

Christ in Us - Part 3

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing our wholeness in Christ and the transformative power of faith in overcoming temptation and trials.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the concept of being a whole person in Christ, highlighting the idea that God has made each individual whole and good, but they may have been misled by external influences. It encourages acknowledging temptations as opportunities for good practice and trusting in God's transformative power. The speaker discusses the importance of understanding that our true source is Christ, not ourselves or Satan, and the need to avoid mistaking occasional sins for our true identity in Christ.

Transcript

God's got a good thing coming out of that. I'll say it now. You say faith, a dark situation, you turn the lights on.

And you find, you prove it. Here comes the light, you see. So we're whole people.

I can now go to Africa and say, you're a whole person. Jesus Christ with a black body. God-fearing, beautiful.

God made that. All the powers of your personality. There's no bad about you, but you were refused by a bad person who made you think it was you.

It wasn't you. It was you. Of course, in the old unsafe days you agreed with it.

In the old unsafe days you disagreed with it. And therefore you were caught in it. You don't even agree if you're saved.

You don't want it. He can pull you and make you temporarily want it. You don't want it.

It isn't you. Don't say, it is you. Say, that's that old fella pulling at me.

Pulling hard, something pretty hard. You get a person with a false passion. A married man with a false passion.

Another woman. Don't say, wait a minute, that old thing pulling at me. I don't take that.

Don't give in and say it's a sin. Say it's a temptation to put in good practice. You need some doctors and all that.

Doctor and the doctor. Doctor and the doctor. Ask for more doctors.

Ask for more doctors. Don't be afraid of being pulled. As long as you don't admit it's power.

Admit it's right. Say, yes, but that's Christ using me. And you'll find Christ turns that thing into me.

That's it. And you're a whole person. Now you're a whole man to a whole man.

And I'm that. And if you've done this here, you're that. And you say you are.

And the more you say so, the more your church will kick you out. Because your church says, sadly enough, there's something wrong in us and you put right. It's not true.

So they think, this cannot be true. God doesn't make unimproved things. He makes good things only.

It may be mortal. You get better all the time. Yes, yes.

Out of parish, he says, I've got much left to me now. And what's left here? That doesn't matter. But the real me is here.

This just could not get on. So there is a whole. There is a whole.

Wholeness is there. Hold you towards the whole Christ. Get that.

Not get the whole Christ. Hold you. God made you whole.

Jesus Christ put Satan out who misused your whole. Your whole didn't come back. It was just misused.

You're a good person. That's used. The misuse is out.

He's all around you. He's all close at you. That's good practice.

Ask for a few more fools. You practice it. Eh, that's all you're making a mess.

Go around there. You take the firm cross. And you're in perfect joy for childhood.

You're just practicing in faith. And you have lots of fun in life. Because your troubles are your adventure.

Jesus' great adventure was Calvary. It took him three hours maybe. Three hours to believe he'd rise again.

Anyone could believe they'd die. Others die. But to rise again, he wanted less than that.

And this person came to rise as us. He had to believe that when he crucified he'd rise. And he believed it, you see.

So you see, when your darkest time is the moment. Now you watch. Now you're going to see God do something.

Now you're going to come through. And your troubles become your adventures. Because your adventures are faith.

The darker the situation, the more chance you see God. And that's how you are. It's no good, like they tell you, saying no to drugs.

You can't say no to drugs. You say yes to drugs and suddenly it beats you. It's no good the person's wife saying say no.

That's self-effort. Yes. Still Satan.

Still Satan. Say no to drugs. You'll do it because he's got you.

You say, wait a minute. It's what got me. Looks like it.

Jesus Christ got me. I am firm now. You beat drugs and I've seen you beat drugs in me.

Alcohol and the same thing. That's because, listen to me, you're in the AAs. You've beat your beat and there's a powerhouse here.

That's a factor, isn't it? You don't say no. You say yes to the bad thing, but you say the yes is following up the no. You say yes.

It isn't a bad thing knocking me. Don't say no. That's what really knocks me.

Yes knocks. What's knocked me is quite a new find I've come through. I've knocked the other thing off.

So don't say no. If you say yes to a thing, then say it's a bigger yes. That Jesus Christ bopped it up in you by faith.

That's just what it is. Nothing. That's all I can do.

Works all right. It sure does. And that's what this book tells us.

All these men took a degree in their self-confidence. It took Moses 40 years. He thought he could run it.

