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THE MEANING OF "CHRIST IN ME"

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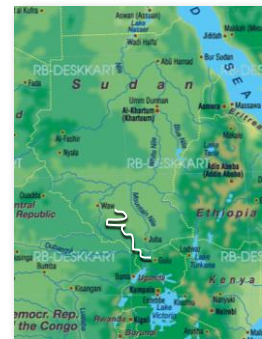


Civil War in Sudan

Refugee Camp in Uganda



Walking...



Walking...

- 240 km to
refuge camp



Walking...

- 240 km to
refuge camp
- 240 km home



Walking...

- 240 km to refugee camp
- 240 km home
- 240 km to the refugee camp



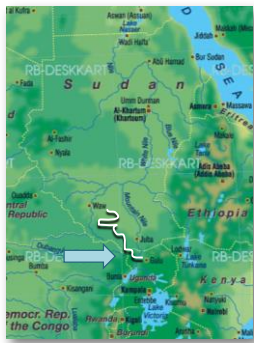
Walking...

- 240 km to refugee camp
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Walking...

- 240 km to refugee camp
- 240 km home
- 240 km to the refugee camp
- 240 km home
- 240 km back



Walking...

- 240 km to South Sudan
- 1,440 km!!



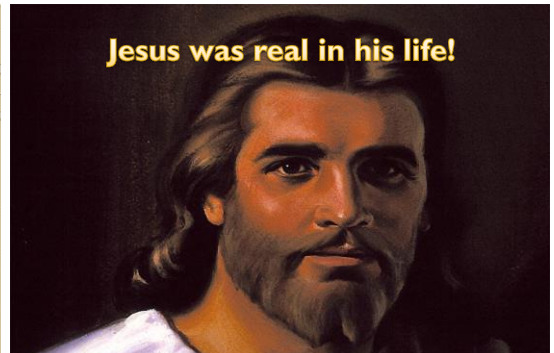
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Why did he do it?



Jesus was real in his life!





Jesus' need—Love and support of His friends



Jesus' gift—Love and support of the Spirit



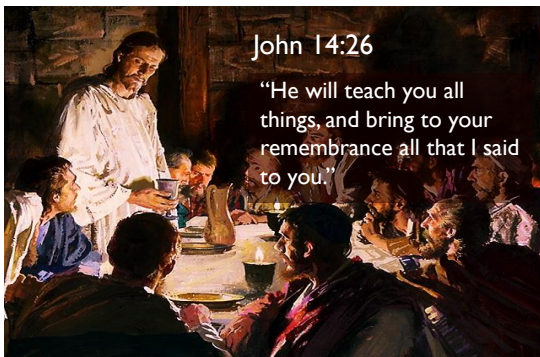
John 14:16

“And I will ask the Father,
and He will give you
another Helper, that He
may be with you forever.”



John 15:26

“When the Helper comes,
whom I will send to you
from the Father,...He will
bear witness of Me.”



