Christ dwelling in your heart by faith

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

1. That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened** with might by His Spirit in the inner man;
   1. There is always a need to be strengthened.

Not just because of the fact at times we have been weakened but that we might not be weakened and that we may grow and be strengthened as we grow.

* 1. How does He strengthen us?
     1. With His might by His Spirit in the inner man
        1. The Power of the Blood to wash away sin.
        2. The Power of the Word to keep us out of Sin.
        3. The Power of the Holy Ghost to keep sin out of you.

Without the indwelling of the Holy Ghost you will not stop the lusts of the flesh.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

* 1. How much of His strength is promised?
     1. According to the riches of His Glory
     2. The fullness of Christ

And what does the Spirit use?

Bible study, prayer, public worship, good, clear, simple, preaching, Witnessing, Christian fellowship of like precious faith, exercising you’re faith in Christian service.

It becomes a life-long process if our faith and love does not grow in proportion.

By faith and love we become stronger and stronger and able to bear more of what God wants to give us, and More and more of Christ comes to dwell in our hearts.

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2. That ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
3. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
4. To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge
5. That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
6. Not just dwell in you by faith, but He wants to manifest himself through good works, Mighty Works, greater things shall ye see.

Rom. 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

Rom. 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Agrees with the law of God but yields through weakness to law of sin in our bodies.

Ga 6:13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

It is a different motive, a less of an understanding

Deep rooted in other things of a total different mixture.

Mat. 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Mat. 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Prov. 16:16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Dan. 1:20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them **ten times better** than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because **an excellent spirit was in him**; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Rom. 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but **sin** that **dwelleth** in me.

Gal. 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2Co 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

1Pe 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Romans 8:1-18

Ne 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for **the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

If you’re willing to do His Will, God will give you the strength

If you’re up for the fight of Faith, God will give you the strength.

Our present burden can be borne by God’s strength (II Cor. 10 :13)

You can’t drag yesterday’s grief into today’s goal and tomorrows call.

Be A Man touched by God. Strengthened

**Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it,** and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezra7:28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And **I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me**, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

Jer 4:19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Jer 9:9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

Jer 30:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

The word that came to Jeremiah because he sought God, he lived to hear from God.

It is not just the wrath of God we see but the Burden of the heart of God

Jeremiah felt the heart of God wounded, it is sin that wounds Gods heart

Jer 30:21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

Broken men make the happiest most successful men

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

We grow then in the first place by being strengthened in our inner man, that part of the inward man that has fully surrendered to God.

Ezra 10:1 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

Neh. 8:9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for **the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

You can’t see your eyes

Your ears

The top of your head

Your back

Your brain

Your heart

You can see others but you can’t see yourself.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Ro 3:13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

Ps 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

Prov. 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

1;3-5, 7.13; 2:5; Gal.4:19; 2:20

3:14-21 deals with personal growth of the individual believer in the Lord.

4:1-16 deals with whole Body of baptized believers which is the Church.

(Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:)

The way to receive this gift is to earnestly desire it.

To ask for it in faith.

To act on the basis that it has been given.

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Ro 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Ro 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven?

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Ga 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Ga 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

Ga 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**II Ch 12:14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.**

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5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.