

You don't have to have your spiritual experience with the Lord. You don't have to have your spiritual experience with the Lord. You know what you could have? You could have His spiritual experience with the Father. That is much better than you, you hobo, you beggar, you poor soul who've got so many inferiority complexes, always trying to come to the Lord with an empty bucket to get something and never really feeling satisfied. Alright, why don't you just give that whole concept up? Just give it up for Lent, and then instead of trying to have your experience with the Lord, why don't you enter into His experience with the Father, and then you get completely left out, but brothers and sisters, there's growth in spirit, whether it's your spirit or His Spirit.

Now, if you will just chew on that for a little while, you will understand what this conference is about this week. Now, I think I can say with a great deal of confidence that I don't care how many conferences you've been to in your life; I doubt that you've heard a whole lot that's recognizable up to this point. Is that reasonable to assume? It is. You have never heard anything like this before. I kind of thought maybe that was true. I hope that we're telling you things that are not only new but better. I also want you to make an observation that you're not getting any doctrine today. This will fit a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic. This will fit a hot and tot. It'll fit all of us, any of us, because it is about your Lord.

Now, I want you to turn with me to Colossians. This is still an introductory message; I haven't gotten to the Lord's life yet. I wish to read to you one very incredible passage of scripture. This is Colossians 2, and it is verses 16 and 17. *Therefore, let no one act as your judge, or let no one judge you.* You could stop right there. Don't let anybody judge you. And that includes you. *Don't let anybody judge you in regard to food or drink or in respect to festivals or a new moon or Sunday, that is a Sabbath day, things which are a mere shadow of what is to come, but the substance...substance is over against what? Shadow...but the substance is Christ.* Not the substance belongs to Christ. The substance is Christ.

I'm going to read it again. Therefore, let no one judge you in regard to food or drink in respect to festivals or a new moon or a Sabbath day. Things which are a mere shadow of what is to come, but the reality, the substance, is Christ. Now, I'd like to introduce you to someone you may not know very well. I would like to introduce you to the eternal Christ. Not only, and not just, the Christ of the 33-year pilgrimage on this planet, and not so much even the Christ who rose from the dead. I want to talk to you about Him, who is, who was, who is, who ever shall be. But we don't have the word in the English language that says it. We don't have that word "is", the one who is.

I want to acquaint you with the Lord that is not easy to grasp, but if you can, then do. I want you to get a hold of this fact that the one who came to earth had an awful lot of history behind Him, and He was aware and was very cognizant of that history. Think about it for a moment. When you read the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, do you not kind of assume that, well, here is Jesus who is my Savior, and someone asked Him a question, and boy, that was a neat answer, wasn't it? And then He got into this situation, and they were trying to twist Him up, and they said

something to Him, and boy, He came out with this really powerful answer. Well, it was really neat; He was really on his P's and Q's. That's not true, brothers and sisters, the Man who was standing there talking to those people was ancient, but He had a thought pattern all His own, and sometimes, when they were talking about one thing, He was talking about another. And when they would use a word in its shadow, He would use it in its substance. He was living in two worlds at the same time. He was living in time and space on this earth, and in His spirit, He was living outside of time and space and remembering things past and things future. And He was talking and communicating on those levels.

I really want to introduce you to this Lord because it will free you so much to come to the scripture, to holy writ, to the Bible, and begin to see Him in His eternalness and begin to catch Him out there even when He's here, and go with Him to those places and see from His vantage point, not yours. I said this to you when I first stood up last night: I don't want to take you higher up the mountain. I want to take you down off of whatever mountain you're on, go get a whole new mountain, climb it, and get to the top of it and give you a whole new vantage point from which to view the gospel. Therefore, I'm inviting you today to start up that mountain. It is a mountain in which you see through His eyes, see through His thoughts, see through His mind, and understand what's going on inside of Him internally at that moment. What He is hearing of His Father and causing Him to respond the way He does, what He's remembering, and why He says what He does. I'm not inviting you on an intellectual trip; I'm inviting you on a trip into time and space, but not this time and space. And then I'm inviting you into another place outside of time, outside of space, before time, before space, and after time, and after space. That you have a right to enter into this other dimension as you read and look at and behold the Lord's life, because part of you belongs outside of time and outside of space.

