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What is happening to me? - posted by tinluke (), on: 2005/12/20 11:13

I am changing and it scares me! Christmas is in 5 days, but I don't really care. My house is decorated, I bought gifts and plan on having open-house with tons of food and family. I look forward to the Holidays, but it doesn't seem as meaningful as it once did.

I was in Manhattan last weekend for a family function. Everyone was so excited to go to Rockefeller Center to see the tree and decorations. I went and all I could see was NOTHINGNESS! The decorations were pretty, the tree was pretty, but it's all FAKE. Without JESUS what does it matter anyway! The one and only thing I could think about when I was in New York, was getting to Times Square Church.

On the plane back to Boston, all my mother could talk about was the city and how beautiful everything was. All I thought about was how blessed I was to hear pastor Carter Conlon preach and worship with the saints at Times Square Church!!!

I would rather watch a sun set than go to the best Broadway production. I'd rather be with my husband and kids at home than the most elegant party or social affair. I'd rather be in my prayer closet than anywhere else in the world! I'd rather talk about Jesus than politics, world affairs or the latest gossip out of Hollywood.

When I read what I've just written, it all sounds nice, but it's soooo scary! This is NOT me. The old me loves to socialize and "live life to the fullest." I love adventure, travel, socializing and entertaining. This 'new' me is scary!!

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Re: What is happening to me? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/12/20 11:21

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I don't think there is anything wrong with you. This world is lifeless in its pursuits and goals. People are chasing after the god of mammon ceaselessly. This world is looking for reality to all of this, is it all about pleasure? no God forbid. Christ said in me is life. We need to come to Christ continually, set our thoughts on Him and things above. Colossians 3:1-3 have been my life verses for awhile now.

It is shocking for people in the world to be around a redeemed one from above. There is at times a sense that we do not fit into this world and that is good. Our home is above, we are sojourners in a strange land. These verses are not there for no reason, they ARE TRUE. As I said what you are feeling I don't think is bad. Keep your eyes on Christ and spend much time in His word.

Re: What is happening to me? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/12/20 11:31

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No, this is what happens when you're *in Christ*. The things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace!

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: What is happening to me? - posted by mary0418 (), on: 2005/12/20 14:01**

Tinluke,

You should feel so joyful and happy and embrace the new you that the Lord has been pleased to redeem! Praise His Holy Name!!!! Once one has been redeemed, your eyes are opened and you can see REALITY. Maybe it might seem scary-but it is the most wonderful thing in the ENTIRE WORLD!

May the Lord bless you!

Oh Thank You Lord Jesus.....

**Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2005/12/20 14:57**

Thank you for the encouraging testimony,

You really are losing your mind and gaining Christ's mind. What a blessing this is... Many around you will likely say why don't you live a more balanced life? When Christ is the focus of our lives, the other things aren't quite so important and as we submit everything to Him, it becomes His life lived out through us.

I pray that you will be "sold-out" for Jesus and that's the lens that you view your life through. Blessings to you...

**Re: What is happening to me? - posted by Nellie, on: 2005/12/20 18:37**

The things of the World grow strangely dim,

In the Light of His Glory and Grace.

Praise God for what you are feeling.

God is wonderful!

May He bless you, and use you for His Glory.

I would love to go to Times Square Church, and Worship Jesus Christ with these believers.

They are focused on Christ.

God Bless

Nellie :-)

**Re: What is happening to me? - posted by lamuskrat (), on: 2005/12/20 19:00**

Oh how I wish I had a mind and heart like yours. I pray for God to move on me like that. You are truly blessed.

**Re: - posted by tinluke (), on: 2005/12/20 19:11**

Thanks to all of you for your encouraging words!!! I am blessed as I read each one!! I know that my biggest battle is in my mind. I sometimes wonder if I have just become lazy or anti-social and am using my faith as an excuse to be a hermit! But in my heart I know that what all of you have wrote it 100% true!! Yes, The things in the world grow strangely dim in the Light of HIS Glory and Grace!!! AMEN

Merry CHRISTmas to my Brothers and Sisters on SI,

Love, Tina

**Re: - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2005/12/26 0:00**

Ravenhill described it as hating what you used to love, and loving what you used to hate. Everything is backwards from what it used to be. This is the case with me, though the intensity of this varies, sometimes I just feel completely out of place here.

"...having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

-Paul

**Re: - posted by Ropafadzo, on: 2005/12/26 4:54**

I am in the same boat and I am glad the company is so big. Let's enjoy the ride and never cease to meditate upon God and seek His face. We are of Him truly and when the sail is complete we shall see our Father in Heaven. And there shall be the singing of psalms and glory of the Father's throne. All Glory to God

**Re: What is happening to me? - posted by Tears\_of\_joy, on: 2005/12/26 7:10**

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All I can see is that God's moving in your heart, just continue to be open for the Lord,

God bless you.

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You are! It's the equivalent of normalcy for the Christian, can only pray that it worsens ;-). That you may become ruined to everything save Jesus Christ. Perhaps the 'scary' part is the realization that the changes are not necessarily your doing, that unknown factor\*, but are you not in good hands? It is an adventure and a journey, a 'progress'.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

You are not alone in this, I sometimes think *peculiar* isn't strong enough, there is a thought that bounces around in this head that I am the strangest Christian I know... as if that needs any proving :-? Don't think your 'age' has any bearing on it other than the age of growth with the Lord. This will hopefully all become something to look back on in days ahead, the changes and the realization that it is the Lord...

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,  
2Ti 1:9

*That final day is going to be awesome. Have you figured how you'll get on when you stand there? You and I will stand there alone on that day and be judged for every aspect of our lives - for our praying, our giving, our talking, and our doing. I still believe in the majesty of that eternal court, with the King of kings and the Lord of lords and the Judge of judges. You see, there's no possibility of any rehearsal, and what's more, there's no possibility of any repetition. Because, again, this is the Final Judgment, and to some God will say, "Come, ye blessed," but to others He'll say, "Depart from Me." No, it's not so simple to be a Christian after all. It's a majestic thing.*

~ Leonard Ravenhill

*\* Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*