

GOING DEEPER

What we Are and what we are Becoming!

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2 Corinthians 10:7 You are looking at the surface of things.

1 Corinthians 2:10 These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Psalms 42:7 “Deep calls to Deep.”

The Mystery!

Living Deep in a Shallow World...

Ephesians 3:18-19 you will be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and thus to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you will be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Colossians 2:2-3 The mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

The Two Sides of the Coin.

Us In Christ and Christ In Us.

John 14:20 “At that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you...”

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden in Christ...

Colossians 3:10 put on the new self, which is being renewed in...in the image of its Creator.

Lost balance... living in 'one side of the coin'.

Have you lost your "FIRST LOVE"?

Revelations 2:2-4

What is 'First Love'?

1 John 4:19 "This is love, not that we loved God, but that He First Loved Us"!

The 'Loving Father'.

Luke 15:24 "This son of mine was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found... so they began to celebrate."

The pivot of the Reformation.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...

Living your life... How do you view yourself?

Ephesians 1:1b "... to the Saints in Ephesus..."

Are you a 'Sinner who sometimes is a Saint' or...
'A Saint who sometimes sins'?

Martin Luther's favourite saying... "*I am simultaneously a **Saint and Sinner***"!

The Christian Life is not so much about the pursuit of **Perfection** as it is about resting in your **Connection!**

The **Two Sides** to 'GOING Deeper' ...

- 'Resting' and 'working'.
- Resting on the foundation of 'Who we are in Christ'.
- On this solid foundation we build the joy of 'Becoming more Christ-like'!

Colossians 3:1-2; 15-16 "Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

"Deeper' is not about just self-effort. Rather it's about allowing Holy Spirit to change and transform you!

Colossians 1:29 "To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

'What we ARE' and 'what we are becoming'!

‘We please God, not to get right with God, but because we are right with God’!

Romans 8:15-17 “For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ - if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him....”

Transformed.

- I’m Changed, renewed, transformed by His spirit within.
- I’m Changed, Renewed, Transformed more and more like Him.
- The Lord has given to me His Spirit of Liberty.
- He’s loosed in my life a power that sets the captives free!