Part of you belongs to the eternals. And right now, looking in this room from the eyes of angels and from the eyes of God, one third of you, one third and not one third of the people in this room, but one third of you, brother, one third of you, sister, is not in this room and is not confined to this room. Your spirit did not originate on this planet. You are the only creature...even God cannot make this statement...His Son can...even the Father cannot say that He's native to two realms. Only you. And the only reason you can is because your brother can. Your elder brother - He came out of that realm and came into this one. Lived in both of them. He belongs to both of them. And while He was in this one, He was also in that one. And the same is true of you. One third of you came out of the other realm. It was born from above. Born out of God, born in God, put in you.

You can't cut a Christian open and find his spirit because it belongs to the invisible. It belongs to the nondimensional. How big is your spirit? Really tiny or really big? That realm doesn't have dimension. And you're sitting here with something in you free of dimension. It is your spirit and His Spirit in your spirit. Praise the Lord. Here are things we have not considered. So, let's consider them. What was it like before creation? And I'm talking about even before angels. And the answer is really simple. This was a time even before God had created the eternals. Now, if you

believe that that's not possible, if you'll find a marginal reading in the book of Titus, you'll see a reference that says before times eternal. There is that which is before eternity. It is a time when there is absolutely nothing that can be other than God. Not even eternity; there's no room for eternity. There's only God. You can't say that there's God out here in the midst of a great abyss of nothingness; nothingness has not been created. There is God, and that's all there is. The Father, the Son, the Spirit, the Godhead, and that's all there is.

Now then, you have to realize that we came along a lot later than that. But as you realize that, would you also realize that everything that you and I are is fairly new? And as much as we take them for granted, they're not real. They're not real. You can read in 8 and 9 of Hebrews about the shadows; that the tabernacle is a shadow of something seen in the heavens. The offerings are a shadow of things seen in the other realm. Symbols and pictures for us to try to grasp what was and what is out yonder in the other realm.

Everything that is real is in God. Everything outside of God is in some way either a shadow, a figure, or a picture. That's right. Reality rests in Him alone. Now then, you understand that, but what I want you to know is that He's used to that. You and I have to strain to see that; he's used to that. What He has to strain to do is to see things from our viewpoint. He has difficulty picking up on our vocabulary, just as we have difficulty picking up on His vocabulary. Perhaps I'm imagining this after He came to this earth, but let me go ahead and do this anyway. He has difficulty comprehending what we're speaking of, as we have difficulty comprehending what He's speaking of. And sometimes He speaks on this level, and we speak on this level. The best illustration that comes to mind is a conversation between He and His mother. They were just missing one another completely. They're out of wine, she said. He stepped back and looked at her and said, "Woman, my time has not yet come." She must have said, "This boy of mine, Son, I'm just telling You that they're out, they're out, nothing to drink over here. They're out of punch. They're out of wine." And He said, "My time has not yet come."

Now, do you know why that happened? Because she was speaking of a symbol. He was speaking of reality. Now, you tell me, what is wine? What is wine? I want somebody in this section right here; tell me what wine is. **Audience:** It's grape juice.

Thank you very much. Now, there is a really good earthy answer that we can get a hold of. Right. Now then, I'm going to really confuse you. Someone over here, tell me what wine is? Say it really loudly. Jesus Christ is wine. Don't give me this life and spirit stuff. Forget that. Let's get it as basic as grape juice is to earth. So basic is this answer to other realms. What is wine? Jesus Christ is wine. Now you tell me which one is the real wine. Say it, brother. Jesus Christ is the real wine. And that stuff you drink out of that punch bowl and buy in that bottle and sipping after dinner, that stuff doesn't exist. It's not real. Well, it exists in that it is a symbol of reality. And she said, "They're out of wine." He knew that they were out of wine. They've been out of wine since the day of the fall. Up until the day of the fall, they had had wine with them, and there had been no wine since then, and wine was on its way, but it was still about a year or two off, about three

years off. He said, "It's not ready. I'm not ready. I'm not ready to bring wine back to this earth. It's not my hour yet. I'm not ready to be wine again." Praise the Lord. He's, no, no, mama, don't rush me. Do you see how sensitive He was to reality? I mean, to real reality, and how sensitive she was to human things. Well, brothers and sisters, I would really like to lift you up to His reality.