When he killed the Egyptians. He had to run. He hadn't got it in himself.

It's as though they hadn't got it. Forty years after this whole burning bush. What's that? Only a person with vision can see it.

It doesn't go out. What's that bush there burning that doesn't go out? As he drew near, a voice said, Take a few more feet in those days. This is me.

In other words, you're the bush. You get burned up. I come through it.

You're just a bush. Through your bush of flame with me, I come. And we're bushes of flame with God.

You get burned up, all right. It's our root. It's just to burn you up for you.

The flame. And we're Moses' sword. He went as a name.

He used the word and put fire out. As burning bush, he spoke to earth. We speak words of faith, you see.

He said those men didn't learn. Self hasn't got it. Top self.

Moses is a top self. Learned, he was with the Egyptians. Marching inwardly.

They are good. But still, self used by Satan is Satan. Satan expresses from you.

And we're no longer Satan expressers. We're Christ expressers if we believe it. We were walking Satan if we walked in Christ if you believe it.

Just the same as you were lost and found if you believed in Christ died for you. Which I think you can do. You know.

So we go over and over the same thing. That's all. And so it's great fun.

Because it works. Poor old Satan. I'm sorry for him.

You always get the worst men. But you've got faith. You've got the worst of Calvary.

We're in progress. Millions of us a day come out of Calvary. Out of resurrection.

Out of Pentecost. Millions of us out of Pentecost. Which is a Pentecost that speaks in fervent Calvary to us.

That's what's making it happen. Christ died, rose, saved, you, Moses. Millions of us.

Poor old Satan. I'm sorry for him. Too late.

He's well beaten if you believe it. And he's well beaten in you when he seems to get you with depression and fears and problems. Don't deny them.

Don't deny them. Say, I haven't a problem. I am happy today.

Don't deny it. That much fighting he has. He'll hit you.

He'll hit you. Then you say, that's only you hitting me. To give me a chance to say, God, you're my solution.

And as you admit Satan's hit, you say, God, you're my answer. You're fine, right? He gives the answer. You'll fight some way, some way, some way, some way.

And Satan will have to convene and aid you. Give you a little more chance to turn a light on. So I told you, if you talk this out in fear, you end in fight.

Before Christ was crucified, then when Peter spoke to Christ and said, Christ said that you're the devil speaking, then he was actually operating through Peter at that time. For a moment. Because Christ had not died to come in him yet.

He does that to us. He can operate through us. He can get me to accept him in a temptation.

He can operate through me. The Bible calls it adultery. James called going into sin adultery.

Not a bad, you go to an affair, come back. Satan can do that. But he does not live on you.

He just scratches you for a moment. You go back to where you belong. Go back to where you belong.

And yet the spirit of error had not actually been put out of the human heart. Yes, it has. I mean, before Christ was crucified.

Even the best they understood then was, yes, Moses walked with God, but before Christ came, Paul made it clear for us. Paul explained it for us. Even Jesus couldn't explain it.

He said, go and do it. Because he hadn't done Calvary yet. Paul explained it.

So they understood worse they had before Paul. They were pretty mighty men. They believed pretty mighty things.

Moses and Abraham. But their way of saying might have been different. I've written quite on them.

They saw the Holy Spirit. They're pretty much the best they knew how. See, David, take not thy Holy Spirit for me.

So he knew the Holy Spirit in him. So in some way they knew. Not quite in our way of, we got the correct way.

Or like when Moses spoke to the rock and then struck the rock. Yes. That was the Holy Spirit's motive, obviously.

A rock doesn't do that. A rock spoke faith, doesn't it? A rock implied faith. It said there to be light.

There was light. There to be water. There to be water.

We do the same thing. We use our rock. Only we don't put a rock out.

Our rock can't work. We can't. This God's doing this.

I've got a mission. We've built one. Nothing.

We signed the 35 missions. I've got 1,500 missions a day. Never asked to pay anybody.

The Lord provides. There's plenty of cash up there. Why bother? Why bother? It's hard work to get.

It's much better to get this way. We just put our rock. Yes.

All over the world. All over the world. So we use faith in a situation.

Faith is saying God's doing something. See, that's against appearances. It's coming out of our spirit ears.

Spirit of faith. That's it. So there it is.

So whenever it isn't a fun life, the red light's off. Or at least the yellow light's off. Watch.

Something missing. Why is it a problem? Why is it bothering me? Find out. Whatever it is, you'll find there's always a solution.

