

Why I love the Word of God....

because it reveals A Person to me

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I spent 21 years of my life looking for Him.

Raised Catholic, my first personal encounter with The Person, Jesus, was when I received first holy communion, as it is called in that tradition. The expectation of 'Jesus coming into my heart' was built up through teaching and preparations for that event. I was so excited. He was going to be mine, and I was going to be His. I loved Jesus as much as a child of six could. He died for my sins. The story of His love was told to me many times.

After that event, I still had a problem: sin. And it came between me and my Savior and kept me from really knowing Him in any way but a formal religious experience. So my heart still searched.

The Presence

"He who is WITH you shall be IN you".

I did everything I religiously knew to do to keep a grip on Him. I would go to confession, get what I thought was clean before God, receive communion so I could get The Presence in my heart again. Sin always broke the 'grip' I was struggling so hard to maintain. And I would go through the process all over again, never being able to enjoy what I so desperately wanted: His Presence with me.

Why I love the Word of God....

One day, when I was 27, an Avon customer of mine actually shared Scripture with me. I remember that day and the grip that the Word of God took on my inward man. My head couldn't understand how the gift of being set right with God could be so simple.....just receive. But my heart gripped the Word as it was gripping me.

I received that day what I had been looking for: His Presence.

Before that day when I wanted to sense God's Presence, I would go to the quiet of the church or pray in the quiet of my bed at night. But The Presence always went away.

This time, when I woke up the next morning, The Presence was just WITH me because Jesus came to live IN me. That was the most marvelous part of being saved/born again to me.

I didn't have to do something to 'make HIM be there'.

It was just a 'letting'. And it still is.

The Word reveals My Savior...

I began reading the Bible, starting with the Gospel of John.

"In the beginning was The Word.

The Word was WITH God.

And the Word WAS God."

Hmmmm.....I never heard it like that before.

I knew enough about nouns, verbs and diagramming sentences from school, that I immediately saw a 'diagram' in my mind of these words.

Subject: The Word

Predicate: was

was with

Object: God

Suddenly I saw the Word as a Person. The Word WAS God, yet separate from God.

Independently functioning in its own right. Existing in its own right. A companion OF God.

Knowing now that "The Word", was the subject John was talking about, I went on to the next verse:

All things were made BY Him and WITHOUT Him, was not anything made that was made.

(This was the first time that I saw that it was the Word that was the actual means by which all things were created. Before it had been just the Person of God to me, from Genesis 1:1.)

In Him (The Word) was life, and the life was the light of men.

Subject: The Word

Predicate: was

Object: life

light

Prepositional phrase: of men

Life - God life

Light - God light

The reality of this 'Word' being with God, yet separate from God and being the agent of creation caused such a reality shift in my mind and heart, I can't put it into words. The Word came 'alive' to me as another part of God that I could enjoy the Presence of. I had known of God. Known of the Holy Spirit. But this Word was something nearer. Something I saw with my eyes. Heard with my voice or in my mind as I read.

What saith it, the Word is nigh you, even in your heart and mouth.....Deuteronomy 30:14.

I had never known the Word 'nigh me' before.

As the disciples said on the road to Emmaus: "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us in the way?" (Luke 24:32)

With my heart still 'burning' from the revelation of The Word I was seeing, I read on to Vs. 14: And The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

I had known since a child that Jesus was God in the flesh, but I had never understood that HE was the WORD OF GOD in flesh.

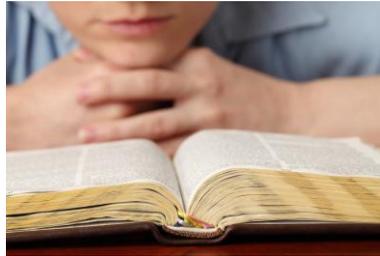
Another paradigm shift that I never want to recover from.

That day the written Word came alive to me, spoke to me, taught me, came out of 2,000 years ago to me.

Got a grip on my heart and mind and has never let go.

Now, I press on to lay a grip on It like It has gotten a grip on me.

My love for the Word has only grown. The more I learn, the more I want to learn. The more I see the more I want to see.



In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.....

Why do I love the Word of God?

In its pages, I find the treasure of God's wisdom and knowledge.

And the first Treasure revealed is The Word Who took on flesh and dwelt among us.

I love the Word of God because it reveals Jesus.

His glory and power.

His majesty.

His preeminence.

His victory over principalities and powers.

His conquering of the grave.

His authority in three worlds.

The Old Testament is full of Him.....fore gleams of His person, life and work.

I have heard it said that He is found on every page of the Old Testament.