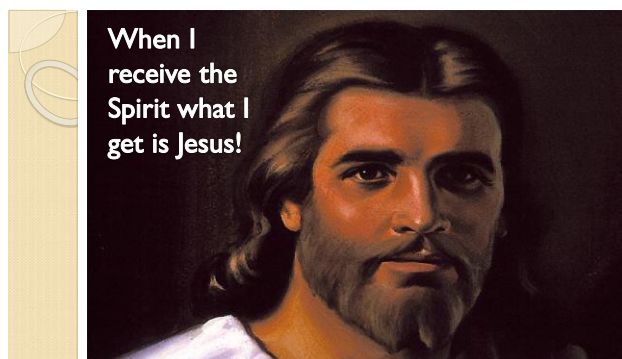
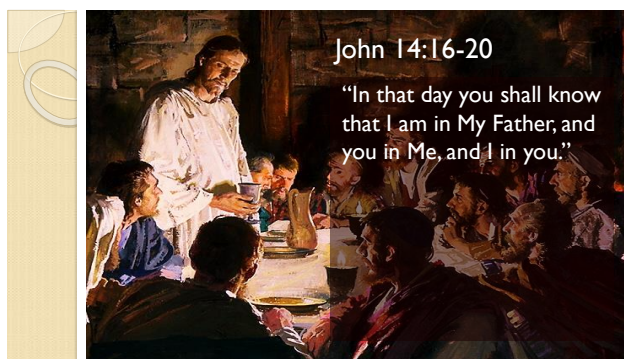
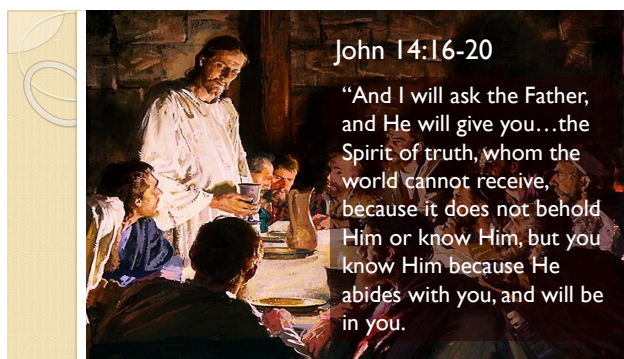
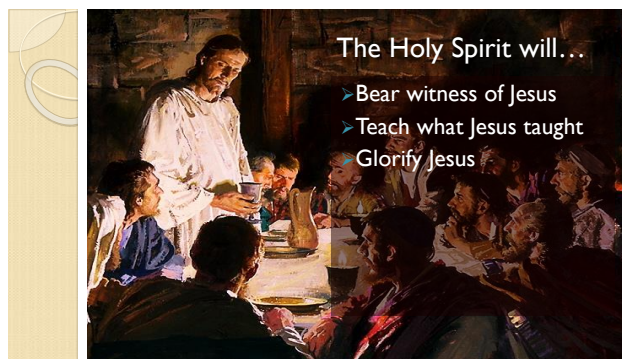
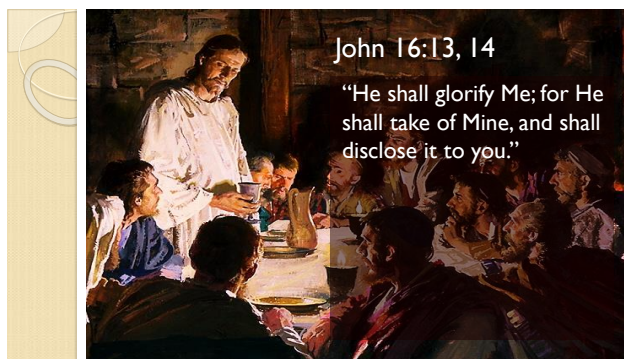
John 14:26

“He will teach you all
things, and bring to your
remembrance all that I said
to you.”



John 16:13, 14

“When He, the Spirit of
truth comes, He will guide
you into all truth; for He
will not speak on His own
initiative, but whatever He
hears, He will speak;...



"Transformation of character is the testimony to the world of an indwelling Christ. The Spirit of God produces a new life in the soul, bringing the thoughts and desires into obedience to the will of Christ ..."



Prophets and Kings, 233

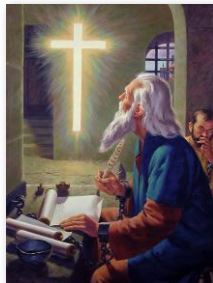
Some think you receive the Holy Spirit some time *after* you are a Christian.

This is known as "the second blessing."



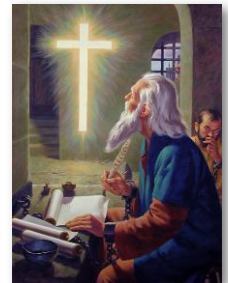
"But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him... And if Christ is in you, ...the spirit is alive..."

Rom 8:9-11



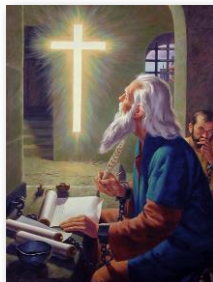
"But if the Spirit... dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you."

Rom 8:9-11



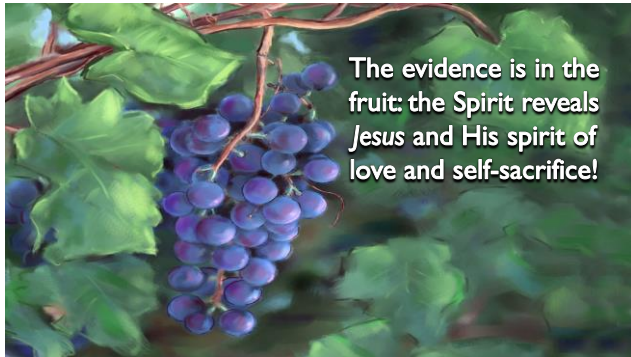
Paul has no doubt:

WHENEVER YOU SURRENDER TO CHRIST, IT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE SAYING 'YES' TO THE SPIRIT!



In general, the evidence of the Spirit is not by powerful miracles or the supernatural.





My Friend Mike

- Chemical engineer who became SDA
- Total surrender in every way—sold out for Christ
- The change was seen in his daily choices; love for people



Colossians 1:19-27



“...the mystery
...Christ in you,
the hope of glory.”
Col 1:26-27



“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

Gal 2:20



“Set your mind on the things above...For you have died and **your life is hidden with Christ** in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.”

