



IMMANUEL

GOD WITH US

Immanuel Part 2

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The Apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Church at Corinth,
2 Corinthians 4:1-18, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of
God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful,
underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with
God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend
ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our
gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the
god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them
from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image
of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,

with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are

eternal.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word today! In Jesus name, Amen.

Last Sunday, I began a new series entitled, “Immanuel” during which I began to expound the impact of Immanuel truly being with us IN all things no matter if He delivers us from all things or not. He is with us IN the difficulty though He may not always deliver us FROM the difficulty. Today, I want to stay in this same vein of thought but to include that fact that Immanuel is not only with us but He makes His dwelling within us by His Spirit!

1. Our Immanuel did not come into the Earth to only be With Us but to make His Dwelling in Us!

a. Ephesians 3:14-19, “¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

- b. Church family, according to the scripture, Christ came in so that He may make His dwelling in our hearts through faith! And by making His dwelling in our hearts, we are transformed from Glory to Glory by the indwelling of Christ Jesus!
- c. The Apostle Paul goes on to further drive this point home in his letter to the Church in Galatian found in Galatians 2:17-21, ¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.”
- d. It is Christ who lives in me! Christ! Friends, when we come into faith in Christ, He establishes His dwelling in Us by His Spirit and begins to transform us from the inside out. Our outward appearance should be an expression of an inward change! He transforms us from the inside out! And we are transformed from the inside out because Christ Jesus not only came to be With Us but to make His Dwelling in Us! Point #2...

2. Our Immanuel did not come into the Earth to only be with Us but to be Formed in Us!

- a. Galatians 4:16-20, ¹⁶“Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, ¹⁹my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.”
- b. Note verse 19 from this passage of text... ¹⁹“my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!”
- c. The amazing insight that this passage of text offers to us that is that Christ not only makes His holy dwelling in us but also desires to be formed in us! His character, His power, His Eternal ability! This is where the Fruit of the spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit come into play! Friends, it is the Holy Spirit that baptizes us in Christ through Repentance unto salvation and to become a part of the Lord’s Body! The Church!

d. And it is King Jesus that in turn baptizes us in the Holy Spirit!

Thus forming Himself within our inner being! The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit are simply the Power and Character of Christ made manifest in our lives by the self-same Spirit!

e. The Apostle Paul goes on to further validate his point in his letter to the Church in Galatian found in Galatians 1:15-17, ¹⁵“But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.”

f. Church family, The Father’s Desire is that His Son be revealed in Us and as with Paul, so is He with us, He is pleased to reveal His Son in us! Why? Because it doesn’t just make Christ real to us but to everyone around us! It is Christ in Us the Hope of Glory!

g. Colossians 1:27-29, ²⁷“To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I

toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.”

h. And if it is Christ in Us, then it is easy to surmise that it is not just Christ with us but it is also Christ in Us by the Power of the Holy Ghost! And Point #3...

3. Our Immanuel did not come into the Earth to only be with Us but to be Glorified in Us!

a. 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-12, “⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his

power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

- b. Church! Not only does Christ desire to dwell in us and to be formed in us, He desires to be Glorified in us as we eagerly await the day of his glorious return! Jesus is coming! And He comes, His glory will not just impact this world, we will be living witnesses of His transforming power!
- c. He is not just our Immanuel to be with us! He is our Immanuel when He makes His divine abode in our Hearts by hearts by faith! When His Character and Power is formed in us by the power of the Holy Spirit! And when He is glorified in His saints as we eagerly awaiting His Glorious appearing!
- d. Let His dwelling be in your Heart! Let His character be formed in you! And let Him receive Glory in all situations and seasons because He is truly with us!
- e. Our Immanuel is with us at all times, in all times, and through all times. **OUR GOD IS WITH US!!!**