

I. The Great Mystery – Uniquely Loved

- a. How can God Love us uniquely with billions of souls to love?
- b. Quote page 69 Book Deep unto Deep by Dana Chandler
- c. He has created us uniquely to answer a specific desire in the heart of God. (*ask for revelation)
- d. Heavenly Headlights- conceptually all this 8 year old could handle

II. Dwelling in the heart of God

- a. John 14:20 At that day you will know that I am in the Father and you in Me and I in you.

III. We are used to the Concept of Christ living in us. But us living in God?

- a. Two major visual images of salvation
 - i. The Cross – death and resurrection (we will discuss later)
 - ii. The Ark -
 - 1. Deliverance
 - 2. Protection
 - 3. Salvation
 - 4. Entered through the door (Christ) and God shut the door!
- b. Additional Scripture regarding our existence IN GOD
 - i. **Acts 17:24-28** “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.²⁶ And He has made from one blood^[e] every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’
 - ii. **Romans 12:5** so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
 - iii. **Colossians 1:16-18 Our source- our destiny** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. Colossians 1:16-18
 - iv. **I John 5:20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
- c. Quote from Page 70 of Deep unto Deep “I am within His heart. I dwell there. It is where I came from, where I reside and where I will return.” Dana Chandler
- d. Illustration: Water – swimming complete immersion

- e. He sustains all things! Think about it...gravity, rotation, balance w/o him all would be utter chaos
- f. **Repeat:** In Him we live and move and have our being.
- g. Colossians 2:9-10 In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM.
- h. Distance and Darkness are irrelevant
 - i. Distance
 - 1. **Psalm 139:7-10** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven you are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold you are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea. Even there your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.
 - ii. Darkness
 - 1. **Psalm 139:11-12** If I say, "Surely the darkness will fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from you, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.
 - 2. **John 1:4** In Him was life and the life was the light of man.
- i. Essence
 - i. **Hebrews 1:2-3a** has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power
 - ii. The radiance that comes from God's essential glory is not a reflection, it's his essence. The express image is His exact character
 - iii. Are you serious we dwell in HIM?
 - 1. **ENVELOPED by His Character**
 - 2. **PROTECTED by His Love**

IV. At the point of salvation we enter into Christ

- a. New Creation
 - i. 2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- b. No more condemnation
 - i. Rom. 1:8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,^[a] who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- c. Not circumcision but new creation
 - i. Gal. 5:6, 6:15

V. The Great Positional Change

- a. We had no life Eph. 2:1
 - i. Raised and positioned in Heavenly places Eph. 2:6
 - ii. Eph 2:1 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins

- iii. Eph 2:6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.
- b. We entered into the crucifixion with Christ
 - i. **Gal. 2:20** I am crucified with Christ...and I no longer live yet not I but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God
- c. We were buried with him in baptism and put on Christ
 - i. **Gal. 3:26-28** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- d. We were raised to **New life**
 - i. **I Cor. 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive
- e. Brought Near, buried and raised
 - i. **Eph 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. We were buried with Him and will be raised with Him
- f. We became the righteousness of God IN CHRIST
 - i. **2 Cor. 5:21** ²¹For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

VI. Conditions

- a. **ABIDING IN HIM** **Illustration of the Bubble*
 - i. **John 15: 5-7** ⁵“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will^[a] ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- b. **Dwelling in the secret place** – protection, refuge, fortress
 - i. Ps 91:1,2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, “*He is* my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”
- c. No condemnation
 - i. Rom. 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,^[a] who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- d. Col. 2:6,7,9, 10 ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it^[a] with thanksgiving.....⁹**For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power
- e. I John 2:5-6 But whoever keeps his word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

- f. I John 3:24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
- g. I John 3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.
- h. I John 4:12-13 ¹²No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- i. Eph. 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

VII. Benefits of ABIDING IN CHRIST

- a. Bear much fruit John 15:5
- b. Answered prayer
 - i. John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
 - ii. I John 5:14,15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- c. New Creation
 - i. 2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new
- d. Become the Righteousness of God 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil 3:9
- e. No Condemnation Rom 8:1
- f. Seated with Christ in heavenly places Eph. 2:6
- g. Made alive in Christ Eph. 2:1
- h. Sanctification in Christ
 - i. I Cor. 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
- i. LIFE I Cor. 15:22
- j. Hidden in Christ, protected
- k. Inheritance in Christ Eph. 1:11
- l. Nothing can separate us from God's love
 - i. Rom. 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- m. Grace, Faith, Love abound in Him I Tim. 1:13,14; II Tim 2:1
- n. Salvation II Tim. 2:20
- o. Refuge, Shelter, Protection Ps. 91:1,2
- p. Confidence in Him for answered prayer I John 5:14, 15
- q. Spiritual Blessings in heavenly places

- i. Eph. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing **in the heavenly places in Christ**,

VIII. Destiny

a. This is where it's all going to:

- i. **Eph. 1:10-12** that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and on earth – in Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

b. Good works:

- i. **Eph. 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- c. **Col. 1:27-28** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which^[d] is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

- d. **I John 2:28** Confidence and not ashamed at His appearing

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when^[f] He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

CONCLUSION: Quote from Saint Patrick

**“Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ within me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me...”**