

# Christ Among You, The Hope of Glory

## Jesus “by their Side”

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in (margin, “among”) you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 KJV

The **pantheistic teachings** espoused and promulgated by Dr. John Harvey Kellogg from 1897 onward, were supported by his book *The Living Temple*, published in Battle Creek in 1903. Ellen White saw the pantheistic concepts of God **in** the flower, the tree, the atmosphere, and **in each one of us**, as virtually “**doing away with God**,” and therefore **seriously undercutting the sanctuary truth**. This she frequently mentioned. {MR760 1.2}

Let those who suppose that they have penetrating minds seek to **realize as they open the Word of God that they are in the presence of the Majesty of heaven**; let them cover their heads before God, and **bow their knees in admiration and awe**; and with the docility of a little child, let their will be brought into entire submission to the will of God, and let them then come to the searching of the Scriptures. **Let those who would know the truth realize that Christ is by their side. Let them come with a willingness to have their ideas corrected by the word of prophecy. Come with a determination to yield anything and everything that cannot be substantiated by the Holy Oracles.** {6LtMs, Lt 8a, 1890, par. 28}

**Just as soon as men begin to learn, Christ, the Educator, is by their side.** If they desire Him to mold the mind and instill His principles into the soul, they will be educated to understand that their talents are entrusted of God for the upbuilding of His kingdom in the world. The minds of S.D.A. ministers are but half trained. The natural disposition, the untrained, uneducated intellect cannot represent the sublime truths for this time. **The closing scenes of this world’s history are not to present to the world as educators a set of novices whose frivolous lives and characters reveal that they have not yet learned the first principles of divine truth.** Even our present low standard is not reached by ministers who profess to be teaching the truth, and many are disappointed. {13LtMs, Ms 104, 1898, par. 24}

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.**" Hebrews 11:1 KJV

**The Unseen Helper-** How few realize that **Jesus, unseen, is walking by their side!** How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them and to know that He heard all their foolish, common talk! **And how many hearts would burn with holy joy if they only knew that the Saviour was by their side, that the holy atmosphere of His presence was surrounding them,** and they were feeding on the bread of life! **How pleased the Saviour would be to hear His followers talking on His precious lessons of instruction and to know that they had a relish for holy things!** {CT 342.1}

For many months the men who received the Gospel commission **had been beside the Saviour.** They must now be **separated from Him for a short time**; for there were lessons they needed to learn in regard to meeting opposition. They must begin to understand what they would have to meet when **Christ was no longer by their side in human form.** {ST July 18, 1900, par. 12}

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At this the king was exceedingly angry, and his actions were violent and furious. He ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be cast bound into the **burning fiery furnace**. But thank the Lord, He forgets not His own. **As the faithful men were cast into the furnace, the Lord revealed Himself in person. Christ stood by their side, and all four walked in the furnace.** The flames recognized the presence of Him who is mighty in power and efficiency. The Lord of heat and cold required obedience from nature, and the flames lost their power to consume. In Hebrews we read of those who by their faith quenched the violence of fire. [Hebrews 11:34.] {12LtMs, Lt 90, 1897, par. 21}

All who are **walking in the light** will give evidence of **divine power combined with human effort**; they will make it manifest that they are taught and led of God. **They will feel that the Holy Watcher is by their side, taking knowledge of their words.** {PH088 7.1}

As they read and explain the Word, **the Comforter will be by their side**, to refresh their memory. Not only will those who know not the truth be encouraged, but those who are telling of the preciousness of Christ will be greatly blessed. **“The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”** [John 14:26.] {13LtMs, Ms 70, 1898, par. 16}

I have been pained to hear so much **jesting and joking** among old and young as they are seated at the dining table. I have inquired, **Are these men aware that there is by their side a Watcher who is disgusted with their spirit and the influence which they exert and is making a record of their words and actions?** Will our ministers, young and old, countenance these things? Shall not we who name the name of Christ take heed to the words, **“In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works, in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned.”** [Verses 7, 8, Titus 2.] **If the truth as it is in Jesus abides in our hearts, it will sanctify our lives.** Our speech will not be evil. **Obeying the truth, we shall work the works of righteousness.** {5LtMs, Ms 8a, 1888, par. 22}

**Many think that Jesus is a great way off, high in the heavens, and far from the sound of their prayers; but he says, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst.”** When we assemble for religious service, we may be certain that Jesus is with us. However few and humble the worshipers may be, **the heavenly Guest is there.** Jesus does not want you to remain away from him in order that you may make yourself more worthy of his favor and blessing, for you cannot do this. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only efficient agent for the cleansing of sin. He wants us to trust him as our best Friend, and when we do this, we shall find comfort and rest. Genuine Christians are the only really happy people in the world, and it is because they have a living faith in a living Saviour. **They have the assurance that Jesus is by their side ready to help them in every time of need, and they know that he will never leave them nor forsake them while they trust in him.** {ST January 26, 1891, par. 4}

