

Discovering The Treasure Within

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In Colossians 2:9-10, Paul speaks about the present day relationship of Christ with the believer. He says, “For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.” In 2 Corinthians 4:7, the scripture says, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” The Conybeare Translation says, “But this treasure is lodged in a body of fragile clay...” Kenneth Copeland said, “We can see Jesus in the Word of God and we can envision Jesus sitting grandly in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. But we need to see Him living on the inside of us. You need to see Jesus within you just as clearly as you see Him in the Word.”

When Christ moved into your heart, He didn't come empty-handed, because He wasn't coming in just for a visit. He came to stay permanently. Have you ever made a trip that lasted only a few days and thought that you brought entirely too much luggage? Jesus wasn't coming for a short visit, so when He came, He brought all of His things with Him. The scripture says, “And of His fullness have we all received, and grace for grace, (John 1:16). The Message Bible says, “We all live off His generous bounty, gift after gift.”

When Jesus moved into your heart, you received, just like the scripture says, “gift after gift.” Three of those gifts are listed below. They are:

- 1) The gift of eternal life. This gift is the God kind of life and it is the same quality of life that God has. Now you have eternal life in your spirit. Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death; but the *gift* of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- 2) The gift of righteousness. You have been accepted and approved by God. You have right standing with Him which enables you to stand in His presence without a sense of sin, guilt, or shame. Romans 5:17 says, “For if by one man's offense, death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and the *gift* of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”
- 3) The gift of salvation. Salvation is what belongs to you as a result of being born again. There are benefits which are made available to you because of your union with Christ, such as healing, safety, deliverance, protection, soundness, and the ministry of angels. It is a complete benefits package. Ephesians 2:8 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the *gift* of God.”

The answer to everything is inside you right now. You have this treasure in earthen vessels. All of the strength, all of the wisdom, all of the health, and all of the wealth that you need is in you right now, because that's where Jesus is.