

The Wednesday Word, May 4, 2022: Christ Jesus ... the Revelation.

Because Christ died and rose again, we have grace abounding towards us each day. (2 Corinthians 9:8). Unfortunately, we don't always remember that this is the case. Indeed, we often forget the abounding grace which is ours each day.

One way this demonstrates itself is that many who claim to be believers spend their lives jumping from one new Christian fad to the next. They seem to be ever looking for some new and better experience. They pay lip service to our great Substitute, but when it comes to centering their lives on Him and His objective gospel, they say they must have something more.

Apparently, the person of Christ and His cross are not 'deep' enough. The gospel is for beginners, they say, and now they must go on to maturity. Thus, they reject that Christ Himself is the very wisdom and power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:24). Patronizingly they sneer at the fulfillment and unfolding of the eternal purposes of God in Christ. (Ephesians 3:11).

But the truth is, Christ Jesus is entirely amazing. If we ever caught a glimpse of His glory we would be totally awestricken. Indeed, as believers, our growth in grace comes through beholding His glory. (2 Corinthians 3:18). Also, the more we know of the glory of His person, work and offices, the more we will be totally satisfied with the gospel provision which God has made for us in Him.

It always strikes me as odd that so many professing believers make so little of Jesus. After all, He is the revelation of the eternal God and it is only as we know Him that we can know God. Job 22:21 tells us, "*Acquaint thyself now with him and be at peace.*" But how do we acquaint ourselves with God apart from Christ? It's impossible! Christ the man is the revelation of God. (John 14:9). What an opportunity we have to, therefore, meditate much on God in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures!

If we look closely enough, we will discover that the attributes of God can be discovered in the Lord Jesus. He is the one mediator between both God and man. Indeed, the revelation of God comes through Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5).

Christ is the Door. (John 10:9). Doors either let people in or keep people out. When Christ claims to be the door, one of the things He is stating is that the knowledge of God comes to us exclusively through Him. He is the full and final revelation of God.

Christ Jesus is the amazing revelation.

He is in the Father, and the Father is in Him. (John 14:10).

He that has seen Him has seen the Father. (John 14:9, John 1:18).

He is "*God manifest in flesh.*" (1 Timothy 3:16).

His name is "*Emmanuel,*" *God with us.* (Matthew 1:23),

He is the "*Saviour.*" (2 Timothy 1:10).

He is the "*Christ.*" (Matthew 1:16).

He is the anointed One, filled with the Spirit without measure. (Jn 3:34).
He is "*the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*" (John 1:14).
He is the one who lovingly took our damnation. (Romans 8:1).
He is this same one Who is with us. (Matthew 1:23);
Above us. (Psalm 57:11).
Beneath us. (Deuteronomy 33:27).
Before us. (Isaiah 52:12).
Within us. (1Colossians 1:29)
He is all around us. (Psalm 125:2).
He is "the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person." (Hebrews 1:3).

As we learn to focus on Him and His glory, we will discover how to not focus on ourselves. It is then that we will be fully satisfied with the gospel blessings of abounding grace and life that come through Him alone.

And that's the Gospel Truth!