

## **Christ in You, the Hope of Glory**

Revelation 12:17 and Colossians 1: 27 – 29

It was reported in the Middle East of little children being asked to renounce Jesus from Isis soldiers. When they refuse the soldiers would cut their heads off in front of their parents. Then those same soldiers would rape the moms. These actions fulfill Revelation 16:13.

The Seattle Parks and recreation received a call that a man entered the woman's lockers room during a swim contest and began to take his clothes off in front of other teenage girls. A woman alerted staff who immediately confronted the man to leave. But the man said, "The law has changed and I have the right to be here." Nobody called the police. The man on another occasion came back for a second time while girls were changing their swim suits and no arrests were made.

Galveston, Texas Health Department recently reported a man getting his leg amputated because he got a virus in his leg while swimming. And just today the Milwaukee media reports a woman and her husband contracting a flesh-eating virus after her surgery.

- These and many other end times' phenomenon's describe in Revelation 12:17, for our country.
- Yet the book of Acts describes a power that counters the increased evils in the earth.
- There is no medicine, no psychologist, no banker and no relative that can solve the moral and economic dilemmas of our city and country
- Colossians 1:27 proclaims the only power and answer is "Christ in You, The hope of glory."
- We must declare with urgency for end time spirits in the earth.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

- So where sin grows and where darkness grows so does the empowerment of the indwelling Holy Ghost where sin abounds grave doeth much more abounds.
- Christ in you the hope of glory.
- The problem with all of this is we need to get our identity and purpose and destiny lined up with how God sees us. Otherwise you cannot properly release God's impartation power against darkness.

(Read Hebrews 10:16, Matthew 16:24)

- So, in a country full of spiritualism, new age and humanism, God is shining His Bride in the middle of it all.
- This is a specific kind of love...a specific kind of spirit we must identify with in our daily battles.

- This impartation of love is supposed to be the daily operating of Jesus through us relationally.

There are three ways to know if you are operating the Holy Ghost correctly in your life. I'm talking about Christ in you the hope of Glory dealing with end time spirits around you.

- This impartation love is supposed to provide a death to self-will. (Paul says to Timothy in the last days there will be an increase of people as lovers of themselves)
  - The Holy Ghost in us gives us the ability to say no to our lust, our pride and the stubbornness of our independent will. He said he would write his laws in our minds and our hearts.
  - Otherwise you are using the Holy Ghost and religion to justify your own personal selfishness.
  - The intrinsic nature of Jesus was teaching us through His death to give up our daily selfishness. This attitude was an honor for the first century church because their vows to Jesus name baptism and getting the Holy Ghost could mean death.
  - So Christ in you the hope of glory is pulling at your daily selfishness through His incredible love and mercies He has for you.
  - Selfishness kills more homes and businesses and communities than any other attitude.
  - So I know I am operating the Holy Ghost properly if I am practicing and showing the fruit of death to the self-will.
  - Will you practice loving God enough to inconvenience your selfish side of your comforts and pleasures?

Read, Colossians 3:2 – 14 (Amplified)

- You operate the Holy Ghost properly when you practice long suffering and patience for God's people. For the carnal saints. For the aggravating saints, for the uncooperative saints, you show compassion and patience when you correct and are firm.
  - You know the Holy Ghost is operating properly when you show death to self. You practice not being critical of others. Listen if we overlook this simple point we have no business engaging in spiritual warfare beyond our tolerance levels. The sharing of your time, your talents and resources is all an issue of unselfishness.
2. The second way to know you are operating the Holy Ghost is practicing death to sin and evil
- This really means practicing a daily fear of God towards my temptations my lust and seducing passions around me.

- The Holy Ghost in you has given you a nature to no longer practice sin. But it will only work when you practice fearing God. We do this by acknowledging daily, only God has the authority to judge my soul to heaven or hell by his mercies. We fear Him because in His judgements and justice He has provoked us to obedience by His longsuffering mercies for us. Read, Psalm 33:8 – I eschew evil because His love and care for me is better than trying to live with my sin. Luke 1:50, His mercies are released in us when we practice fearing God. He keeps us from the end time spirits unleashed in the earth. Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 8:13 companionship love in the time spent with Jesus conquers self-sin and evil.
  - So, when I practice a death to sin and self by the impartation of the Holy Ghost. He then empowers us to over achieve our jobs, our families and in ministries. (Would you report God to help me to hate sin and evil?)
3. The third way we know we are operating the Holy Ghost properly is we show fruit in a sacrificial lifestyle for soul winning.
- A. Do I have a lifestyle that is discipling or pouring into saints and lost souls?
  - B. Let me show you what these three things look like all together as Christ in you the hope of glory. Acts 27:9 – 10
    1. Paul had to master his fears, his selfishness and any bitterness towards God for letting him go head into the storm of Euroclydon.
- I'm talking about Christ in you the hope of Glory. I was imparted by the Holy Ghost that Paul would be used mightily, now he's facing death. Are you still a kind person or a patient person when facing an inconvenient loss in your life?

Read vs 14, 21 – 25

Paul shows this attitude because of his love for souls. He subjects himself to this storm. Paul hates sin and evil. Paul shows a refusal for selfishness and begins to speak Christ in Him the hope of glory for those scared men.

- People are scared all around us. Will you be the one on the job and at school that will stand up by the spirit of prayer and say, "Jesus will help us through this tragedy?" This is sacrificial living. He gave you the Holy Ghost for this reason. To provide death to self, death to sin and evil and showing a sacrificial lifestyle with joy. Some of you have lost your purpose and identity. There's an honor for being obedient. There's a strength we receive for producing death to self, sin and evil.

Read vs. 29-32

What Paul is doing is what we need to do with a hopeless community. (Story of VCA Parents hopelessness) We've got the power to declare and claim Jesus as their only answer. But we have to use the Holy Ghost properly. To provide death to self, death to sin and evil and sacrificial living for soul winning.

He gave you and me the nine gifts of the spirit to be unleashed through us for the storm of Euroclydon. Does anyone know of these nine gifts?

1. Word of knowledge
2. Word of wisdom
3. Word of prophecy
4. Working of miracles
5. Gift of faith
6. Gift in healing
7. Discerning of saints
8. Divers of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

This impartation of love of Christ in you the hope of glory is a spiritual dimension that Satan and Hollywood tries to copy. They use witchcraft, voodooes, paranormal movies and spiritual channeling. But this has nothing to do with Jesus.

He imparts these gifts to us to unleash.

1. Christ the hope of glory on people to become born again
2. For people to glorify Jesus through the miracle and deliverance
3. To show His dominion over all evil
4. To show His grace and sovereignty while He allows evil to surface for a season over you.

Read vs 39 – 44. I thought Paul said everything is going to be alright. Looks like the devil is winning. Paul is mastering control over fear, selfishness and bitterness. I mean God let this happen to the great Apostle Paul. Then He lets a snake latch onto his skin in Acts 28:2 like it couldn't get any worse. Are you ready for spiritual warfare?

We better first look at our determination of God's love

1. It's not a let's all get along and don't offend anybody love that's secular humanity and pluralism love. Just be a good person. Just love everybody. That's **Phlios** love.
2. It's not an **Arios** romantic love that is only motivated when you feel lust and relational love for someone. You handle the storm of Euroclydon with those two kinds of love.
3. But Agape love is unconditional. It's Christ in you the hope of glory.
  - A. I will love sacrificially to win souls
  - B. I will use love to produce death to self
  - C. And death to sin and evil

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