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Everything in Everything

Imagine a group of people who spend all their lives searching and memorizing the scriptures for wisdom and meaning. They come together generation after generation and hammer out guidelines so that life may be lived. They wrestle with the past, in the now, in order to control the future.

Then one day a man steps into this group of refined life seekers and tells them that they have it all wrong. He says “You search the scriptures which testify of me, looking for life, but you are not willing to come to me, so that you may have life!”

All He says is “Come to me so that you may have life”! What would they do? Come to Him? They have become so entrenched and set in their own beliefs and traditions that they throw Him out as a quack and shyster. “He wants us to participate in His life? Who does He think He is?! He even says He is the Son of God!” So off they trudge, displeased and insulted, thinking of ways to stop this intruder who has turned their world upside-down.

Knowing the truth of scripture comes only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a process of life that comes from the inside-out. My pursuit of security, pleasure and control can block what is already in me. I am like the Pharisee searching the scriptures but never finding Jesus—even though everything of him is right there. I know about Him intellectually in my mind but I need continual enlightenment from my new heart so that my mind may be renewed.

It is the man Jesus in His communion through the Spirit with the Father that has me and all humanity included in their life. All of us have everything in everything in Him. There is no other way to the Father!

Jesus said that without his Father he can do nothing. He was the first human being who did nothing on his own, living in constant thanksgiving knowing that it was the Father who gave Him everything. He was perfect in thought, purpose and action and never denied that He was God or man. He is still the same today!

The difference though between us and the Pharisees is the cross! He has come to us, everything in everything, and made us all new creations in Him through His life, death, resurrection and ascension. People grow in this grace and knowledge from his mind as he whispers through history from each person’s new heart through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts in the Father's timing by showing us the mystery that is in us—Jesus the hope of Glory! He may use others, but only as he chooses! Humility embraces, pride defaces!

All of us are given space-time to respond and learn how to live in the response and completed work of Jesus—or we continue in our own unbelief.

So in order for me to experience who I am and how I relate and come to love God, family, community, country or the people of this world, a change of mind is needed, a renovated thinking, receiving his thoughts from his life. There is nothing outside of him that makes any sense. In my own delusion of self I can do nothing, yet in him I can do everything for I have everything of him already in me!

From our own perceived nothingness of past and future in our space-time history we can experience our true identity in his fullness in eternity now! It's all about trusting him and participating in his life in the present! Jesus is eternal life, the "I am" whose faith response lives in our subjective now!

I have been crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live! It is Christ who lives in me. The life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loves me and gave His life for me. ~ Galatians 2:20

He has exchanged the old for the new! The old brought death the new brings life! I have everything in everything in Him now!

~ John Geerlings