

Electricity is a very powerful invisible power in the world.
Jesus is the most powerful invisible force in the world.

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The dwelling Christ
Col. 1:26-27

Steam should be a powerful visible force. But a man following Christ is the most powerful visible power in the world.

We might ask our selves to-day "where is Christ?" Some one might say "at the right hand of God" and be about as right at the same time we are prone to think of Jesus as the ever present Lord. Is this we are not wrong. But how can He be there and here too?

We are just a bit confused here at this point. We think of the Holy Spirit being the only member of the God head who is on earth. We get to thinking this because of the dispensations.

1. The " of God the Father in old Testament
2. the dispensation of God the Son, while on earth giving material for the N.T.
3. the dispensation of God the Holy Spirit since Christ went to heaven.

But where our member of the God head is present all are present. Who can conceive of the all knowing and omnipresent God as being away from us? Who wants to believe that Jesus is not our ever present guest? And who can fail to feel the testifying presence of the Holy Spirit?

What we are trying to get a cross is that Paul was not mistaken when he said "Christ in you the hope of glory" the Holy Spirit is there too to testify concerning Him. You go on to say that Jesus is the true light that lighteth every man coming into the world. He no doubt is here present and present to every person coming into

the world.

Paul was strong on the indwelling Christ.

1. Rom. 8:10. "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."
2. II Cor. 13:5 "Know ye not your own selves how that Jesus Christ is in you?"
3. Col. 1:26-27 — our text.

Now I want to throw out something for you to wrestle with. I do not say that I believe this thing but we will do us harm to think of it. It is this: "Is there a universal indwelling of Jesus?"

1. Paul said on Mars Hill, "He is not far from each one of us."
2. Jno. said, "There was the true light that lighteth every man coming into the world."

We have been unable to find people so heathenish that they had no form of religion. And we find no religion which does not tend to lift men higher than they are.

This impulse in man to be religious perhaps is none other than Christ lighting every man coming into the world. Every bit of truth in any religion is of God. It is a revelation of God. Error is the failure of people to see the revelation of God. Was God absent from the human heart before the Christian era? Or keeping himself aloof from all who have not heard a preacher. If so what was it that made the heathen say to the missionary, "yes that is my Saviour of whom you have told me, I have known him long."

If there is this presence with all people what is the advantage of missions

It is to nurture that feeling and more than that Jesus came and has given the code of Christian living and try to get them to receive Him.

The presence of the Light does not come but it is the receiving of the Light and resolving to live an ever increasing answer of our living to His great life. To all who know Him not He is the mystery but to those who know Him He is the Lord of life.

We who have heard have been told by Jesus to go teach those who have not heard. We are to take the little spark - in their souls that glimmers from the true Light and kindle it into flame. We are to take the spark and around that spark build up the picture of Jesus - the Saviour. It is true no doubt that this faint spark is Christ - then the hope of glory.

He is then of course - us the hope of glory. we see Him the plainer.

The indwelling Christ received becomes the enabling Christ we do what we do through Christ who strengtheneth us.

The clearer He is seen and the better He is used by the more the more does confusion disappear. Just as heathen customs go when the spark is fanned into flame even so will all confusion go when people really take Jesus as the indwelling Christ.

There is a room in the palace of justice in Rome which when you enter

It is confusion. Figure does not
fit with figure nor color with
color. But when you stand on a
certain spot and only one spot
— that chamber everything falls
into place.

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