belong.

Do I have a choice? Why, no I don't have a choice. He has chosen that salvation for me, and He has provided that place for me, and He has come to bring me into that place, that where He is, "I may be also." And Saint Peter warns the church and says, "See to it that when He comes, ye may be found in him."

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Selected Quotes:

As soon as the door squeaks, half of the heads turn as if they were tied to a string. You know, when you hide in the Lord Jesus Christ, your head hides too. It does. Your mind is hidden too. In other words, Jesus Christ controls it. Do you know anything about that? Why, we should. Why, that's salvation: when Jesus has you.

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Now, most people have charge of their own prayer. They never learn how to let go and let God. They never learn that they don't know what to pray for, but that the Holy Ghost wants to pray for them. Why, that's prayer in the name of Jesus! My, what a wonderful salvation, Hallelujah! "Hid with Christ in God." I think no more of myself.

And that's where we make our mistake. We get out, we leave that wonderful hiding place when we either admire ourselves--Oh, God, could you cleanse us from that conceit! As soon as we have a little blessing, as soon as we've been made a little blessing, look out! How we blow up! It's unconscious. It's self. It's flesh. We've not "entered into rest." We've not "ceased from own works." Or if we don't blow up and admire ourselves, then we become thoroughly discouraged because we've failed somewhere. And we go around looking for sympathy.

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He controls. Every member of His body is Himself. When His hand moves, He moves. When His voice sounds, He speaks. When He walks, His feet walk--it's the Son of Man that walks triumphantly through this earth. And you and I are hid with Christ in God. Whether you're in India or in Africa, anybody that touches you touches the apple of His eye. That's the place He has provided for us. That's the call that God gave us before the foundation of the world. "He saved us and called us with a holy calling." And, oh, how Christ is waiting for the members of His body to find their places in Him! We don't know Him well enough else we'd realize that there is no place for us, no place at all. If my hand was severed from my body, it would soon corrode--it would be good for nothing. But united to my body, it's part of me. And united to

Jesus Christ, you're part of Him.

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He was so smart, he thought he had a spirit of discernment... You don't discern with open eyes.

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Those of you who were here in the early days of this work remember how many times I walked off the platform in the middle of meeting. If there was another minister there, I turned it over to him because the call in my soul was so strong to find God. When I was in the Faith Home in Zion that call became so mighty that many times I missed the best meetings to get alone into my room and cry to God that I might know Jesus Christ. I tell you, it's different from anything you suppose. Hiding is a very different process from anything we suppose. We can never know what it is until God chooses us.

And these things have been told us over and over and over again, because we think that it's nice. We think it's good to talk about it, and to hear about it, and then that's the end of it. But where will God find a person that will actually hide, and actually recognize that there is no place for me?

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"I shall be satisfied when I awake with His likeness." And that's what He has called me for. And I've got nothing in the world to do with saving souls. I've got nothing to do with praying. I've got nothing to do with working for God. That's His business. My sole business is to be united to Him.

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Illustrations:

The story of the jade idol. "That ear was put back where it belonged... It was part of this 'deity.' And when you and I find our place, we'll find that... we're part of Christ. 'We are members of His body.' We belong to Him." (from 7:05)

God's own school: "He gave me the worst boss anybody could have had... I chafed until I found out that God has a lesson for me in it. And when I learned my lesson--when I got down--then, presently, my prison was changed." (from 14:28)

A lesson in humility for Elder Brooks. "Boy, I wish that man got a sermon this morning on humility, on getting down.' And he was ready to preach it. And presently the Lord said, "That's the way you are. Now you take that man in your room and wash his feet... 'That stuck-up preacher?' Yes, he had to beg him to come up into his room and take off his shoes and socks; and Elder Brooks went and got a pail of hot water, and soap... He washed that man's feet and he himself got a wonderful blessing--a blessing that he thought the other man needed. I tell you God's schools are different from ours." (from 15:08)

References:

God Is Everywhere

by Madam Guyon

To me remains nor place nor time;

My country is in every clime;  
I can be calm and free from care,  
On any shore, since God is there.  
While place we seek or place we shun,  
The soul finds happiness in none;  
But with a God to guide our way,  
'Tis equal joy to go or stay.  
Could I be cast where Thou art not,  
That were indeed a dreadful lot;  
But regions none remote I call,  
Secure of finding God in all.

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