

A hidden place

Deep in the quagmire of our essence is a spot which is all ours and ours alone. We are the only occupants of this spot, and we permit no intruders. We keep there our fears, passions, lusts, desires, hopes, and hurts, longings, and our feelings of inadequacy as well as our feelings of superiority. We spend much time trying to deny the existence of that spot, only to retreat there when we feel threatened or put into a spot which would result in exposing the very private and fragile aspects of our persona which we keep hidden there. After all, penetration past our maximum defenses would open our persona and expose every aspect of ourselves we had formerly kept hidden....Even from ourselves. That is precisely where Jesus Christ begins to work.

Jesus begins in that very deep inner spot, and like a hot ember He implants into our inner recesses and begins to warm those formerly inaccessible hidden areas of our lives and then begins to smolder; burning up as trash those things which keep us qualitatively encumbered, hindered from becoming the true child of God that He would like us to be.

As a result of this action, we find that life has developed some interesting twists. We are now affected in areas of life we never even dreamed of. Things we did not even think of as problems, we find that we are no longer comfortable with and we therefore cast them aside. Things in which we used to take solace are the very things we now are repulsed by. Spiritual areas we used to laugh at sometimes become the very things we see as being where God wants us to go. This is very interesting indeed.

It is much like the tossing of a small rock into the center of a still and placid pond; we see the splash and then see the ripple effect. Gradually increasing concentric circles spread outward from the initial impact of the rock. Ripples begin to rebound off the shore, too. Before we know it, every aspect of the pond is affected by the one encounter with the rock.

Such is the life changing encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. We may not feel the massive, instantaneously life changing soul catharsis felt by some, but the spark has been implanted; additional implantings will help insure that the ember is not quenched by our inner spot protection. One cannot remain undecided after an encounter with Jesus Christ. We either decide yes, I'll let Him in, or no, I'll just guard myself against His entry. Either way, we make a choice.

Letting Christ into our inner selves is a choice. God will not come in where He is not given access. The Word says that He stands at the door and knocks^[1]. We decide whether or not to open the door and let Him in. Once He is in, and allowed to go freely within our essences, He will bring about magnificent changes in our lives. The peace we thought we felt in our formerly private place will be felt throughout our entire being. This is because He will be there to give us His True Peace....If only we let Him do so.

[1] Revelation 3:20