

Whatever our spiritual progress or failure, whatever our outward circumstances, happy or hurtful, whether we feel hopeful or hopeless, the fact is, we live in Christ, He lives in us. In Him we are blameless. He is working everything together for our eternal good. We are on the winning side. We can always leave it there. This is trust!

Just so, whether we feel like it or not, we can worship Him in whatever way, with whatever words He teaches us ... or none.

Just so, regardless of appearances and feelings, we can be quietly at home in Him and His peace and rest.

In many hours of editing this message so it would minister God's truth to you just right, I grew frustrated 10 times and had to get apart and rest in Jesus and His enabling 10 times. So I left off my self-effort. So I trusted, and so I worshiped. So I rested in Jesus. And so it is not I but Christ. So, He is exalted ... and I delightfully abased.

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Let Him be Exalted
... I Abased!

Not I but Christ

*"We...worship God in
the Spirit, and rejoice in*



UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."
(Philippians 3:3)

Born into the newborn child of God is a love for God, a desire to please Him.

This evidences itself in appropriate expressions of love such as worship, adoration, veneration, praise, and thanksgiving.

It shows itself in attitudes and acts of humble meekness, submission, dependency, and repentance.

It lives out its life in confident trust, and quiet rest and peace.

All of these godly characteristics are fostered in much prayer and Bible study, and fellowship with other, more mature brothers and sisters in Christ.

None of them is omitted without much danger and loss.

The nature of each is to love and please God.

The purpose of them all is to exalt Christ and incidentally to allow Him to abase or humble us so He might be loved, and pleased, and praised.

In the process we profit much by coming frequently to Him, looking often to Him, waiting on Him, listening to Him, calling constantly for His help, re-

joicing always in Him, longing for Him, and seeking Him.

We profit similarly from rejecting our own will and way, relinquishing our pride and willfulness, and repenting of our sins ... continually releasing our resistance, resentment, and rebellion to Him.

However, if we attempt to do all this, we're likely to live in constant tension, and even a sense of failure. And this God does not want! Not so is He exalted.

He is exalted as we rejoice in putting Him lovingly, peacefully first in worship, trust, and rest.