

February 2015

Dear Partner,

ENGRAFTED INTO CHRIST

Shame is the issue that drives almost every compulsive, self-defeating behavior known to the human race. Shame is at the root of all addictions. It may be forgotten, hidden, or disguised, but the shame is still there, it is real, and it drives behavior. Sometimes the shame surfaces first. In other cases, the addiction surfaces first. Whenever we encounter one, we always look for the other. Shame and addiction can always be found together. - The Complete Life Encyclopedia

It is especially interesting that professional psychologists and psychiatrists recognize the power and influence of shame in shaping people today. It drives human behavior. Many have misdiagnosed their own problems and conditions. This has caused many to try to fix their behavior with more and more doses of shame and guilt. Instead of curing the problem, shame perpetuates the problem. The cure is at the Cross of Jesus Christ. **ON THE CROSS, GOD WAS WORKING IN CHRIST BUT HE WAS WORKING ON US.** Jesus took our condition and we were engrafted into Him. Now God sees us "In Christ". We must consistently see ourselves in the light of the Death, Burial and Resurrection. We look a lot better in Christ than we do outside of Him.

The two words "In Christ" are the most important words used by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. These words are key to opening the secrets of the Gospel. We have been "In Christed." There are 130 scriptures that use the phrases *In Christ, In Him and In Whom*. What do these phrases mean? The Amplified Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any person is [engrafted] in Christ, he is a new creation...." **We have been engrafted into Christ. He is the vine, and we are the branches.**

Graft: to insert (a shoot from one plant) into another living plant so that the two grow together as a single plant.

There is no "grafting" without wounding. The stock of the plant must be cut with the same identical wound as the branch in order for the two to grow together. From Isaiah 53:5 we know Jesus was "wounded" for our transgressions. On the cross Jesus was wounded with our identical condition and we were engrafted into His death that we might be one with His resurrection and victory. He was made to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:21).

We are new creatures in Christ, and God would not make an unrighteous new creature. We have the same righteousness as Jesus Christ Himself. He took our shame that we may live without guilt. We can now face life confident that we are qualified for God's best blessings.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10:11

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight.

Colossians 1:22

IN HIS SIGHT...IN HIS PRESENCE

God sees us In Christ. He sees us through the blood, through the cross and through the resurrection. He has raised us up together with Christ and seated us together with Him. We reign in life through the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness through one man Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

RIGHTEOUSNESS - REVELATION AND MOTIVATION

It is important to understand that the Gospel of Christ is a revelation of righteousness (Romans 1:16,17). Understanding righteousness is fundamental to Christianity. Understanding righteousness also enables us to win the fight of faith. The Apostle Paul's letters help us understand that righteousness is a free gift. His letters also help us to see ourselves "In Christ."

Righteousness gives us right standing with God. God has given us the very same standing with Him as Jesus Himself. Righteousness sets us free from a sense of sin, guilt and shame. Since we are free from the motivating power of shame, we are now under a new motivating power of righteousness. The power of righteousness is the revelation of all true victory - inside and outside. We are no longer haunted by a sense of inadequacy or inferiority. God has given us "first-class" righteousness in Christ.

THE POWER OF IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST

This month we would like to offer you the book, *The Power of Identification with Christ* and 8 messages on who you are and what you have in Christ. You look a lot better in Christ, than you do out outside of Him. For your offering of \$30 or more we will send you these resources.

Our mission in 2015 is to preach this message of redemption and righteousness to many nations that God has opened for us. The West Africa Faith Conference in Lagos, Nigeria will impact countless people in those nations. Your prayer of agreement and financial support help not only to send us, but also enable the national pastors and leaders to attend. At these meetings, they will receive instruction, impartation, books, DVD's and CD's; which they will take into far reaching regions. Right now the Spirit of Faith is being translated and printed in the language of Hindi and Arabic, which will spread this message into even more nations and change more lives. We anticipate a power infused conference in Cartagena, Colombia in April. "May God multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness," 2 Cor. 9:10.

In Christ,

Mark and Trina

P.S. We also want to invite you to make plans to attend our life changing Supernatural Leadership Conference in Alexandria, LA March 10-13, 2015.



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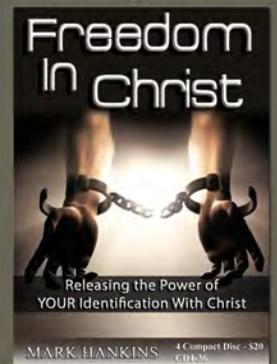
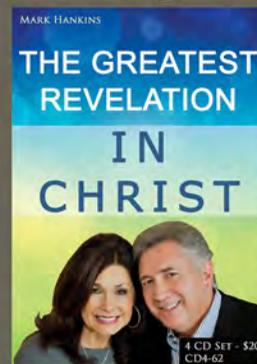
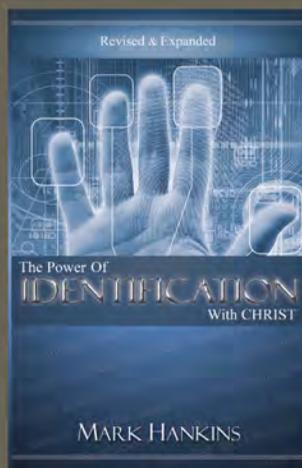


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