Which is somewhere that you're accepting something for Satan and believing in it. That's what it is. Believing in some power, some influence.

It could be for Satan. Maybe it's for the neighbor. Maybe it's for anybody.

It's influencing what you're really believing. Yes, the doctor. The doctor appears to like you believing it.

What do you do? Yes, it's there. But God, you've got the answer. Then you sort it out.

What's the answer? I'm going to believe you've got that answer. And I'm going to watch you have the answer. And you move into faith.

And then the light's off. So whenever there's a sign in you, it's a disturbance. It's a disturbance.

Somewhere you're believing something which is on a dark level. Satan sees nothing. And that's good practice.

God made this. God made Satan. What's God's purpose? What's God to do? You tell me.

No matter how much you talk about it, it's always the same thing. There really is only this. Only this.

Only this. We're in great practicing ground. All this only appears.

The joke is science is the best preacher. Science tells us it's an illusion. They say, well, these are particles.

This is really an illusion. Science don't see it. See it as behind particles of power, of mind.

Now they don't say it. They don't mind. They don't know God.

They don't say it. We say it's God behind it. That's why we say God can change things.

So we see through things to God and say God can change things. So how's it going? That's it. That's all.

I had a little trick playing on me. At a conference. Little baby thing.

Down in Los Angeles. There were other, in the area, there were a number of other companies. We had a room, 50 of us.

There were four or five other companies going around. People were going to and fro. And there were seven of us men there.

Fifty was the conference. Seven of us men had a dormitory with six double beds and one sink. Seven of us men.

The men being younger took the double beds and left me a single bed by the door. I went to the conference in all our bags and so on and kept the door shut. Of course, I'm a pediatrician all the time.

That's why. Well, the conference ended. I was busy with something.

The other men went back to the dormitory, picked up their bags and left the door open. When I arrived, my bag was gone. Now, ooh, ooh, ooh.

Now, you see. Ooh, my bags. Somebody got my bag.

Where are my clothes? I'd better complain. See, you begin to believe the power of Satan. Ooh, somebody's passed by.

The TV didn't do it. I said, grab my bag. I'd better complain.

But I had one brother with me. I said, well, I mustn't complain to him. So I said, God's got some more bags somehow.

Yes. If I say it anyhow, he'll feel like hell. He'll feel like hell for saying it.

What happened was, I take my bag by the tablecloth. So test, push you back. Turn the light on.

Say it until you feel like hell. Say it again. That's what all life is at.

It's a fuss, isn't it? Fuss is Satan. But it takes time. We're very human.

Sometimes days you will be hurt. Sometimes deep in our life we're hurt. We haven't yet taken from God.

Until you get there, say, God meant that. It's Satan. God meant it.

And I say, here's the answer. Either you have it, or if I have my faith, you say it, you say it, you say it. And that's all.

And either you already see it, look back and see the answer, or it'll come. All things will come. So if it isn't a good life, it's your fault.

If it is a good life, it's your fault. Amen. And the Bible says that this is a multi-billionaire's.

The Bible says you're in heaviness through manifold temptations. And the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold, will perish. It's under praise and glory that things appear.

So heaviness, if you answer, I believe in God. That's laying out a treasure in heaven. That's the treasure.

That's a multi-billionaire in heaven. It's much more precious than gold that perishes. A day will come when God says, that was a jewel of stuff.

You were building up stuff there. Faith is a gold. All our problems are opportunities to work.

Paul says, the life of a Christian works for me. Far more. Your faith works this.

It works the opportunity. Amen. That bank is much safer than these banks out here.

I think one of the hardest things to see is calling evil good. And calling good evil. It was very hard for me to see that.

Very hard. Because he's God's Satan, you see. Satan is a creature of God, you know that.

All creations of God, of course, are part and parcel of his self, which is his fire-self. Called fire, energy, spirit. Now that, with God, is turned by God into other love, blessing.

The main way it is, of course, is self for self. That's the fire in this world. It's part of God's nature, which you misuse.

Being God's nature, God says, you see, what God did, whether he originally carried Lucifer through the whole thing, when Lucifer said, I'll make a human race, it might be so, he said, you've gone wrong, Lucifer. I'll make a vast human race of millions, who will become my people, they'll run my universe, they'll be full of joy and wonder and perfection, and I'll use you to put them right. You've shown the wrong way to get them right through.

You must have a name. Darkness won't get to the light, Lucifer. Long before light.

