

Message Two

Experiencing Christ in His Inward Parts

Scripture Reading: Phil. 1:8; 2:1; Col. 3:12

- I. As a man Christ had the human inward parts with their various functions, and Christ's experiences in His inward parts were His experiences in His mind, emotion, will, soul, heart, and spirit, including His love, desire, feeling, thought, decision, motive, and intention—Luke 2:49; John 2:17; Matt. 26:39; Isa. 53:12; 42:4; Mark 2:8.**
- II. Paul was a person who continually experienced Christ in His inward parts—Phil. 2:5; 1 Cor. 2:16b; Rom. 8:6:**
 - A. Paul was one with Christ even in His inward parts—in His affection, tender mercy, and sympathy.
 - B. Paul did not keep his own inward parts but took Christ's inward parts as his:
 1. He took not only Christ's mind but also His entire inward being.
 2. Paul's inner being was changed, rearranged, and remodeled.
 3. Paul's inward being was reconstituted with the inward parts of Christ.
 - C. What was in Christ as truth—as honesty, faithfulness, and trustworthiness—was also in Paul—2 Cor. 11:10.
 - D. Paul's love for the saints was not his love but the love in Christ, which is Christ's love; thus, Paul loved the saints not by his natural love but by the love of Christ—1 Cor. 16:24.
- III. To live Christ requires that we remain in the inward parts of Christ—Phil. 1:21a, 8:**
 - A. Paul experienced the inward parts of Christ; he was one with Christ in His inward parts in longing after the saints—v. 8.
 - B. Paul did not live a life in his natural inner being; he lived a life in the inward parts of Christ.
 - C. If we would be those who are in Christ, we must be in His inward parts, in His tender and delicate feelings—John 15:4a.
 - D. To live Christ is to abide in His inward parts and there to enjoy Him as grace—Phil. 1:7; 4:23.