“I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not; I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.” [Isaiah 65:1.] Christ identifies Himself with His people. **As their representative and surety, He is represented as placing Himself by their side by the altar; and their prayers ascending to the Father in His name are fragrant with the incense of His own merits.** The prayers of the saints multiply the voice of His own intercession, and He gives to the prayers His own efficiency. {7LtMs, Ms 8, 1892, par. 5}

Thus Christ discoursed to His disciples, opening their minds that they might understand the Scriptures. The disciples were weary, but the conversation did not flag. Words of life and assurance fell from the Saviour's lips. But still their eyes were holden. As He told them of the overthrow of Jerusalem, they looked upon the doomed city with weeping. But little did they yet suspect who their traveling companion was. **They did not think that the subject of their conversation was walking by their side; for Christ referred to Himself as though He were another person.** They thought that He was one of those who had been in attendance at the great feast, and who was now returning to his home. He walked as carefully as they over the rough stones, now and then halting with them for a little rest. Thus they proceeded along the mountainous road,

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while the One who was soon to take His position at God's right hand, and who could say, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," walked beside them. Matthew 28:18. {DA 800.1}

After the resurrection, two of the disciples, while travelling to Emmaus, were talking over the disappointed hopes occasioned by the death of their beloved Master. Christ Himself drew near, unrecognized by His sorrowing disciples. Their faith had died with their Lord, and their eyes, blinded by unbelief, did not discern the risen Saviour. **Jesus, walking by their side, did not reveal Himself abruptly.** He accosted them as fellow-travellers, and asked them the subject of their conversation, and why they were so sad. Astonished at the question, they inquired if He were indeed a stranger in Jerusalem, and had not heard that a prophet mighty in word and in deed had been taken by wicked hands and crucified. And now it was the third day since Jesus died; and strange reports had been brought to their ears that He had risen; and had been seen by certain of the disciples. But Jesus said to them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken; ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and the prophets, He opened to them the scriptures concerning Himself. Had they been familiar with these, they would have understood concerning His life, His suffering, and His death and resurrection. Their faith would have been sustained, their hopes would have remained unshaken; for the treatment Christ would receive from those He came to save was plainly stated. {BEcho October 22, 1894, par. 2}

Those who are restless, impatient, dissatisfied, under the weight of care and responsibility, are seeking to carry their burden without the aid of Jesus. **If he were by their side, the sunshine of his presence would scatter every cloud, the help of his strong arm would lighten every burden.** The church is becoming weak for the want of consecrated members, who feel that they are not their own; that their time, their talents, their energies belong to Christ; that he has bought them with his blood, and is pleading for them in the Sanctuary above. {RH November 29, 1887, par. 4}

Christ designed that his disciples should learn by experience the meaning of faith in him. In healing the sick and casting out devils they would obtain an experience which was new to them, and thus would be brought where they needed special wisdom from above. They desired in all things to exercise sound discretion, and when brought, as they often were, into painful perplexity, they dared not act independently. **How they longed to have their Master by their side, that he might tell them what course to pursue!** But they obtained an experience by relying on the promises given them by Christ. They claimed the promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you." They did pray most earnestly, and **were not left without the Holy Spirit.** At times they were tempted to move unadvisedly; but the words of the prophet, "Lean not unto thine own understanding," and, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths," **led them to One** who would not err in counsel. {RH February 1, 1898, par. 7}

They were not to be discouraged or cast down by persecution, but were to show themselves worthy of the sacred trust which had been given them. They would never be alone; for the Saviour assured them that **One more mighty than all their enemies would be constantly by their side.** "It is not ye that speak," Christ declared, "but **the Spirit of your Father** which speaketh in you." {ST July 25, 1900, par. 3}

These teachers are representatives of Christ. They must cultivate a meek and quiet spirit, learning daily in the school of Christ. They must **labor as though God were close by their side to do that which it is impossible for them to do.** {4LtMs, Lt 7, 1885, par. 11}

Let us have a burden for the souls that are around us. Every particle of light that you get **from Jesus,** remember that it is not for you alone, but for those that are around you. And as soon as you have **this spirit of** labor for those around you, then will you feel the necessity for striving for souls as never before. Why, you will look at these souls and say, I must be a light to them. If you make crooked paths for your feet, then will you turn the lame out of the way. **I must have the Spirit of Christ with me from morning until night, or I will be the means of turning some soul out of the way.** Why, it makes every difference with us whether we are living righteously or in sin. To some of us Christ may say that He is ashamed to call us brethren; but **to those who are loaded down with burdens, why, the pitying Saviour stands right by their side to help them.** He would send every angel out of glory while you are struggling to overcome sin,

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so that Satan cannot have the victory over you. Christ has sympathy for the weak; and we should be so thankful that we have One to redeem us who is called the Son of God. Why, He took man's human nature upon Him, that He might come right down to man in the temptation wherewith man is beset. The pitiful Redeemer knows just how to help us in every one of our strivings. Then shall we not accept Him as our Saviour? If you feel the wound and sting of sin, then it is for you to cry to the Saviour to help you. {4LtMs, Ms 5, 1886, par. 13}