Alright, we're going to go now to that place, which was a lot here a lot longer than creation, where there is a vocabulary that matches things that really are, whereas our vocabulary matches things that aren't just shadows. I want you to look in that realm, and I want to tell you just unbelievable things.

There is only God. There is nothing else. No abyss, no angels, no nothingness, no eternity even to get in the way. There is God, and He is all. And within Him dwells all reality. Now then, what is it that you can name that exists there in God? Let's make a list and see what we can come up with that you're absolutely certain about. I'll start off. There's light. What else? Life. Alright, what else? Love. What else? Wisdom. Wonderful. What else? Fellowship. What else? Power. What else? Sufficiency. Faith...no faith. No faith. Faith will fade away. Faith is a temporal thing. Only love's going to outlast it, though. Alright, here we go, what else? We had love. Truth; that's good. Alright, is that enough for a moment? And one third of us, one third of each of us is in there. Which third? I'll tell you which third. The only third that matters. Say, "Praise the Lord." Say, "Amen." Say, "Hallelujah." Amen. The only part of you that really matters. The sinful part? No. No. No. The part of you that is flawless, by the way, the only part of you God can see. And that's what's out there. Therefore, real love, real light, real life is there. These are the things you've mentioned. By the way, there's no forgiveness there. Isn't that wonderful? This is what's out there.

Let's just take the word life. There's only one life. Everything else is a symbol of that life. Through His eyes, when He saw human beings, He saw dead men walking. And when He said, "I've come to give you life and give it to you abundantly," He did not mean what some of you Pentecostals think He meant. He came to give me life. I'm gonna have an abundant life. I'm going to have a big Cadillac. I'm going to have a big house. I'm not going to have any worries. My plumbing won't leak. My bills will all get paid. I'll never be sick. That is abundance. No. He said, "I will give you that life, and I'm not going to give you a little bitty piece of it. I'm going to give you a great big hook up with that life."

So, when the Lord spoke of life, He was speaking of the only life He understood; He was speaking of the life that existed long before our little symbols and pictures got put on this planet. I've come to give you life. What kind of life, Lord? Eternal was the best word He could come up with. It's been there forever. It's going to be there forever. He came to give you life. Can you begin to just a little bit hear Him speaking now? He is speaking on this planet, but if you could raise the curtain that is right behind Him, you could see whole worlds and realms out there of which He's speaking as He talks, and as He talks, and as He speaks, He has at this present moment while He's standing in Galilee the sense of all those things there going on. He really sees that all of God, He really sees that life of His Father that is eternal, that He is about to dispense to this planet, to fallen

men. Boy, what an event. He knows that's an incredible event. And He's going to take that precious, holy, perfect, eternal, divine life and give it to a lower life form and give it to a fallen life form. He is impressed with what is taking place.

Can you begin to sense there's a door right behind Him that leads to other realms and that He is speaking of that realm and for that realm when He speaks, and that when He talks to us, He is also at that moment hearing the very voice of Almighty God. And my purpose this week for you is to get you to enter into that fellowship and into that sense of that realm and get away from you coming with your big old bucket. Good morning, God. This is Mary Sue. I'm a big sinner. My husband's been mean to me, and I've been so needy. Lord, fill it up, but if you can't fill it up, at least put a cup full there or an eye dropper. Lord, one little drop from heaven, please. And here I am. Here you are. Here we are, beggars. Why not just give that up, and just forget you, and just forget you and come and open your eyes to another realm and go and watch the living God in fellowship with Himself. And then you can cease that and walk away, and I'll tell you, you'll be a lot better off than coming to the Lord with your prayer lists and your needs. Can you comprehend what I'm saying to you? Alright.

Now, I want to talk to you just a little bit more about what's out there in that realm. Life was out there in that realm. Do you understand what life is? I promised Nancy I was going to pick on her last night. She promised she's going to sit in the back. Nancy, what is life? Your Father is Life. I love that. That's wonderful. That's just great. Does anyone else have a definition? That's wonderful, sister. Does anyone else have a definition of life? Yes.

Audience: Eternal life that you may know the Father and Jesus Christ. He is sent.

