

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Today I want to reflect again on that wonderful thought of in-living: living in Christ and Christ living in you: the mystery of the in-living Christ. Several years ago, there was a famous hymn, which used to be sung to a Gaelic melody. More recently, a man called James Quinn adapted these words. I just think it would make a lot of sense to you as I just say them.

*Christ before me; Christ behind me;*

*Christ beside me; King of my heart.*

*Christ above me; Christ below me;*

*Christ within me; Never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand; Christ on my left hand;*

*Christ all around me, Shield in the strife.*

*Christ in my sleeping; Christ in my sitting;*

*Christ in my rising; Light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me;*

*Christ be on all tongues telling of me.*

*Christ be the vision in eyes that see me.*

*In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.*

*Christ before me; Christ behind me;*

*Christ beside me, King of my heart.*

*Christ above me; Christ below me;*

*Christ within me, Never to part.*

The Word of God says . . . **this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** That is from **Colossians 1:27**. Do you, dear sister, understand that is a position you can accept by faith? Are you willing to say - **No longer I, but Christ in me. (Galatians 2:20)**. The difference is that when we come to that position, the Lord can entrust us to allow that Life through us and, therefore, the very power to make that possible that the glory and honor goes to Him.

There is a verse in **John 15, verse 16**, which says -**Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.** Your mighty God delights for us - you and me, His chosen ones - to walk in total dependence upon Him for every need for ourselves and those He will reach through our available lives. That means that in the common task of the day, over the smallest little thing, we are dependent upon Him. Sometimes, things seem to go very wrong in just ordinary ways and, often, we blame it on the enemy. It could often be that the enemy is frustrating us, but could it be that sometimes God is allowing this that we might be dependent upon Him in everything? We are to pray over everything and to praise Him over everything, and anticipate everything that He is going to do. You see, we have been chosen of God to produce permanent fruit through His exchanged life, which works through us as He works in and through us by His own power. It is like a channel of power. Therefore, my heart needs to be cleansed. That

means that, as I go into the day, and so often there is independence or pride or many things that come up, I have to say, *Lord, right now, You bring that to death. You bring it to death and slay it. Fill afresh with Your Spirit.*

The Lord does not mean us to go into long penances for several weeks over something. As we are cleansed, we are to rebound many times a day, the Bible says. Rebound with a fresh infilling of Himself. We are to rebound and say, *Lord, You now, may it be You. Fill afresh with Your Spirit, that it might be Christ taking over.* It means that we often have to humble ourselves before the mighty God in the day. It means we have to humble ourselves before others, as they come and they say, “Yes, but that doesn’t make sense, the way you said that or the way you did it and I didn’t see Christ in you.” We are not trying to defend a position. We can say, “Yes, that is so true. Forgive me. I took over and it should have been Christ. I am sorry you did not hear and see Christ.” You see, imagine a channel. Every time and any time it is blocked, we need to get it right and this is by humbling ourselves, not being proud. Pride is something the Lord resists. But as we say, *Lord, I want it to be so now with my own family, with the children, with my husband, with the people at church, with the people of the neighborhood, from this moment forth, may they see that it is Christ and in to everything to give thanks and to praise the Lord that it is Christ I speak of and that I care only that He be exalted at my expense.*

I praise God He is doing it for you, as I know that some of you are saying, *Yes, Lord, that is exactly what I want.*

*In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