**The Spirit of Christ abiding in the soul** will lead Christians to look upon their fellow men, not merely as human machinery and how their flesh and blood can be turned to the most profitable account, **but how these souls can be helped to realize their accountability to God.** If the ones employed are indeed servants of Jesus Christ, they will do their duty intelligently, heartily, as unto the Lord, **knowing that there is a silent witness by their side [recording] them as faithful or unfaithful servants.** {6LtMs, Lt 36, 1890, par. 5}

Every teacher should have an intelligent understanding of what Christ is to him individually. When you know that the Lord is your strength and efficiency, you can commit the keeping of your soul to God, as unto a faithful Creator. In doing this you will honor God far more than if you were to go to a neighbor, or to write a letter, seeking for advice. While I was in Australia many persons sent letters of inquiry to me across the broad waters of the Pacific. It took two or three months for them to receive an answer. **Standing by their side all the time was One full of power and grace, saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.] What more could He say? Why did they not go to Him with their perplexities? They would have found rest in Him. {16LtMs, Ms 91, 1901, par. 17}

I consider that our sanitariums should be model institutions of medical missionary work. When we shall consider what Christ has done for us, we should praise Him with heart and soul and voice. The Christian medical missionary is God's helping hand, and all in the sanitarium need to be men who feel their need of the power of the **Great Physician to stand by their side** and guide their hand. The great compassion of Christ is drawn out to His obedient, commandment-keeping people of God. {16LtMs, Ms 189, 1901, par. 7}

The minister will often be called upon to act the part of a physician. He should have a training that will enable him to administer the simpler remedies for the relief of suffering. Ministers and Bible workers should prepare themselves for this line of work; for in doing it, they are following the example of Christ. They should be as well prepared by education and practice to combat disease of the body as they are to heal the sick soul by pointing to the great Physician. They are fulfilling the commission Christ gave to the twelve and afterward to the seventy, "Into whatsoever city ye enter, ... heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." [Luke 10:8, 9.] **Christ stands by their side as ready to heal the sick as when He was on this earth in person.** {17LtMs, Ms 88, 1902, par. 14}

Did they hide it? Our Saviour fixed that matter. He tarried forty days and forty nights upon the earth, and here He revealed Himself from time to time. You remember the history of those disciples who were so full of sorrow. They had heard the report, but they did not believe a word of it, that Christ was risen. They were going in a short distance, and they started on their way and were telling of their grief and of their sorrow. **Who came right by their side? Who was it?** I hear you speaking one to another. He says, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" "Why," said they, "haven't you heard that Jesus Christ, a man mighty in word and deed, they have taken Him and have crucified Him, and the message comes that He is risen again?" [Luke 24:17-23.] But they cannot believe anything about that. Then He took the Scriptures and opened to them the Scriptures, and there He showed them the testimony of the Scriptures. {19LtMs, Ms 167, 1904, par. 2}

Why do we not take Christ at His word? When I was in Australia some would write to me, sending letters across the waters of the Pacific asking for counsel. **Oh, did they not know that there was One by their side who was inviting them to believe in Him, to trust in Him, to receive the knowledge that He**

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**longed to impart?** They should not trust in man, nor make flesh their arm. I tried to persuade these poor souls to look to God for counsel, but such letters continued to come all the time I was there. {21LtMs, Ms 97, 1906, par. 32}

Now, He possesses His divinity, but it is clothed with humanity. He was right with the disciples in their walks and in their labors; **He was right by their side.** His own relatives tried to get Christ to leave the suffering multitude that kept coming, coming, till He had no time to eat, no time to rest, and they were calling for Him, but He did not answer the call. His relatives wanted to get Him away. But Christ had an opportunity to sow the seed of the Word in the hearts of those who came, not knowing which should prosper, this or that. Nevertheless He would go through the process, just as we have to go through the process. We have to carry the truth to every place where we can find entrance. Now it is the duty of every soul here to improve your talents to the very best of your ability. There can be gatherings at different places while attending the school, and you can meet with people, and you can take the Word, and you can read the simple Word of God to them, and it will have an influence. {22LtMs, Ms 184, 1907, par. 9}

The Lord would have these students go forth from the school with a more elevated and clear understanding of **what constitutes Christianity**, and what it means to be educated. **There may be some who feel it their special duty when one is reproved for wrong to stand by their side as sympathizers and take off the sharpness of the reproof. Whose side are they working on? On Christ's side? Nay, verily; on the side of the enemy**, and we cannot afford to work in those lines. **God wants us to reprove, rebuke and exhort, and deal with sin by calling it wrongdoing—sin.** Yet we should use every means in our power to save the sinner as the one that is a lost sheep. No matter if he professes a Christian experience as high as heaven, all the worse, because he has mingled in the dross and placed his Christianity on a level with the dross. **We cannot afford to do that**, because all [who] are saved will be without a wrinkle or any such thing. {9LtMs, Ms 14, 1894, par. 10}