

### #103 THE DREAM.....

*I am watching several children at play and observe that the Lord Jesus is playing with them while at the same time teaching them about His life. Then I find myself being transformed into a little child with Jesus standing near me. He is in white robes and appears so tall---as an adult would look to a little child. I become very self-conscious and wonder if Jesus is ashamed of me, but He looks down at me with such an expression of love and tenderness. He then leans over to me and presses His face against my face---cheek to cheek. The Lord proceeds to lift me up and place me on His shoulders and to walk with me. Even though I am bodily a child I still appear to have my adult reasoning. I do not like being up so high on His shoulders and gently slide down His back until I have my arms around His neck and am pressing my face against His as He continues to walk. There is a smile on His face, and again I sense a deep love and tenderness from Him.*

As soon as I awakened thoughts began to fill my mind. Jesus had come down to a child's level to teach about Himself. My being transformed into a child speaks of our becoming as little children to enter the kingdom of God and in our trust and belief in Christ. God was saying to me that I must be childlike in trusting in His love.

My self-consciousness and wondering about Christ's being ashamed of me signifies our self-awareness in the presence of God and His holiness. Because God sees and knows all it would be normal to wonder about His thoughts of us. Isaiah the prophet, although an upright man, felt very unclean in the presence of God. However, when we believe in the righteousness of Christ and have our sins forgiven, we can be at peace with God and not be ashamed. The Holy Spirit will assure us before Him. Though we have many infirmities and flaws we are counted as righteous with Christ as we walk in His light.

Christ's bending over and pressing His face against mine symbolize His gentleness and tenderness in accepting and confirming us in peace with Him. He removes our feelings of self-condemnation and lets us know that we are loved and accepted of Him. Jesus' lifting me up on His shoulders speaks of our being raised up with Christ in heavenly places, and our being placed in high positions in standing and ministry. Christ will elevate the childlike and humble and give them higher places of ministry. My not desiring the high place by sliding down His shoulders onto His back speaks of my wishing to be close to Him in preference to possessing high position in ministry. Jesus' smiling as I put my arms around Him and pressed my face against His reveals the Lord's approval of my choice of closeness with Him over ministry. His walking on as He carried me signifies Christ's carrying and controlling our spiritual places and ministries. There are times when we just rest in His love and peace, and with childlike trust allow Him to take us where He desires.

Again, let us remember that we must be childlike in trust and obedience unto our Lord Jesus. Remember that He accepts us and loves us tenderly and, if we desire to know and please Him, He will take us up and carry us to deeper spiritual levels. Though we may have deep spiritual understanding and wisdom, still we must live and walk before our Lord with simple childlike trust in His love and will.