

Perspective: Our New Relationship - Introduction

Knowing we have a relationship with God is one thing, understanding that relationship seems like an altogether different experience with many challenges for each of us.

Any one of us who has received Jesus-Life knows experientially the glorious Love-Gift of God Himself dwelling within us. There is great variation within the type of experience we each had as we received Jesus-Life. And our experiential knowledge of what it means to be in a relationship with God may contain greater differences than when we received Jesus Who is Life; Jesus-Life.

During my years of ministry with Jesus “we” have assisted many people during their process of surrendering themselves, and the authority over their life to God. They did this by asking for His forgiveness and receiving the free gift of Jesus within themselves by the power of the Holy Spirit. Each person’s experience was in some way different from the next.

Some seemed to awaken to the specific presence of Jesus within them. Almost as if God had always been there, but over time that knowledge changed to an acceptance and enjoyment of the presence of Jesus. Asking for God’s forgiveness and the Life of Jesus was a natural part of humbling themselves before God.

Perhaps most of us have spoken aloud or silently from the longing within us asking to be forgiven of our sins. From a deep emptiness that could only be filled by Jesus-Life we reached out to God, telling Him we believe in Jesus and asking to be saved by His Son Jesus. Some may have simply asked God for forgiveness and told Him they needed Him. Whatever the words, our intent was the same.

As a result, we felt relief knowing we had given ourselves to God and asked for the most important gift of our earthly life. The wonderful experiential knowledge of forgiveness came from God Who became one with us. His presence within us included each Person of the Triune God: Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Others may have felt something kindred to an electric shock that hit them from head to toe. Immediately they were thanking God out loud as they celebrated God’s presence within them. For some their experiences filled them so dramatically they didn’t know what to do. So, a few kind of bounced in one place on their toes overwhelmed by the presence of God within them, as they thanked the Lord repeatedly.

Each of us reading this have our own story, and we need to clearly understand that one person's experience is not better than another's. Any of us who have asked God to forgive us and save us through Jesus, or acted with the same intent, longing for God's love and forgiveness in Jesus can be sure, without doubt that God has done within each of us exactly what He promised.

There is absolutely no question about God's faithfulness to each of us. It is more than a guarantee. It is an Eternal Reality that needs no guarantee. All of us who have received Jesus-Life need to realize that God has made us a Living miracle. This is not just an event during our earthly existence. It is God Himself creating us miraculously, by His presence united with us, in a manner that cannot be accounted for by anything in this world.

The only miracle within the same realm of this Holy occurrence is the much greater and eternally miraculous Advent of the Word of God entering into the virgin womb of Mary as the unique Person Jesus, the Son of God. What happened within the womb of Mary is eternally greater than what happens in us.

Having said that, at the same time each of us who have received Jesus-Life is a walking, breathing, absolute miracle that cannot be improved. How many of us have ever thought about this Eternal Truth concerning ourselves being one with Jesus?

Maybe try standing in front of a mirror and saying, "Hey, you are a real live amazing miracle. Did you know that?" Some of us won't even be able to do this because we've never been told this before, and we certainly don't think of ourselves in this way.

When each of us was forgiven by God and received Jesus, Who is Life within us and Who became one with us, the greatest miracle that can happen to a human being on this earth happened to each of us.

There are Christian people all over this world who would love to see a miracle. Some of us have seen many, but most of us who are followers of Jesus feel we can only hope to be a part of a miracle that makes a difference on this earth.

Some of us feel our faith simply must not be strong enough for this to happen to us; to be used by God in that manner. Now, it is critical that each and everyone of us strive to fully understand the following:

Every one of us who have been given Jesus-Life represents the greatest miracle God can do on this earth within a human being. Again, many of us don't even know this is part of God's Eternal Truth.

When God forgave each of us and Jesus came into us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God in His fullness came into our eternal-spirit-person and made every one of us a new creation entirely. We are still the same unique and eternally-existing-spirit-person God created when we were conceived. Other than that, however, we are completely different. We are indeed born again! (John 3:1-18)

We are Alive in Jesus instead of being Dead in Sin. We have become one with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit rather than being eternally separated from God. The righteousness of Jesus has become our righteousness rather than us being consumed by the power of Sin. As we will see this list can go on much longer than what's shared here.

When this amazing, eternal miracle happened within each of us it was an Eternal Miraculous event that can never be duplicated. One reason is it will never be necessary again within us.

Some one's thinking, "What?" "What do you mean by saying this can never be duplicated? All of us in Christ are a new creation." As the comments above indicate, yes, salvation in Jesus is for everyone who will believe and receive Jesus, but we have no need for this to ever be repeated within us again for all eternity.

We are so used to thinking about ourselves in an opposite way to how God does, we can be incorrect and yet consistent in our thinking while participating in our own self-deprecation. Listen, my friends, if all of us who are followers of Jesus don't understand we are a unique, eternal miracle then we are living in denial of the glorious work of God in us through Jesus. We are a most amazing miracle by the power of the Holy Spirit Who is in and one with each of us.

Every one of us is a distinct and unique eternal-spirit-person existing on this earth in our body. Our salvation in Jesus was and remains an Eternal Miraculous event during our existence on this earth. We are the greatest miracle we can ever experience in any way on this earth.

"What's the difference between us being made one with God, and Jesus being born into this world as a man while He was still God?" The differences are so deep and broad they are outside of the scope of this book. Some will be mentioned going forward, but it's not possible to be inclusive of all aspects that differ. If we know experientially the presence of Jesus within us, then we can have no confusion about this glorious Truth.

When the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, Who is God, was made to be incarnate within the womb of Mary it was the one and only Advent within all of Eternity. When God comes into us, and we are made to be one with God it is an everlasting event that is eternally different from the incarnation of Jesus. Within the incarnation of Jesus, He was and remains the Son of God Who consists of Three Persons. When Jesus came into us, we remained our own distinct person who is eternally made one with God.

As we continue to discover more of God's Truth about our relationship with and in Him, please, work at changing the way we each think about ourselves. Let's try to stop thinking about ourselves primarily from the physical domain of existence in this world, and grasp the Eternal Truth of God about each of us being a Living miracle who is one with Jesus!