

Whenever you need wisdom in a situation or anytime you need to know something, the answer is “hidden” in Christ. It is not hidden because God does not want you to find it; it is hidden because God wants you to seek it.

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In Mark 4:22, Jesus says to a crowd listening to Him teach beside the Sea of Galilee, “For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.”

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While there will always be certain spiritual mysteries that are part of walking with God, He does not permanently hide from you anything you need to know. He may lead you on a journey to discover it through His Word, but if you seek it, you will find it.

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too. “Who we are in Christ” is our identity as believers. We do not have to let our own thoughts and opinions or those of other people define who we are. The Word of God tells us who we are in Him. Some people have had their identity stolen by the devil because they lacked knowledge of the truth, but it is not too late to overturn all the damage the devil has done.

Note: Here again, knowledge of the truth is seen as the only effective antidote to delusion/distraction.

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When Paul writes in Colossians 2:7 about “the roots of your being” he is referring to the depth of your inner life. We all have an inner life and an outward life. The outward life is what we present to other people.

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The inner life is what happens on the inside of us, where people cannot see it. It is its own world of thoughts, feelings, ideas, beliefs, and decisions. This is where our hearts are and where we connect with God.

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A good life is not about what happens on the outside—our circumstances, or what people think of us, or how successful we seem to be by the world’s standards. A good life is about what is going on inside of us.

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people can live under the best circumstances in the world but still be miserable if they have bad attitudes. If they think negatively or have negative emotions or do not like themselves, they will still be unhappy. On the other hand, people can face all kinds of challenges in their circumstances and still be joyful.

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there is a difference between things that have been shallowly planted and deeply planted.

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According to Romans 6:6, spiritually speaking, when He died for our sins, we died with Him. We died to sin. Sin itself did not die; we died to it.

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At the cross, Jesus totally disarmed the ruling powers and authorities, meaning He took their power and authority away from them. Satan—and all his demons—are completely powerless over those who are in Christ.

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All you need to do is sincerely repent of your sin and begin immediately to do the right thing.

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For example, Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians that if they let the sun set on their anger, they would give the devil a foothold in their lives (Eph. 4:26–27). Anyone who realizes they are guilty of this can repent and forgive those with whom they are angry—and then Satan loses the ground he has taken. The good news is that in Christ we can always have a new beginning. It is never too late to begin again.

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When we say we have been set free from the law, it does not mean we are free from the moral and ethical laws of God’s Word. It means we no longer live under the Law of Moses—the Old Testament rules and regulations.

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Some people are proud of themselves because they follow all the rules and regulations that they believe qualify them for acceptance by God.

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People like this are often mean-spirited and never show mercy to anyone. They are not taking their direction from Christ, who is the head of the church, for they have no true connection with Him. Jesus calls these people “whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean” (Matt. 23:27).

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Only love for God and appreciation for all He has done for us in Christ will provoke us to use self-control and empower us to choose to walk in the Spirit rather than the flesh.