

# **“Spirals of Life in Christ”**

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# Introduction

Have any of us ever set out to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit and then felt like saying, "Which way did he go!?" For many Christians mysticism enshrouds the work of God in their lives.

The dark recesses of our souls are His workshops of enlightenment. The humanly unknowable secrets about us and the universe are God's "A, B, C's." It seems we must love a God that we cannot see, live in a body that we don't understand, while encumbered by sin which we cannot defeat. All in a world that seems out of control.

Our guide book is the Bible. It's a book many find boring or hard to understand. Our interpreters tell us of its complexity; and the goal which is set before us, to live like Jesus, is said to be impossible. Then we ask, "Why aren't more people dedicated to the goals of following Jesus?"

"Ridiculous" seems a good description for the concept that God would freely give salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection, and then keep the pathway to a successful Christian life hidden from us. Hopefully, we can agree that God is not treacherous, deceitful, or imbecilic.

Some would say His ways are beyond our understanding and must remain a mystery. If that is true, then for Him to expect us to understand his ways enough to follow them when they are beyond us, must at least be cruel.

Love is at the center of all God does, however, to fit much of what we have attributed to God within the concept of His love is incongruous. God does not need to change, our ideas do.

This book is about changing some ideas; understanding more about the work of God in us, and getting to know God better so our love for him will grow. Time is a necessity, work is required, but the reward is everlasting.