Have you heard Oral Roberts '4th Man' sermon.

Here is a Youtube link for it (13 minutes):

[Oral Roberts 4th Man Sermon](#)

Here it is in print, again by Oral Roberts:

"Let me tell you who He is in every book of the Bible.

In Genesis He is the Seed of the Woman.

In Exodus He is the Passover Lamb.

In Leviticus He is our High Priest.

In Numbers He is the Pillar of Cloud by day and the Pillar of Fire by night.

In Deuteronomy He is the Prophet like unto Moses.

In Joshua He is the Captain of our Salvation.

In Judges He is our Judge and Lawgiver.
In Ruth He is our Kinsman Redeemer.
In I and II Samuel He is our Trusted Prophet.
In Kings and Chronicles He is our Reigning King.
In Ezra He is our Faithful Scribe.
In Nehemiah He is the Rebuilder of the Broken Down Walls of our human life.
In Esther He is our Mordecai.
In Job He is our Dayspring from on high and our Ever-Living Redeemer.
In Psalms He is the Lord our Shepherd.
In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes He is our Wisdom.
In the Song of Solomon He is our Lover and the Bridegroom.
In Isaiah He is the Prince of Peace.
In Jeremiah He is the Righteous Branch.
In Lamentations He is the Weeping Prophet.
In Ezekiel He is the Wonderful Four-Faced Man.
In Daniel He is the Fourth Man in the burning fiery furnace.

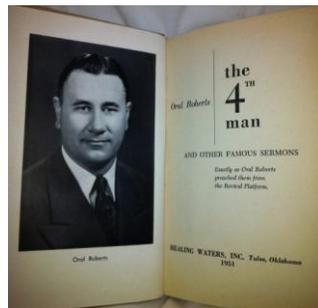
Who is the Fourth Man?

In Hosea He is the Faithful Husband, forever married to the backslider.
In Joel He is the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost and Fire.
In Amos He is our Burden-Bearer.
In Obadiah He is the Mighty to Save.
In Jonah He is our Great Foreign Missionary.
In Micah He is the Messenger of Beautiful Feet, of carrying the Gospel.
In Nahum He is the Avenger of God's Elect.
In Habakkuk He is God's Evangelist, crying, "Revive thy work in the midst of the years."
In Zephaniah He is the Savior.
In Haggai He is the Restorer of God's Lost Heritage.
In Zechariah He is the Fountain Opened in the House of David for sin and uncleanness.
And in Malachi He is the Sun of Righteousness, rising with healing in His wings.

Who is the Fourth Man?

In Matthew He is the Messiah.
In Mark He is the Wonder-worker.
In Luke He is the Son of Man.
In John He is the son of God.
In Acts He is the Holy spirit.
In Romans He is our Justifier.
In Corinthians He is the Gifts of the Spirit.
In Galatians He is the Redeemer from the curse of the law.
In Ephesians He is the Christ on Unreachable Riches.
In Philippians He is the God Who Supplies All Our Needs.

In Colossians He is the Godhead Bodily.
In I and II Thessalonians He is our Soon-coming King.
In I and II Timothy He is our Mediator between God and Man.
In Titus He is our Faithful Pastor.
In Philemon He is a Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother.
In Hebrews He is the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant.
In James He is the Great Physician.
In I and II Peter He is the Chief Shepherd who soon shall appear with a crown of unfading glory.
In I, II, and III John He is Everlasting Love.
In Jude He is the Lord Coming with Ten Thousands of his Saints.
And in revelation He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."



(1951)

Reading through this just makes my spirit leap, my soul shout and my bones tremble.

Why do I love the Word of God...

Because in it I can see all these descriptions of Who my Savior is, that Presence that is with me I so long wanted.

The treasure hidden in the Word/Him can never be exhausted.
I 'climb one mountain', make one discovery, and there is another waiting.



"Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth. Thy Name is as ointment poured forth. Draw me, I will run after Thee. The King hath brought me into His chambers. Tell me, O Thou Whom my soul loveth, where Thou feedest thy flock where Thou makest thy flock to rest at noon. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him that I am sick of love.

My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips are like lillies, dropping sweet-smelling myrrh. His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet, yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem." (from Song of Solomon)

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot; and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead." (Revelation 1:12-17a)

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus, (I want to lay ahold of Him like He has laid ahold of me), (Philippians 3:12).



And this is life eternal:

that they might know Thee, the one true God,

and

Jesus Christ

whom Thou hast sent.

John 17:3

Forty-two years now I have been pursuing Him.

I know what the end of the pursuit will be.

