

Walk in Unity With and Conformity To Him

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

True faith in Christ refuses to yield to opposing influences, whether of the world, the flesh or the devil. True faith walks not turning aside to any new system or perversion of the truth. The Apostle Paul in **Colossians 2**, wrote -

4 . . . that no one may . . . delude you by . . . persuasiveness of speech - nice enticing speech..

5 For though I am away from you in body, yet I am with you in spirit, delighted at the sight of your [standing shoulder to shoulder in such] orderly array and the firmness . . . Could you imagine: shoulder to shoulder, like a great army going forward . . . and the solid front and steadfastness of your faith in Christ, [that leaning of the entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence is His power, wisdom and goodness].

The mystery of the universe and the relations of the Creator to his creatures are all fully told in Christ. Christ is the antidote for human philosophy, Jewish legality, oriental mysticism, carnal asceticism. For the true believer, we read in **1 Corinthians 12:12, 13 --**

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so

also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

In this mystery of God now revealed . . . **are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3) -**

6 As you have therefore received Christ [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him.

7 Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him], fixed and founded in Him] being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving.

Oh, dear listener, are you listening to all this and you think, ‘What is all this about?’ Have you ever personally received Christ Jesus the Lord? If so and you say, ‘Yes, I have,’ then, remember, He is Lord. We were just talking to a godly man, who described how his life and ministry as a Christian literally came alive when he totally yielded His life to the Lordship of Jesus. Jesus expects every believer to count upon His authority and rule in life. That means our inner sources of supply constantly must be centered in Christ. Just as a tree is stabilized with its roots deep down into the soil,

just as a building founded on a rock is firmly established, so as in
Ephesians 3—

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. And true joy is only found in acquaintance with Jesus as Lord. This is what being a Christian is all about. It is not just some ritual in the head or some ceremony or doing some heroic thing to help the cause, as it were, for God. It is by the indwelling precious Holy Spirit manifesting His fullness of power and character as Christ is all. We are nothing more than the vessel for His glory.

There was a hymn written. Nobody knows the author, but part of it says -

— Lord, my life I lay before Thee,
Hear my sacred vow;
All Thine own I now restore Thee,
Thine forever now.

Blessed Spirit, Thou has brought me
Thus My all to give;
For the Blood of Christ has bought me
And, by faith, I live.

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Yes, I want to walk in unity with and conformity to the Lord Jesus Christ. What about your life? “Well,” you say, “I made some kind of a profession and it didn’t work. I tried going that way and somehow I didn’t understand it.” I want you to understand that Jesus Christ is the Word, the Word of God. The Word of God is the Bible. I want you to understand that this is no ordinary book on your shelf. I want you to ask God to speak to you and to meet you in the Word. Right now, we are studying from the **Book of Colossians**. I want you to start to read the **Book of Colossians** and see that it is all about the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is more, to become a Christian simply means I ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive me my sin and to come into my life and to be that Christian in me. Will you do this? Will you open your heart right now to Him and allow Him to be Lord Jesus in your life?

Amen.