Col 3:2-4



"For the law of the Spirit
of life in Christ Jesus has
made me free from the
law of sin and death."

Rom 8:2



"For to me, to live is
Christ, and to die is gain."

Phil 1:21



Even though we may not
feel alive in Christ, we
must count it to be so!



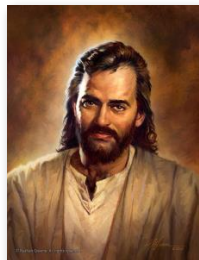
"For the death that He (Jesus)
died, He died to sin once for all;
but the life that He lives, He
lives to God. **Even so consider
yourselves to be dead to sin, but
alive to God in Christ Jesus.**"

Rom 6:10, 11
(emphasis added)



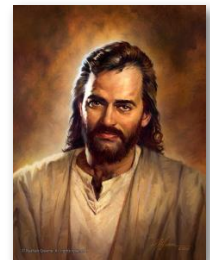
"I am the way, the truth,
and the life..."

John 14:6



"I am the door; if anyone
enters through Me, he
shall be saved...I came
that [you] might have life,
and might have it
abundantly."

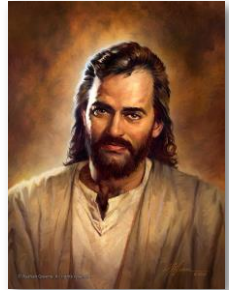
John 10:9, 10



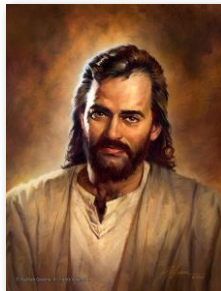
Christ can be *in* us
(through the Spirit),
but we can also be
in Christ!



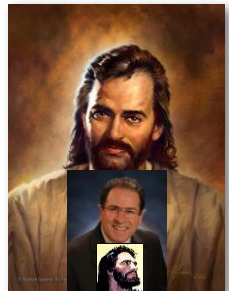
- ✓The faithful *in* Christ (Eph 1:1)
- ✓Blessed *in* Christ (Eph 1:3)
- ✓Chosen *in* Him (Eph 1:4)
- ✓Accepted *in* the Beloved (Eph 1:6)



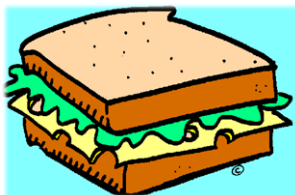
- ✓*In* Him we have redemption (Eph 1:7)
- ✓The mystery of God's will is known *in* Him (Eph 1:9)
- ✓*In* Him we have an inheritance (Eph 1:10, 11)



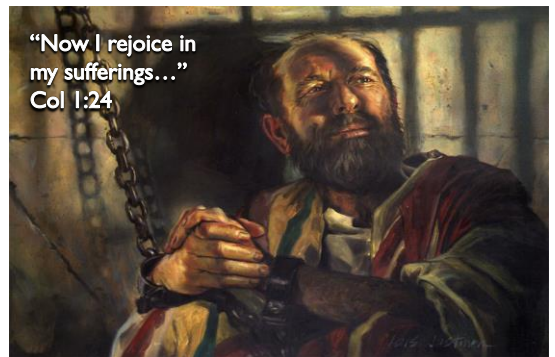
- ✓Christ *in* me
- ✓I *in* Christ
- ✓Christ around me



"Sandwiched by Jesus"



"Now I rejoice in my sufferings..."
Col 1:24



A woman's story...



Frank Phillips



"The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ.

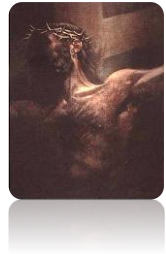


"The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense.

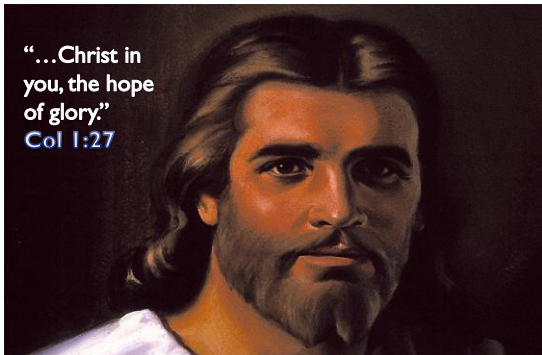


"Nothing can touch him except by our Lord's permission, and 'all things' that are permitted 'work together for good to them that love God.' Romans 8:28"

Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, 71



"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."
Col 1:27



What about you?
Would you like to experience Christ in you?