So you're a very useful Satan. You do your stuff at the tree, and Jesus will remedy it. A lot of times the hard thing to see is the good that isn't God.

Isn't? It's the good that we do that isn't God. That's hard to see. Oh, yes, yes.

It's easy to see the evil things. That's why it's so difficult. Our precious church brethren, because they say, well, I do good, don't I? And that's Satanism.

That's very strong in Romans 7. When I would do good, evil spirits. Not when I do bad. When I would do good.

Because I would. It's self-influence, you see. Self-influence is Satanism.

The other isn't. It's a subtle thing, you see. When you've got Christ, you do your stuff, but you know it isn't you.

See, we're doing our stuff in a fallen way. We don't recognize it's really Satan. We're doing ourselves stuff, good or bad.

It's really Satan himself. So most people, the world doesn't recognize that. Even the saved, they rarely recognize it.

See? Now we get, is that you change over, by boldness of faith, and become a person with Christ. You're doing your stuff, but you know underneath it isn't yours. You do your stuff.

You're more liberated than ever. You do more than ever. We're in a fallen way, because you know it isn't you.

And you do your stuff, and go at it, and underneath somehow, that's God doing it. So it's your whole lifestyle, it's God doing it as you, as you, as you, not in you, before you, as you. Because the other one, Satan as you, as you, as you, that's self stuff.

You've changed operatively. You haven't changed. The cup hasn't changed.

The operative has changed. The liquid has changed. The glass hasn't changed.

The vinyl has changed. So until you do it, you don't, until you get it, in a sense you do, when you're born again, you don't try to get born again, but when you do again, you know it. How do you know it? I don't know.

You know you're born again. How? I don't know. Spirit.

And you tell people something happened to you. What's happened? I don't know. But you know you're born again.

And Jesus is saying, what are you doing? You're saying something. Where's it come from? I don't know. It comes from the Spirit.

Now in this other one, when you know Christ as you, you're yourself. It's He. And the world doesn't know that.

It seems like you didn't. See, I'm doing my job. It's in me.

It's me. Underneath you know. The flow of the stream is He.

Take Him for granted is He. Take Him for granted you're right. Because you are a right person in right hands.

Don't be bluffed. The others will be pulled by saying you're a right person. You're not made a wrong person.

You can be pulled by temptation. Even that's okay. Jesus was tempted.

You can fall into this occasionally. The Bible calls that adultery. Otherwise you can agree to tell a lie.

There's a lady I know, a very sharp lady I've known for a long time. And she's awful at all. She's very quick.

She said to me, last time I saw her, normally she says, when somebody really whacks me up, I say, damn you, and knock him over the head. Is that a sin? She said, the dam's okay, but knock him over the head goes too far. You can hang the dam, but don't go hit him over the head.

It goes too far. That temptation's okay. Don't take guilt.

It's a temptation. You get it. You feel hurt.

You feel angry. I would say, be angry. Ephesians, be angry.

Don't use it for sin. So it keeps us drawn together. We have a lot of thoughts coming to me.

I shouldn't be angry. I shouldn't get fearful. I shouldn't be anxious.

I shouldn't have that. That's the issue. It's only a human.

And don't deny it. Don't say, wait a minute. That's only poor.

Then you will pay for it twice. So you've not sinned. And you're not guilty.

You're right. The sin will be occasional. And really, when you're looking very carefully, you actually don't do a lie.

You don't often do a burglary, I hope. You don't do it. You don't knock people over the head too often.

Our sins aren't very often. We respect our temptations. Don't do that.

Temptation is a good practice. Jesus had it. He did it all at once.

And the very last time, I don't want to die. He came to die. Not my will.

That's fake. I don't want to die. It gets over with.

Not my will. I don't know. His will had been poor, you see.

It wasn't. He never sinned. So it didn't seem to be pulled.

I don't want to die. You see, he had to work three hours at it. So a whole lot of our trouble is false condemnation.

A lot of it comes from our church. It makes you think you shouldn't fear, you shouldn't deserve to... It makes you think your children are sinners when there is a good practice. So you're saying, and that's Satan.

Not that you're saying I shouldn't. You're saying Satan's pulling me to it. And... I'm replaced by Christ.

Well... You have stuck it out. I kept... suggesting I stop it, but you stopped it. It's your fault.

Thank you. What is our part then, Norman? Pardon? What is our part? Is it the submitting of our will? No, it's... You're... You're saying do the next thing you can't help it. If you don't like to do it, tell your nature.

