

## #24 THE DREAM AND A SPOKEN WORD.....

*The Lord Jesus Christ stands in front of me dressed in a glowing white robe. I find myself drawn to Him and walk in His direction as He smiles at me. I embrace Jesus and He returns my embrace. Never before or since have I been aware of such love as at this moment. I step back several feet from Him, and observe His smiling countenance. Again, I feel this overwhelming love pass through my being as I behold Him. This love comes not only from His seen presence but is experienced everywhere.*

*Just before I awake I hear the words, "Christ is all."*

Christ lived a human life, and still has a glorified human body in heaven. While He dwelt on earth He was limited to His human body. He thus spoke to the apostles telling them that He was with them but would soon be in them. Because we are human, we often think only in human terms concerning God's presence. In the dream I saw a form and touched a body that was human-like to me. Yet as I stood back from the Lord I felt again that same presence and love. God's Holy Spirit fills the very universe! He can relate to us on higher spiritual planes if we will only move up to meet Him there.

Christ could not enter the innermost being of a person while He dwelt in human flesh, yet now He can by the person of the Holy Spirit. Christ even said it would be more advantageous to us when the Holy Spirit came to take His place. The apostle Paul may have understood this, for we know it is most likely he never met Jesus in the flesh. Yet when he was saved and transformed, He appears to have been given insights and revelations that may have superseded those of the twelve apostles.

Christ was revealing to me in this dream that His love and presence are not limited to our earthly feelings, emotions and concepts of Him. For example, a little child often needs the physical affection and touching of his parents to feel secure and loved, but that same child when he becomes a young man does not require as much reassurance. He will, however, be secure in their relationship as he knows his parents' love through their words and actions. Yes, many babes in Christ may need physical excitements and emotional experiences, but these must not direct and rule their lives.

Concerning the word "Christ is all", it is a scriptural phrase found in Colossians 3:17 where Christ is said to be all and in all. In the dream Christ's love and presence are local and universal. He is the sum total of all spiritual fulfillment. All that we do and are is for and from Him. He is our God, our Lord and our head in all things. He is the author and finisher of everything that is perfect and spiritual. Christ is to become our all in all in our practical experiences and lives. He is our first in all. No ministry, gift, person or object must ever take His place. Yet He can only be all to us as we give Him that position in our hearts.