



“Capture Our Hearts Anew, King Jesus”

What happens when a Christ-awakening invades the life of one businessman?

The testimony you’re about to read landed in my office as a hand-written letter in April 2007. Composed by the president of a corporation based in the Pacific Northwest, the letter is a witness not to the messenger (though some appreciation is expressed for that) but to the message — a message about the supremacy of God’s Son. The Holy Spirit delights to transform any life with profound encounters with the King of Heaven — just as He did with the author of this letter. The same message can ignite a similar “Christ-awakening” among multitudes of Christians in this generation — including you and me.

Some context for the letter would be useful. The author first heard my teachings on a greater vision of Christ while attending a weekend “*Christ Awakening Conference*” in April 2005, involving nearly 1000 other laymen from throughout the Washington State region. Between that time and our second time together at one of my “*Christ Summits*” in March 2007, his wife of over 20 years fought and lost a brave battle with cancer, entering Heaven around Christmas 2006. Amazingly, however, though now a 50-year old widower — and in spite of periodic waves of grief, which he shared with me privately at the Summit — this businessman had not lost the consuming passion for Christ that God first planted in him two years earlier. It has totally changed every facet of his life, including dealing with the death of a spouse.

The same day his letter arrived I wrote back telling him, in part:

Your handwritten letter arrived yesterday — and it blew me away! Specifically because it embodies precisely what I’ve always concluded were key “marks” of a Christ-awakening when it surfaces in any individual’s life. The perspectives, the very wording, the tangible passion, the clarity of vision and direction, the solidness of commitment — these elements and more were, to me, evidences of a mighty work of God’s power to bring you into a far richer relationship with His Son as Lord of all, saturating every part of your life with Him.

And to think, the Holy Spirit sustained your abounding hope in the supremacy of Jesus straight through what would be for any of us one of the most devastating experiences any human being could endure — the loss of your precious wife. It is that, more than anything else, that testifies to the reality and genuineness of your “re-conversion back to Christ for ALL that He is”. I can’t tell you how deeply moved I was to ponder all you wrote to me within the context of your own life-journey.

Recently over lunch another corporate executive, this time from New York City, asked me: “How do you know when someone has genuinely experienced what you mean by a ‘Christ-awakening’? What does it look like?” Providentially, it was that very same day this letter arrived from the Northwest. *I believe it answers his questions so much better than I could.*

Therefore, for anyone else asking similar questions I’ve transcribed my friend’s letter. It contains unvarnished witness to what happens when a Christ-awakening invades one single life.

And . . . think about this: ***What will the Church look like when the Holy Spirit unleashes this transforming miracle among thousands, even millions, of Christians all across our land — especially among those who serve Christ in the public square?*** It’s what I call a “re-conversion back to God’s Son for ALL that He is”. The fact is, many Christian leaders believe we’re standing at the threshold of such a spiritual revolution in the Body of Christ for our generation. It is to that end that PROCLAIM HOPE! labors day after day among God’s people everywhere.

The Marks of a Personal Christ Awakening

A letter from one who knows

April 2007

Dear David,

I've just returned from the *Christ Summit* held at the Lutheran Church in Burien, and I wanted to share with you some of the impact the event had on me. First: I thank God almighty and Jesus Christ our risen Lord, Savior and King, and the divine Holy Spirit, for the message of HOPE that you proclaim — a hope we have because of who Christ is in all His supreme Glory. And I want to thank you for being such a devoted and faithful witness to the Truth. I praise God for the most amazing and vital message/insights He has given you, and many others with you.

I first heard the "Christ is all!" truth (the message, the doctrine — I'm not sure exactly how to label it — TRUTH is good!) at a men's conference held at Warm Beach in March of 2005. I was blown away. It was such a powerful and enlightening message you presented, leading to an awakening — a new, great vision of Jesus Christ for all that He is as well as the triumphant hope we can claim because of His victorious reign. My heart was truly set on fire in a brilliant new way for Jesus. I recognized that He was not only my redeemer, savior, Lord and friend, but also supreme ruler over the nations, ruler of all that is and ever will be — seated on His throne at the right hand of the Father. I saw that He's Lord not only of my meager life as well as all who put their trust in Him, but also the Lord of all creation. He's the King of all nations!

