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Colossians 1:28

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## **When I Am Weak...**

*By Norman Grubb*

"We must first learn and accept with praise as the adventure of adversity, the reality of life's pressures and our constant negative human reactions to them. By this means only, first finding how earthen our vessels are, shall we then by stages be ever quicker, as Jesus so wonderfully was, in knowing how to replace our negative with His positive. That way we become at home in the eternal fact that His strength can only be made perfect in our weakness; and find Paul's secret that 'when I am weak, then am I strong.'

# When I Am Weak... (cont.)

This is of vast importance because we so mistakenly have got used to thinking that we are wrong when we have these negative reactions. No, they must be.

So we shall always start by feeling human hurts, fears, dislikes, unwillingness, coldness, powerlessness, lusts, angers, jealousies, and all the list of them. Start, we say, because the start of such reactions is not sin. A human must be human, and Jesus himself had to feel temptation to be tempted in all points. Sin is not in the start, but in the continuance. Negative reactions are not sin. They are the negative stirrings which are the jumping off point for faith. Sins are when, instead of taking those jumps of faith, we continue in the reaction. 'When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin.' When we 'marry' the self-reaction, accept and continue in it, then the child is sin. We have already quoted how Paul went as far as to 'take pleasure' in those experiences which hurt us humans: what he named as feeling his weakness, being hurt or insulted by others, having personal needs, being persecuted, having insoluble problems: 'for,' he said, 'when I am weak, then am I strong.' Note, not 'then I shall be made strong or become strong or seek for strength.' No, 'then am I strong,' because all he had to do was to recognize who he really was, Christ in him.

Taken from: *Who Am I?*, By Norman Grubb



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# The All In All...

"We humans are symbolized in the Scriptures as being containers, expressers, developers, but not originators. We have our 'being' in Him (Acts 17:28)—the quantity, the potential (much like a computer). But then also, the quality of what is expressed by our being is not we, but He in His nature (like the programmer of the computer). Thus He is named 'All in all'—not just the One being invisible, but having derived created beings by whom he can express His Allness. Not just the 'All,' but also 'in all,' which is the the coming of His Son taking flesh, and now, in the resurrection, still being 'the man Christ Jesus,' confirms the eternal truth as being the Person in the persons, and not some vague dissolution of essence into essence as in a religion without an incarnate Christ.

These symbols used to describe us humans are all those which express no nature of their own but the nature of that to which they are attached. Vessels contain the liquid, but are not the liquid; the cup is not the coffee. We don't speak of a cup and coffee. So we are the branches, but the branch is not the nature. Rather the nature is that of the vine which reproduces itself in leaf and fruit form on the branch. Thus in Romans 6:20-22, we were bearing fruit of which we are now ashamed, but now the same branch (no difference in that) is bearing 'fruit unto holiness'—solely vine-nature expressed by the branch, which has no separate nature of its own.

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## Statement of Faith



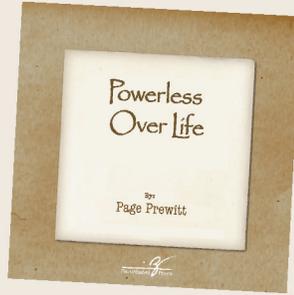
The purpose of Zerubbabel Press is to further the great high calling of the Lord Jesus to carry His Gospel to the whole world. This calling is known in the Christian world as the Great Commission. Our interpretation of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ was the second member of the Trinity, fully God, made manifest in the flesh. He was tempted in all points as we are, but totally without sin. He was crucified for the sins of the world, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He gives the power to become the sons of God to all who receive Him.

Beyond this forgiveness of sins, Zerubbabel Press is committed to proclaiming to every creature the mystery of the Gospel, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost means that Christ has joined Himself to us as one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17). Thus we see that Christ has reproduced Himself in our flesh, and we Christians are really Christ living as us (Gal. 2:20)....



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*Page Prewitt  
reveals striking  
parallels between  
Galatians 2:20  
and the  
AA Twelve Step  
Program:  
We are all  
designed to be  
powerless over life!*



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## **Powerless Over Life: An Audio Review**

*By Jane Prewitt*

We were meant to be powerless over life. God created us to be vessels, branches, pots, slaves and wives. He designed us unable to be self-sufficient, self-reliant or able to do anything without a deity spirit (God or Satan) operating us at every moment since our birth. It is only when we believe Satan's lie that we can be our own God (Isaiah 14:13-14) that Satan deceives us into thinking we are NOT powerless.

In this talk, Page Prewitt shares her experiences with the Twelve Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous while attending family week at a drug rehabilitation program for a dear friend. You will hear her talk about her revelation that how this program helps addicts parallels in many ways what God had taught her years before as how to live the victorious Christian life. Page outlines the first 3 steps of AA:

1. Came to see that I was powerless over life and my life was out of control
2. Came to see that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity
3. Made a decision to turn my will and life over to God.

She came to understand that the tools with which this program equips the patient to live a sober life were the very truths she began to believe—primarily that Jesus Christ lives His life and will through us as us and we

## Powerless Over Life: An Audio Review (cont.)

are never independent selves able to live life. We are vessels perfectly created to contain a deity spirit. This is as true of us in our lost state (when the spirit of Satan was living his evil deeds out through us—Romans 7:17; Ephesians 2:1-2) as it is true of anyone who has been born again of the Spirit and Jesus Christ now lives His holy life through (Romans 8:11, Galatians 2:20).

