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ACTS 17:11

2 Timothy 1:3-7
Lesson #23
"Christ in us"
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Luther made a distinction between:


"active righteousness"
and
"passive righteousness".



Martin Luther

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Two aspects of holiness




The Cross of Christ -

for us

Imputed holiness

- ✓ children of God
- ✓ fixed position
- ✓ based on faith
- ✓ our identity




in and through us

Imparted holiness

- ✓ disciples of Christ
- ✓ dynamic posture
- ✓ based on experience
- ✓ our calling

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Two types of righteousness




Holiness

Time

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Imputed (faith) holiness inspires Imparted (functional) holiness



Official Position

President Officer

Marriage Team Parent

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Much of Paul's Prayer in Ephesians 3 -

Ephesians 3

"¹⁴ For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."

- is reiterated in 2 Timothy 1

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2 Timothy 1

“3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the **gift of God which is in you** through the laying on of my hands. 7 **For God has not given us a spirit** of timidity (fear), but of power and love (agape) and discipline (sound mind).”

We not only have a new identity & status “in Christ”, **but also a new nature and Spirit**, that equips us to bear witness to Christ.

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2 Timothy 1

“6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh (stoke) the gift of God **which is in you** through the laying on of my hands. 7 **For God has not given us a spirit** of timidity (fear), but of power and love (agape) and discipline (sound mind).”

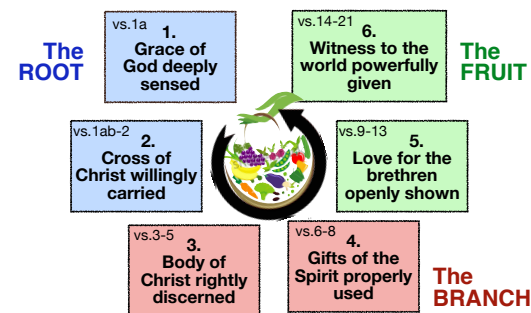
The Spirit of Christ is a gift that is:

- ✓ **within us (N.C.) not “upon us” (O.C.).**
- ✓ **nurtured by prayer & community.**
- ✓ **expressed by CONFIDENCE:**
 - **ability to “do it”**
 - **freedom to love selflessly**
 - **self controlled**

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What should “Christ in us” look like?

Romans 12



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Romans 12

“1 I urge you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God,**”

Confidence builder #1.

Our security IN CHRIST by faith

2 Corinthians 5:14

“For **the love of Christ controls us,**”

Romans 4:5

“But to the one who does not work, **but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,**”

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It's not our circumstances in life that shape our lives so much as our response to them.

A proper response to life's circumstances starts with our response to God's gift of grace "in Christ".

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Romans 12

“1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.** 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove (show) what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Confidence builder #2.

Getting out of the way of CHRIST's Spirit IN us.



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Confidence builder #3.
Knowing we are not alone but part of a body / family / team.

The church is not the **Body Parts of Christ.**

The church looks like the **Body of Christ, only when the pieces function as properly attached to one another and the Head.**

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The instruments can make different sounds that are confusing unless they play off of the same music and follow the conductor.

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1 Corinthians 12

“4 Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are **varieties of ministries**, and the same Lord. 6 And there are **varieties of effects**, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

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Confidence builder #4.
Realistic expectations

Legal position “in Christ” (instant & perfect)

Romans 7:21-25
 1 Corinthians 3:1, 13:8-12
 Galatians 5:16-17
 Philippians 3:12-16


Life experience (process & imperfect)

Time

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Two levels of REPENTANCE / FAITH

REPENT & BELIEVE repent & behave




for **FAMILY** identity,
"Strategic"
(initiation, once)

- ★ Hope
- ★ Conversion



Marriage



for **FRUITFUL** living,
"Tactical"
(several times)

- ★ Ethics
- ★ Communion

Hebrews 6:1

"let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,**"


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2 Timothy 1


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2 Timothy



Next week
2 Timothy
1:8-14



Guarding the faith

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