As my passion grew and my awareness expanded, by the power of the Holy Spirit, it culminated in profound worship of the King and Lamb who sits upon the Throne (remember "The Chair" you had us all gather around during the final session?). I found myself on my knees (prostrate, really) weeping, worshiping, crying out a prayer from deep within my soul to the one and only King of Glory who is worthy to be praised, worshiped and adored.

Yes, I was born again, again, that very weekend, David, as my vision of our Lord was forever changed.

And I was compelled to share that new and greater vision of "Christ as all" with others in my small sphere of influence here in my church and community, as well as with my family and friends in many other places.

Your book (*Christ Is ALL!*), David, is awesome — it is so rich, so full of truth and life. I can hardly express how rewarding, how meaningful and insightful and precious it is to me. Every page, maybe even every paragraph and sentence, speaks to what I know is true in my heart. Nothing, of course, compares to the beauty, power, majesty and truth of God's Word; but because of what you (and others) say in your book, it reinforces, enhances and expounds on the Light and Truth found in Scripture — especially regarding Jesus Christ. *Christ is ALL!* is powerful, provocative and so important; I can't say enough positive things about it — what a huge blessing.

And so, David, it was great to see and hear you once again last week in Burien, and to be reinvigorated and inspired by this seminal message once again through the power of the Holy Spirit. I was moved to tears as, like we did at Warm Beach, you had us kneel at the Throne ("the Chair") and my heart/soul were stirred. Inside of me there rose up a prayer I could not speak out loud at that moment, a prayer to the Lord Jesus that went something like this:

O, Lord Jesus, we bow before your Throne. You alone are worthy of all our praise — of all we have and of all we are. **Capture our hearts anew, King Jesus.** Fill us, consume us, with passion for you. We worship and adore you. We give you all our thanks and praise. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for our sinfulness. Renew us and make us whole; make us wholly devoted to you. Help us to see you, to know you, to love you for all that you are. May our hearts burn for you, and you alone. Inspire and empower us to be Messengers of Hope with you, for you, through you. Be Lord of all we say and do, all we feel and think. Be our all in all. Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts. Come into our lives. Wrap us up with you completely. Come Lord Jesus, come! Hallelujah. Amen. [Composed Saturday, March 17, 2007]

Leaving the March *Christ Summit* to make the five-hour trek home, however, I felt like something was not complete for me. Finally it came to me: I was being prompted to write you this letter, especially to share with you that special prayer from Saturday.

I just want you to know, David, though I am only one voice — I speak for many: What a powerful, positive, enriching, life-changing impact this Message has had on my life. It has come both through your spoken word and written word — but above all, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God has gifted and blessed you with a most vital, essential vision regarding the supremacy of His beloved Son. It will bring life to His Church through your *Campaign of Hope!* Keep your faithfulness to the cause of Christ. I hope you will find some encouragement in these words. Now, I pray that Almighty God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — will continue to bless you with even greater vision and deeper passion. In all things and all places, may all of us be empowered by His Spirit to bring greater glory to Jesus Christ who truly is ALL!

With much love, your brother in Christ,

P.S. David, be sure to tell your wife often how much you love and appreciate her.

From David Bryant . . .

LET ME ASK ONE MORE TIME: *What do you think the Church will look like when the Holy Spirit unleashes this very same transforming miracle among thousands, even millions, of Christians all across our land — especially among those who serve Christ in the public square?* As I said in my opening letter, many Christian leaders believe we are, in fact, right now standing at the threshold of such a God-given spiritual revolution in the Body of Christ for our generation. May it come quickly (Isaiah 60:22).

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