

★ Creator & Indweller

1st - 3rd Grade
Lesson 13

★ Christ in You

Today we will look at another letter Paul wrote. It is a letter to the church in the city of Colosse. God put this letter in the Bible just like He did with some of the other letters Paul wrote. Paul wrote most of his letters when he was in prison in Rome. That's where he was when he wrote the letter to the Colossians. In this letter, Paul talks about a wonderful mystery. The word *mystery* in this case means "something wonderful." Something we can only understand with God's help. The mystery is that Jesus is not only our Creator and our Savior, but that His Spirit also lives in our hearts.

He writes about this wonderful mystery in many of his letters. In Colossians 1:27 Paul writes, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

A Wonderful Mystery

The word *wonderful* means "full of wonder." We have only one God. But God is three persons in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is very hard for us to understand. But we know it is true because God's Word is true. Just think how wonderful it is that God is the One Who made us, and the One Who saves us, and the One Who lives in us. What a mighty God we serve!

A Powerful Mystery

God's power is greater than any other power. There is no limit to His power. There is nothing He cannot do. He is also the most holy being there is. And He lives inside every Christian. That means we have His power and His holiness inside of us. That means we can do anything God wants us to do. Look what Paul said in Philippians 4:13:

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Conclusion

Yes, we have all of God's holiness and power living inside us. But that gives us a big responsibility. That means we have a duty or a job to do. Since He lives in us, we must be careful about keeping our lives clean and pure for Him. I Corinthians 3:16 says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

In I Corinthians 6:19, Paul says,

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Do you remember the lesson about Jesus and His zeal to keep the Temple in Jerusalem clean? He threw out the moneychangers. He turned over the tables. He herded the animals out of the Temple courtyard.

It is much more important for you and me to keep our minds and our bodies clean. God lives in us. He knows what we think. He knows everything we say. He knows everything we do. He goes with us everywhere we go.

Read the words of the song on this page, and make them your prayer.

Take My Life and Let It Be
By Frances R. Havergal, 1874

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*