

## Blog: God's Amazing Work

What God did by sending His Word to Earth, Who lived as Jesus His Son, was, and is amazing beyond our full comprehension! Yet, this is something we should never stop seeking to fully understand while on this earth. Just to think about Him fills me with a sense of overflowing joy. I've got all kinds of celebratory activity going on in my mind and emotions. All of this is happening while I sit here peacefully typing these words.

Aren't we talented when it comes to hiding the Joy that Jesus is within us? Oh yes, some of us are extremely talented at that. Others of us are not so constrained.

It's enjoyable, being with people whose joy flows out of them like a river. One such person is a dear friend of mine who tends to cry easily about God's love. We can be sitting down, talking about the Lord, and her tears just start flowing.

Some might say she is over sensitive, or over reactive. For her that is not the case. It's the result of how much she loves Jesus!

"Living a faithful life in Christ is one of the simplest things we can do." Sounds crazy, doesn't it? Well, let's forget about all our failed attempts at being faithful to Jesus, and consider this crazy idea together.

If we could change the way we think and our resulting perspectives. If we could quickly forget what we think we know about living on this earth. Then following Jesus would be simple.

It's not new to suggest that we are our own greatest problem when trying to faithfully live out God's will for us in Christ Jesus. That, however, is not what we want to communicate here.

Focusing on the problem will only help ensure that we repeat the unwanted behaviors. We must recognize the issues, confess them to God, and then keep our focus on Jesus, Who is always the answer.

How do we do that? By setting our mind on the eternal Truth that Jesus is always the foundation of our personal reality. Before we consider any circumstance, as we have been trained to do by the world around us, we must acknowledge that Jesus is more real in us, and more relevant than anyone or anything else concerning our circumstances.

That is the Truth for everyone of us that is Alive in Christ Jesus. There's no if, ands, buts, or maybes concerning this eternal fact. So, we can think and live this way, or we can live a lie. Do we need to talk about which of these two are best for us, and those around us? For any reason? Not if we know Jesus.

What we need to do is align the way we think, and what we think with Jesus Who is the Truth. This means what our reality is right now must be understood through Jesus. That means we need to let God change how we think by letting Him renew our mind. God will show us how to think if we put Him first within our thinking processes.

Through the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the Son of God, all people had their possibilities turned upside down. The history and future of this entire world began to turn upon this central set of events, put in motion by God through His Son Jesus Christ.

Though the actions of Jesus, once again Living became all about relationships. The key relationship that any of us can have is with the Person, Jesus. Through Him all our other relationships can exist within the will of God.

To do this we need to talk to Jesus about everything. After all, isn't that how we get to know anyone? We talk to one another. The more we open-up, the more intimate the conversation, then the more powerful that conversation can become. With Jesus we can talk about anything, all the time.

At times we may talk to God along with other people, or as others listen. Most people call that prayer. But that's just another word that means talking to God. For some the idea of the formality of prayer makes it difficult to get to know God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Someone did say, "Formality is the arch enemy of intimacy".

Try just setting that all aside and talking to Jesus about everything. We don't have to do this verbally. We can do this internally any time we want. Including every minute of every day. "Impossible", some are thinking. Paul didn't tell us to "pray without ceasing" because it's impossible. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Why will this work? Because Jesus loves us more than we will ever think He does while we are on this earth.

How does it work? Through an intimate relationship with God, through Jesus. Why does it work the way it does? Because God created an entirely different source of Life in and through His Son, Jesus.

Any of us can truly trust God, ask for His forgiveness of the things we've done wrong, and ask for Jesus to come into us. It's a little like seeing a new kind of Person filled with Life just over there across a chasm. Then we realize we are actually looking at Jesus, but we can't be with Him, forever filled with His eternal Life, unless we trust God that if we jump, we will make it to the other side and be with Jesus forever.

God has already ensured through Jesus that we each will make it. We just need to ask, trusting God, as we make a leap of faith and become filled with the Life of Christ. There really is no dangerous chasm, other than the one within us that keeps us away from God. Why not trust Him and try it? If we are sincere, we can't lose.