Page talks about the only way we can turn our life and will over to God in our born again state is to believe that Jesus Christ lives His perfect life and will through and as us (Colossians 1:27-28, Philippians 2:13). She describes what happens when we slip back into negative behavior, what we are then believing, and how to get back on the right track.

The truths Page sets forth in this talk are especially meaningful to me as I have struggled most of my life with wanting to feel like I am in control; of my circumstances, of other people, and of anything else that affected me. I have been addicted to wanting to be in control all my adult life. My sin of unbelief has been that of seeing myself as independent of God. I have mistakenly thought I can trust in myself instead of trusting in God through His Son, Jesus Christ, who lives His perfect life through my vessel and rules over all. Praise God that He is perfectly in control of every detail of life, that all that comes to us is His perfect love and that He has created us vessels for His Spirit life. We are unable to live life independent of Him. Just as an addict must come to the realization that their life is out of their control in order to receive help for their disease, so must each of us come to the truth that only God is in control of his creation and the only hope of a righteous life here on earth is to believe Jesus Christ is the only one who can live out that right life through us. We are not, nor ever have been, independent, alone selves living life. We have always been in the control of either the spirit of error (Satan) or of God's Holy Spirit (Romans 6:13-16). I hope and pray whoever needs this life-changing truth will find it listening to this talk.



# The Mystery of the Union

## Part Two

By Scott Prewitt

Christ is not found out there somewhere, separate from us. He does not visit us or become near to us at moments in time. He is found IN us. Now, Paul proclaims this magnitude of union. Riches and glory are words used to describe our position of Christ-in-us. Union must not be passed over or taken lightly. Riches and glory are wonderful, magnificent, and something to be sought and treasured. We know that Christ came so that “we might have life, and have it more abundantly.” Now we can see how we are to be fulfilled with abundant life. Our abundance is Jesus himself, living in us.

Paul once again reinforces his point in Colossians 3:3-4 when he says:

“ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”  
(Colossians 3:3-4 NKJV).

Paul says that you (or we) are dead, and we see the message of Galatians 2:20 here again in this verse. We have been put to death, sharing in the cross with Christ. Again, the “I” has been nailed to the cross, and the futility of a life independent of Christ has been buried. Our new life is the shared resurrection for we now have new life. This new life exists in union with Christ. Paul even says that this life is “hid with Christ.” Since our life is hid with Christ, then the part of ourselves that does remain cannot be detected nor determined. Though we retain our humanity by our flesh (body) and mind and emotion (soul), our core (spirit) is joined with Christ and becomes hidden there.

In his letter to the church in Philippi, Paul again gives us these bold pieces of truth. Christ does not exist in a far away place where He is separate from us. Paul bluntly says in Philippians 1:21, “For me to live is Christ.” His words are clear and concise. Paul’s mere existence is the life of Jesus Christ. Paul does not make exception to the rule or caveats to the statement. Paul doesn’t say that most of the time he tries to be Christ-like. He does not say that when his faith has been elevated to a

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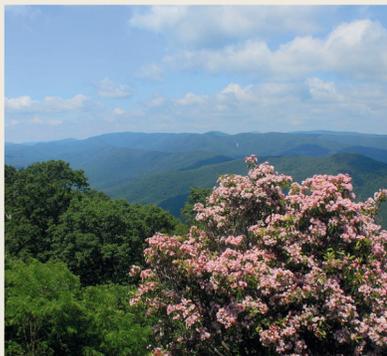
## Part Two (cont.)

point of perfection that Christ will be with him, strengthen him, and comfort him. No, Paul simply and succinctly states that simply living, simply being, all aspects of life are Christ. This can only be true if Paul and Christ are joined in union, and that Paul's life is the glorious manifestation of Christ's life lived by Paul's human form.

Paul digs deeper and explains that the Spirit of God in us lives out the will of God through us. As we are in union with Christ, God uses us to do His business, to be His agent in this world. Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is God who worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." We can easily understand how we are used to "do of His good pleasure." God has always used humanity to be the force of action in the destiny of the world. We serve as the mouthpieces, the foot soldiers, the teachers, etc. of God the Father. Yet within the verse, we easily pass by the boldness of the statement that God works in us to both do and to WILL. We do not simply take orders like an army private or follow instructions like a computer robot. We do the work of God AFTER we have willed that it be done. Yes, we can boldly say that our desires are the desires of Jesus Christ who lives in us and is our life. His will is expressed out through us by our Godly desires.

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## Words To Live By

As a Christian, I am not always saying I am Christ in me/as me! No! I am just myself most of the day, just being and doing. But underneath I know Philippians 2:13 is fixedly, continuously true to me. It is He working in me 'to will and do of His good pleasure,' and I boldly turn my 'fear and trembling' of Philippians 2:12 into the kind of confidence John speaks of in his 1 John 4:17. {"Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."}

–Norman Grubb, *To All Believers...It's as Simple as This*