Alright. Wonderful. Alright, has anybody else got one? That's great, he quoted the Bible. Has anybody else got a definition of life? Well, I'll give you another one. The Lord Jesus said, "I am Life." So, I'm going to give you another definition of life. Jesus Christ is Life. Well, how can Jesus Christ be life and the Father be life? I don't know, but I'll tell you this: that life is confined to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Godhead. And life is in Him who is, and that is life. That's what's out there. Ain't that wonderful? And we already figured out that power and love's out there, and it's real, and there is no other life in existence. There never has been. There never will be. They're only reflections and symbols and miniatures and pictures and types of that life.

Now listen to what else is out there. Now, are there angels there? Not yet. Are worlds, universes, creations? Okay, what else is there? I'm going to tell you what else is there. This is quite remarkable. There is a festival there. Come on, Gene, you've got to be kidding. I'm not kidding. There is a festival there. It's a real festival. It's a holiday. There's a holiday. Donna, did you know that there is a real holiday out there in reality? You believe it? Alright. Praise the Lord. There's a holiday out there. There is a festival out there. You're having a hard time believing that, aren't you? A little bit. The Lord Jesus Christ when He came to earth knew as He stood there on earth that there was a festival and a holiday that was real. That's right. And He knew that if there was any other festival or holiday, it was a picture of that which was real.

Do you know something else? And this is incredible, and I don't understand this, but I'm going to tell you it's true. Did you know there was food there in the All of God? Food. Food to eat. Well, who on earth would eat it? God would eat it. And what would it nourish? It would nourish God. The food of God for the nourishment of God. There is food that is real in Him. It is the nourishment of that which He is, and He is Spirit, and His spirit needs nourishment. And His nourishment is Himself, and that nourishment is His food, and that food is the nourishment of Himself. Sounds crazy, doesn't it? But I'm telling you, there is food in God, and that food is Him. Praise the Lord.

There is a drink over there, too. Praise the Lord. There's a drink. Now, I know you've never thought about this, but I'm telling you that there is something to drink in God, and it is real, and there's no other real drink. There will never be another real drink. The only real drink you're ever going to have is the drink you will take from that One. And if you do not drink the drink that is in Him and that is Him, you will forever have one part of you eternally thirsty. But I'll tell you something else about that drink: that drink is effervescent. Do you ever buy the water, and down at the bottom, it says sparkling water? You unscrew the top, and it goes? Well, this is water that bubbles. This is a drink that springs up out of and into, can you finish the sentence? Eternal life. There is a real honest to goodness drink in Him.

And now then, wait a minute. How long has He known that? How long has he known that? Forever. He's used to knowing real drink, real food, real life, real power, real light. He comes to earth, what's He going to talk about? Same thing. He's going to talk about that which He is used to. We're going to talk about what we're used to, and it's going to go. But we ought to listen to Him instead of ourselves. And as He stands there, He's not only remembering that water and life and power and light and drink are in Him in eternity, but He remembers when those very elements in some way touched this realm and this universe before He got here. There were times when these realities, for a brief moment, touched this earth. And there were times when these glorious things that were real, that were in God, that were God, that are God, were symbolized on this earth before He got here.

Now, I'm going to tell you a couple of other things that are in Him. You know what's in Him? If you're a Jew, Saturday is in Him. And if you're a Christian, Sunday is in Him. Did you know long before Saturday got invented for the Jews, Saturday existed forever in God, just recently came to earth about the time of Moses, just recently visited earth symbolically. Rest is in Him. Rest. There is real rest. Rest is reality. What is rest? Tell me what rest is. Say it, brother. Jesus Christ is rest. The Father is rest.

Now then, we've got a festival. We've got a Sabbath day. You know what else was in God for all eternity, and He knew it, and He was it? Did you know that in God was a moon? Did you know that? A moon. Did you know that there is an eternal moon? You didn't know that? Yes. There's a moon in God. There's a moon in the eternal Son. That moon has been there for all ages, worlds without end. And when He created this universe, He said, "I think I'll symbolize that." So,

He created all the earth and said, "I'm going to symbolize that which is eternal in Me." And He put a moon out there. And He put it there for several reasons, and one of them is to reflect the glory of the Son. And another one is to let people know what the seasons are. And when you do certain things in certain seasons.