I... You just do the next thing. Take your ordinary life to be right. Take it to be right.

Take us to be like exactly as we are. God forbid. So we take our daily life for everything to be the right thing.

We don't question that. And do it. And we take it that doing is behind and we're the driver of the spiritual doing.

Now, when the thing comes, oh, I don't want to do that. Or I would say, God, what did you make me? And I find that somehow the Lord doesn't make me. I have an easy life.

I escape it every time. So I don't push to go. But I take my normal life.

It's all your... You're a right person always. Always. You haven't been taught that.

Don't question. Temptation is part of the rightness. Yes.

To practice, to turn the lights on. The occasional sin of domineering, I forget if you do sin, but really, when you look at it, your real sins are very rare. And... We're so used to looking... Me and Christ.

It isn't me and Christ. It's me is Christ. Because it was me is devil.

So my right me is a right me now. Not me, Christ helped me. It wasn't me, Satan helped me.

Satan did his stuff whether I helped him or not. He did it. And Christ does his stuff now, as asked.

Because me is, not helped. Norman, I could see where someone who did not understand that Christ is their life could hear this and say, misunderstand and say it sounds like a license to sin. Oh, yes.

Yes, absolutely. I could see that. I got that.

In Romans 3, some men say, shall we do evil to make love? You've got to risk that. Yes, it looks like that. Somebody said, a great friend of mine, a very fine man, a tremendous man in our mission, lovely.

He can't quite get it. He says, Norman, what about responsibility? I said, man alive, I've been driven all my life. Satan drove me, drove me, drove me, now Christ dies for me.

Poor me, I'm done for. I'm a driven person. I get it.

I get it. Responsibility, you've got it. What is, just be yourself, that is right.

Just take what you see to be the next thing and do it as right. Count it as right. And of course, we know, we know of course it's not, I mean, Satan can, we know it.

I mean, you know, pull out the temptations. Now, admittedly, a person can play tricks on his own, but that, that would, you know, that's, you know. If you do the, you'll get right.

I even know one precious woman lived with us who was so free to lay, lay their life down for other people that she went into a doctor's situation to win a man. You can't do that. But she couldn't see the time being.

We said, you'll get well beaten up but you'll come back because I know you are. She took her three years. Tough times.

She's beautiful back again now. She can be deceived but God'll get you. God, God will get you.

You just tell him so and he'll catch you. Five times God's doing his job so you can keep what you need to go along. Norman, a while ago when you were talking about the cup is only fit to contain.

Yes. Okay, it contains the coffee then when you're talking about Satan. Yes.

And you said maybe in the committing of the adultery use the example of the cup, the coffee in the cup and the committing of the adultery. Yes, it should be. You'll get that when you get about the tongue bless you for cursing and it says, oh, there I slipped into a malicious thing about my tongue.

Don't say you've got a bad tongue because I say a pure cup can't produce salt water but it gets a bit muddy en route. So it isn't for the tongue but it gets a bit muddy en route. Well, that means you've got it a little muddied up.

The source hasn't changed. We are the source so don't mistake the scene for the source. It's a thing like that woman she's a beautiful woman today but she went through in her bad times she went through and she got it but nothing right because it wasn't that her source she was just deluded and we will know she will know and that James letter says speech of the tongue oh, I said things I must have something bad about me I said that don't say that the fountain to us was pure and as it trickled out a little clay got in en

He's a friend to any person. He's a friend to John Cain, he's a friend to Nixon, he's a friend to anyone. And he wasn't pro of this.

When they asked him to stand up for a person, he wouldn't do it. That man's walked a beautiful path. It's just simple, just plain gospel.

It doesn't give our people enough to do stuff. He gives the gospel to get people saved. That's it.

And so, it's with everybody. Any churches, except the extreme Bob Jones type, they'll take him because they're so glad they have a person. That's beautiful.

That's his position. But you see, Pat, God bless him, but he's a strong Republican. And Republicans say, well, why should I listen to a Democrat? He puts politics into his 700 club.

That's a pity. Because there are some who say he's a Democrat. Thank you, Norman.

Well said, man. Now, I may be wrong, but I haven't got to talk to William about it. I want to, I thought.

I mean, he's taken his life. God bless him. And he'll be through with his life, but he can be.

He's decided. He's chosen. What? I said, he's chosen already.

Well, he's got it yet. So the best thing is in what he does is because he does care for all of us.

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