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4th - 6th Grade  
Lesson 13

Christ in You

*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.*

—Colossians 1:27

When Paul wrote the verse above, he was in prison. Every time we have read about Paul, he has been writing from a prison cell. He was imprisoned for the cause of Christ many times. In this lesson, we are going to learn about a letter Paul wrote to a church in Colosse.

We are going to learn what Paul was talking about when he wrote, “This mystery among the Gentiles is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Sometimes the word *mystery* makes us think of a detective who can't figure out the answer to some problem or question. But when Paul wrote the word *mystery*, he was talking about something different. Paul meant that it was something that couldn't be understood. Paul said it was a mystery that Christ was the creator of everything, but that He still lives inside of each of us. That's a very hard thing to understand. When you look outside and see the beautiful trees and flowers, and all of the animals, you see everything that God made. He made each one of us too. He also cares about each of our needs. More amazing still is the fact that Jesus Christ lives inside of each person who accepts Him as Savior.

## **A Wonderful Mystery**

*One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

—Ephesians 4:6

There are many things in life that are amazing, yet we don't really understand them. Think of the air that we breathe. We can't see it, and we can't feel it. We can't catch it or hold it; but if we don't have it, we die. Even more awe-inspiring is the fact that Jesus Christ lives within us. God's only Son died on this earth and went back to heaven with His Father. He created everything we see. He knows everything that has ever happened and everything that ever will happen. Yet, He comes to each person individually when He is accepted as that person's Savior, and He lives inside of each child of God.

## **A Powerful Mystery**

Even the most amazing manmade things here on earth fall and fail. Do you remember learning about the Titanic? In 1912, a man made a huge ship that was bigger than any ship that had ever been made. The man who built it said that nothing could destroy that ship. But, shortly after the man said that, the Titanic hit a huge iceberg and sank. Many people died. Everyone

thought the Titanic was the most amazing, powerful ship that had ever been made. But it sank and was ruined.

In Ecclesiastes, Solomon wrote that all things in earth are limited. No one lives forever. Nothing lasts forever. The most powerful people, the biggest buildings, and the strongest forces can only do so much. But God is forever. His power is greater than the most powerful thing you can imagine. The Bible says in Luke 1:37 that nothing is impossible with God. Jesus told His disciples that, with a small amount of faith, nothing was impossible for them. If we ask Jesus to save us, He lives inside of us with all of His power. His power enables us to do anything. We do not need to be afraid of anything, because Jesus lives inside of us. A song in the hymnal at church says, "Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God." God's power gives us strength to do what we should do and to keep from doing what we should not do.

## Conclusion

It is amazing to think that a powerful God would live inside of us. The Bible says that a lot is required of people who are given a lot. This doesn't mean that we have to do a lot of good works to go to heaven. But it does mean that we should do our very best because Jesus has given us so much. If someone gave you a very expensive and precious jewel to take care of, you would keep it in a special place. You would keep it clean and pure. You wouldn't want anyone to do anything to it that was bad.

Our bodies belong to Jesus. We need to keep them clean and pure. We need to be careful that we do not commit actions that would mess up our lives, because they belong to God.

*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?  
If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is  
holy, which temple ye are.*

—I Corinthians 3:16-17

In the Old Testament, the Israelites used to worship God in the Temple. It was the place where God was. They were supposed to take very good care of the Temple. They wore special clothes and were very careful to be pure when they went to the place where God was.

God lives inside of each of us! That's why the Bible calls our bodies the "temple of God." We need to be obedient to God and do what He wants us to do to keep our bodies holy for Him.

*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.*