

Human Wholeness  
(Christ our Contents)

Jesus Christ is the "contents" of human wholeness (I Jo 5:11-12). In Christ alone we find and receive the contents necessary for human wholeness - life as God intended. In Jesus Christ we see what God intended man to be: A HUMAN CREATURE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD FOR A PERSONAL AND RELATIONAL ONENESS WITH HIMSELF. (And with other humans.) In Christ we see man to be a choosing, dependent, derivative creature (Deut 29:19-20, I Kgs 18:21; Jo 5:19; 5:30; 6:38; 14:10). He walked in an unbroken union with His Father, had a faithful and intimate communion with His Father, lived as a consistent and obedient expression of His Father's life. As Ian Thomas has said, "The life that He lived qualified Him for the death that He died. The death that He died qualified us to receive the life that He lived." We have received the whole and holy life of Christ at the core, as the core of our very beingness.

It seems that we have three options for being. Number one, we can be "God." Eternal, divine beingness; creator and ruler of all; self-sufficient, no needs. It's what we all want to be but know (as rational beings) we will never be. People who think they are god or keep wishing to be god do not do life very well, do they? Secondly, we can be creatures separated from God. Created, finite, dependent organisms designed to live and function on planet earth. The Bible tells us we were all born separated from God, but not consigned to that adversarial condition. Humans created by God are loved by God... sought... pursued... called by God into a relationship with Himself. Our emptiness, anxiety, meaninglessness, fear, despair and such are all the sounds our Creator makes inviting us into the third option - a creature joined to God (Ro 8:9-11; I Cor 6:17; Jo 17:21-23; Col 1:27). Because of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ we may receive by faith not only His saving work in our behalf... we may receive His saving life!

When we trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, we are "made alive together with Him" (Eph 2:5;). He joins Himself to our human spirit and becomes the "contents" of our human life. This is the free gift of wholeness that changes everything about us (Col 2:9,10). And it calls for nothing less than a celebration! An amazed and stunned state of heart and mind that celebrates the jaw-dropping lunacy of it all - I am a creature joined to my Creator! I am joined to the whole and holy life of Christ! I am filled with the fullness of God! The whole and holy human life He is more about adoration than analysis, more about delight than duty, more of a dance than a drill. There is no genuine wholeness, transformation or maturity apart from a joyful and radical fascination with the Person of Jesus Christ... present and alive in our person! Spirit amazingly enlivened by the Spirit of Christ, soul lovingly being tuned and turned to His indwelling Life, body worshipfully presented to Him as a visible expression of His invisible nature. That is what it means to be whole and alive!



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# GREETINGS

We hope your spring is starting well. For many, the "circumstances" of spring - longer days, warmer weather, new growth - are uplifting and encouraging. Yet, the season doesn't last, does it? We may thank God for it and find promise in it, yet as a "circum-stance" it will change. More importantly, what is our "inner-stance"? The heart and mind set on God - the unchangeable - will be kept in peace (Is 26:3). Enjoy the circum-stances of spring but do not forget to maintain the inner-stance of worship and adoration no matter the weather!

Last month we invited you to consider receiving an electronic copy of this newsletter. If you are interested, please email your request to:

**OICnewsletter@Gmail.com**

We plan to continue to mail a hardcopy to any and all who wish. As way of reminder, feel free to also use this email address for physical address changes and prayer requests. However, any further correspondence with Steve is still preferred to be via phone at 386-418-0913.

If you are interested in a future meeting, contact us soon. Certain times of the year need a 12-15 month prior notification to be secured. Others a bit less. We do have an option or two available over the summer. It is always a joy to be with you and celebrate together who God is and what He is doing in our midst.

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# CALENDAR



## MAY

1,8,22	CCF
10	Alachua Study
13-15	San Antonio, TX (210-490-2827)
27-29	Dalton, PA (607-625-4612)
31	Ocala Study

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- ♥ The holy constants that never change
- ♥ The joy of knowing our indwelling God
- ✝ To trade in our whining for worship
- ✝ For reality to reign over appearances

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