

Brought Near to Shine!

Something supernatural occurs when you yield to the Word of God and receive Christ. More than just believing, we find ourselves in Christ Jesus! Ephesians 2:13 proclaims,

"...In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

Now we have been brought. The Greek root for brought is GINOMAI which literally means "to make out of nothing!" Remember when you were far off? What happened in your heart? You were brought! Your life was made alive! Something that had never existed before was placed on the inside. Not only were you brought but you were brought near! You were found, you were ushered close, into the heart of God! How was this possible? What caused the impossible to become a reality in your life? The blood of Christ was poured out for you! We were brought near by (in) the blood of Christ.

It was not your good behavior that brought you close; it was not your belief system that ushered you to the door. No, it was the blood of Christ! And His blood is still speaking today. When you see the price paid for you personally, then the blood of Christ creates new life within. The blood still flows from Calvary and will bring you near! He will bring you into the very purpose and plan for your life as you continually yield to Him. Now you become the salt of the earth, that city set on a hill. And His glory radiates out from you. The secret of God's glory operating through you is found in 1 Peter 4:14,

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you."

This light from God shines out from you best when under persecution! Remember, Jesus taught us in Matthew 5 to rejoice when in the midst of persecution *"for great is your reward in heaven."* Now the devil always will come to steal your joy. But don't fall for his lies; keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus! Rejoice when men revile you for the sake of Christ, for you are blessed! God's Word boldly declares that the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God **rests** upon you in such moments! Let your light shine!

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