

All About You, Lord

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you today? Let us rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ, if we know and love Him! Let us just stop and praise Him in our heart right now, that we are in Him, and that we have this glorious gift of His Holy Spirit, who makes the Lord Jesus real. He is the One who helps us as we open the Scriptures and say, *Lord, by your Spirit, You show what this is saying and teach me. You know all that is in my heart right now as I am responding to You. Lord. Take my heart and work that work in me for others.*

In **1 Corinthians 12**, there is a verse which most of us have heard -

12 For as the body is one. . . — that is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Church, we are speaking of and He is the Head of the Body — and has many members . . .

13 . . . and are all baptized into one body - that is when we come into Christ - the real Church, the true Church. - whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. *We are united by the Spirit of the Lord. Oh, value those who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ! Do not just look at them and criticize them and think, ‘If only this and if only that; they are not as good as me or if the church was like me . . .!’* If the

church was like you and the church was like me, it would be in sore trouble! The wonderful thing, the glorious thing, is that another believer has been born into the family of God! That life needs all the comfort and the encouragement and blessing of Christ through your reaching that life and His powerful Spirit will do that in you so that love will overflow. With the formation of the Church, we realize there was the completion of that wonderful working of God using those loaves.

There is a very special verse in my life. It talks about *the grain*. As the grain goes into the ground, what takes place with the grain? When a grain goes in, it comes out different. When I go to death and I say, **It is not I, but Christ in me. . . (Galatians 2:20)**, I do not then just have some little bits improved on. No, I am seeing that I go into death in Christ Jesus, that Christ's life might come out through me. Can you imagine what it was for God to have used in that feast two loaves, speaking of the unity, the purpose, the oneness of coming together and being in Him?

In this very serious day that we are living in worldwide, it is essential that we understand that with the giving of the Holy Spirit, there is also the awesome giving of His love. It is when we are filled full of His Spirit that we love. If you are having trouble in loving, perhaps it is that you are not really full of His Spirit. "Well," you say, "what do I do to make

this happen?” The first thing is to ask the Lord to show you what is hindering His life and love filling you. Could it just be the hurts, the resentments, the reactions, the words that you have spoken, the thoughts of what you are doing? All these things are blockages to what is normal for this life and love to flow through you.

The Word of God makes it extremely clear that the normal is not only that we are filled with His Spirit, but that we are knowing the power of His Spirit to do what no man can do; to do what is totally impossible, but for God to do. We cannot anticipate the powerful working in the Church of Jesus Christ worldwide until we see that it is just all about Him. It is all about the Lord. Therefore, when we are willing to go into the ground as that grain of corn or anything that has to die to produce something, it has to be that death to self that the resurrection power makes Christ real. The sign is that we love. We love the people who are nasty to us. We love those people who have been “wrong.” We love the people at that “difficult church.” We see the potential of what the Spirit of the Lord wants to do through His love working through us, which comes by the work of His Spirit.

Would you ask the Lord to give you a new love for His body, the Church? Would you ask the Lord to not only fill you, but that the demonstration of His powerful working will have such an impact on the place where you work, that literally, it will be like the Day of

Pentecost? That people will call and say, “What do I have to do to be saved?” I believe that the revolution of His empowering Spirit is something that is needed in your life and mine today more than at any other time in the Church history.

Jesus is coming soon. But, in the meantime, can we but see that He will do a work through us if we say, *Take me, Lord, that it will be not I, but Christ. Fill me so that it is all Christ. and that all power and glory and love is coming from You. I will anticipate what You will do through me in the Name of Jesus, that it is not I coming through, but it is all about You.*

In Jesus' Name, Amen.