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## **FIVE ASPECTS OF CHRIST**

In 2:18-25 we have five important matters, five aspects of Christ: grace, the model, the Savior, the Shepherd, and the Overseer. Christ is the grace within us, and He is the model for our spiritual direction. Furthermore, Christ is also our Savior, Shepherd, and Overseer. He saves us, He shepherds us, and He cares for us, thus accomplishing a threefold work concerning us. We all need this gracious, threefold work of Christ for us. We need His saving, shepherding, and overseeing.

Peter did not write this Epistle merely according to the knowledge of doctrine, but according to his rich experiences of Christ. Peter experienced Christ as grace, as the model, and as the Savior, Shepherd, and Overseer. He experienced the motivation of the divine life within him and its expression in his living becoming something gracious and acceptable in the sight of both God and man. As we have pointed out, when others see such an expression in our living, they may say, "This is grace. This is something worthy of thanksgiving to God."

In 2:21 Peter says, "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model that you should follow in His steps." The very Christ who is the grace within us has become a model, a master copy, the original copy, to be used in the process of spiritual xeroxing. As we have pointed out, through this process, we become a reproduction of Christ.

In 2:24 we have a picture of Christ as our Savior, and in verse 25 Peter says, "For you were as sheep being led astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." Christ died to sins so that we might live to righteousness, that is, live rightly under the government of God. Furthermore, through Christ's bruise, a suffering that resulted in death, we have been healed of our death, so that we may live in His resurrection.

Now we have Christ as the Shepherd and Overseer caring for our souls. Christ's shepherding does not mainly take care of our body or our spirit; it primarily takes care of our soul. However, as the Shepherd and Overseer, Christ takes care of us from within our spirit. He does not shepherd us or oversee us from the heavens. Today our Shepherd and Overseer is in our spirit,

indwelling us as the life-giving Spirit. His shepherding and overseeing begin from our spirit and then spread to every part of our soul. This means that from our spirit Christ reaches the parts of our soul--the mind, emotion, and will--and takes care of all our problems, needs, and wounds. How wonderful! This is our Christ!

## **THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART-- A MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT**

In verse 4 Peter goes on to say, "But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is costly." The hidden man of the heart is the meek and quiet spirit. Our heart is composed of all the parts of our soul--mind, emotion, and will--and of the main part of our spirit, the conscience (Heb. 4:12). Among all these, our spirit is the center. Hence, our spirit is the hidden man of the heart. The hidden man is in contrast to the outward plaiting, putting on, and clothing in verse 3; and a meek and quiet spirit, in contrast to hair, gold, and garments. The wives' adornment before God should be their inner being--the hidden man of their heart, which is their spirit, in meekness and quietness. This is the incorruptible adornment in contrast to the corruptible hair, gold, and garments. This spiritual adornment is costly in the sight of God.

In his writings Paul does not use the expression, "the hidden man of the heart." What is this hidden man of the heart? It is a meek and quiet spirit. A spirit that has become meek and quiet is the kind of adornment that should be possessed by all Christian wives.

I believe that Peter wrote this Epistle according to his experiences and also according to his observations. He may have used the words "meek" and "quiet" because he knew that often the spirit of Christian wives is not meek and quiet.

Whenever we become angry and lose our temper, our emotion is upset. But that kind of upset in our emotion affects our spirit. This is the reason it is easy for us to release our spirit when we lose our temper. When a person loses his temper, he will have a genuine release of the spirit. Much of what we call the release of the spirit is not genuine. The genuine release of the spirit can easily be seen when a person loses his temper in full. At such a

time, his spirit comes forth. However, this may not be a release of a meek and quiet spirit.

Many times the spirit of a Christian wife is not meek. Sisters, when you exchange words with your husband, do you have a meek and quiet spirit? It is a common, even universal, phenomenon for wives to exchange words with their husbands. For example, a husband may make a proposal regarding a certain matter, but the wife will disagree. The husband may want to go in one direction, but the wife wants to go in the opposite direction. The result of this disagreement is an argument.

As an elderly man with much experience in human life, I can testify that a wife's exchanging words with her husband is a sign of rebellion. Unconsciously and subconsciously, she has deep within her a rebellious spirit. Because she has a spirit of rebellion, she does not want to subject herself to her husband. If a wife were willing to be in subjection to her husband, why would she argue with him? Perhaps she thinks that she has a better knowledge of the situation and is able to foresee problems. Nevertheless, it is still not necessary for her to argue.

One serious lesson for wives to learn is not to argue, not to exchange words, with their husbands. The sisters need to realize that when they exchange words with their husbands, they do not have a meek and quiet spirit. But if as a Christian wife a sister maintains a meek and quiet spirit, she will not lose her temper, and she will not even exchange words with her husband. Knowing the situation of married life from experience and observation, Peter charges the wives to adorn themselves with a meek and quiet spirit.

As we have pointed out, this meek and quiet spirit is the hidden man of the heart. We believers actually have two men. The first is in our soul with our body. This is the outward man. The other is the hidden man in the center of our heart. The fact that the hidden man of the heart is a meek and quiet spirit indicates that our spirit is the kernel of our being, hidden in the midst of our heart, which is composed of the mind, emotion, will, and conscience. Our spirit, therefore, is surrounded by the mind, emotion, and will. If our spirit is meek and quiet, this will influence our mind, emotion, and will. To be sure, if our spirit is meek, our mind, emotion, and will also will be meek. When we are meek, we are quiet. Meekness and quietness of spirit is a beautiful adornment in the sight of God.

(Excerpt from Life Studies of 1 Peter, Message 22)

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**Burdens for Church Prayer**

- Our target for 2025, # of newly baptized 25 and # of attending prayer meeting 35
- Perfecting young working saints through shepherding
- Saints blending together to build up the Body in love
- Establish a prayer life individually and corporately
- Pursuing truth and growth in life to be in the reality of the kingdom.
- Spreading the kingdom of God by preaching the gospel at WVC campus and community.
- Build up container for receiving our next generation

**Announcements**

- Life-study of 1 Peter MSG 21, 22.
- HWMR: Living a Christian life and Church life under the Government of God for the Economy of God, Week 6
- 4/22 (Tue.) Prayer meeting, 7:45pm, meeting hall.
- 4/18- 5/9 Corporate pursuit 5th term 4 weeks on Fridays
- 4/27 Chinese speaking saints from San Jose blending with Campbell saints.
- 5/3 10:00am-12:45 NorCal Senior Saints Conference, FSCC
- 5/3 4pm, 7pm Br. Minoru fellowship with (grand)parents. FSCC
- 5/10 10am Lessons on small groups with br Minoru: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326774993?pwd=MkJYVU00RW5qcTV0WmlhNU1NNE5PZz09>
- 5/11 (LD) Church blending at Sycamore Group Picinic Area in Stevens Creek County Park
- 5/17 Gospel meeting in Chinese, Campbell meeting hall
- 6/7 Gospel meeting in English, Campbell meeting hall
- 5/23-5/26 Memorial conference. Phoenix, AZ

**Nor Cal on-line conference schedule:**

Friday, 5/23..... 7:30PM  
Saturday, 5/24 .....10:00AM/7:30PM  
Lord's Day, 5/25.....10:00AM/7:30PM  
Monday, 5/26..... 10:00AM

- 6/16-20 Bible Camp FSCC. \$80/person
- 6/30-7/5 Semiannual training, Registration by 5/1
- Financial Giving:  
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