You don't believe there was a moon in God? Well then, listen to this. Therefore, let no one act as your judge according to food or drink or in respect to festivals or new moons or Sabbath days, things which are a shadow of what is to come, but the reality is Christ. *The reality is Christ.* Jerry, come here. It's about 9:00 at night. What's that up there in the sky? Big round thing.

**Audience:** It's a shadow of real things. It's a shadow of the real thing.

Praise the Lord. What is that thing?

**Audience:** We call it the moon.

You call it the moon. What is it?

**Audience:** Big rock.

All right then, brother. Can you tell me if it is a shadow, what is the reality?

**Audience:** Jesus Christ.

Amen. Praise the Lord. Now, if someone walks up to you tomorrow and says, "What's the moon?" What are you going to tell them?

**Audience:** Probably it's a big rock.

That's the wrong answer, brother. Come on. No, no, no. Don't sit down. We've got to have a course in divine astronomy. Jerry, what is the moon?

**Audience:** Jesus Christ.

Amen. Jesus Christ is the moon. Thank you, brother. Jesus Christ is real drink. Jesus Christ is the only food. Jesus Christ is the only thing there is to celebrate. Jesus Christ is the Sabbath day. And when He stepped out of eternity into time, He knew that. He knew. Behold your moon. Behold your Sabbath. Behold your celebration. Behold your food. Behold your drink. Behold Life. That which has always been real. Behold reality. I am the way, the reality, and the life. Hallelujah. Majesty, glory, honor. He knew He was reality.

Now, I'm telling you that this week, whenever we open this, we're not going to sit here, and I'm going to say to you, "No, brothers and sisters, we see this poor Samaritan on the road, and we find that he's really needy. And this good man has been robbed and beaten. And this good Samaritan comes along, and this good Samaritan sees this poor, beaten soul and reaches down and helps him. Why don't you help people? You're a good Christian. You ought to stop. I'm warning you, when you pass somebody on the side of the road, you're not a good Samaritan." Now, boy,

that's a conference on the deeper Christian life, isn't it? I want you to know if you'll get your ears open, that's what you've been hearing preached at you most of your life. Now, say amen. It is a humanistic application of good.

Someone has said Christianity, a mild-mannered man, standing up in front of a mild-mannered people, imploring them to be more mild-mannered. No, I am not going to open this book and try to find the objective and tell you that this is what you ought to do. There will be none of that this week. I will open this and say to you, let us look at other realms, and let us see what really is. Let us find that which is, and when we find that which is, what will we find? We will find Him. Now then, if we can just push that one step further, and instead of coming in saying, "Lord, make me a good Samaritan. I just really have been an awful person. Y'all sing just as I am one more time, and I'll come forward, and I will repent. This is a guilt trip. This is a guilt trip. But oh, brothers, you're not a good Samaritan. You never have been, and you never will be. And if I were you, again, I'd give that up for Lent, too. There's only one Samaritan that has ever existed. He's part Gentile. He's part Jew. His name is the Lord Jesus Christ.

And if you can just, if we can figure out a way for you to enter into that Samaritan and fellowship with Him and feel the bowels of compassion in Him and the caring in Him and touch that, I am going to believe the Lord will take care of the rest. I will try and try and try again to turn you from a lifelong mindset and seek to bring you into the reality again and again and again. And you're going to sometimes, you're just going to plain flat get lost and not understand what's going on, because something in your basic soulful nature is going to want to get involved and do something and be something. I would have you open that door between two realms and enter into Him and touch Him and become part of Him and be lost in Him and let Him be drink. Let Him be food. Let Him be water. Let Him be Life. Let Him be your celebration. Let Him celebrate inside of you. Let Him celebrate inside of you. Allow Him to rest inside of you and allow you to be lost in Him and find that having been lost in Him, He is rest, and you have fallen into, and been dissolved into, and have ceased to exist in the very midst of rest.

When a new season comes along, just walk into Him and let Him be a season. Just get lost in Him being a season until you learn to simply not be there, brother. Just not be there, sister. And take your place in the place where you've been longer than you've ever been here. Take your place where you've always been, where you were before creation, and where you're going to be when creation is over. Find yourself lost in God. Praise the Lord.