



The Lord Christ pointed out clearly that following the Christ Way means identifying now with the kingdom of God. Until we walk in the Christ's course, we worship the Deity as though it embodied a state from which we are separated by our human limitations.

The Christ strongly urges us to become inhabitants in the Spirit of God while we are yet in human bodies. He teaches us that this kingdom is attained by centering our consciousness in the Eternal right where we are.

This entails new habits, new thoughts and new realizations. The first step we take into the interior kingdom is the one of identification. We must make ourselves citizens of a new world, and we can only maintain that citizenship by unbroken fidelity to the interior

kingdom.

For so long we have identified with the human consciousness, with its beliefs and its weaknesses, that our new allegiance to an Eternal World will naturally create many struggles and testings. We will live in this temporal world happily, but we will cease to identify our consciousness with its frailties. By lack of attention, the old adamic habits shall be superseded by Christly realizations. Days and nights, springs and autumns may pass, but our attention shall be centered in the unchanging world of Divine Spirit.

We can achieve this life only if we are aware and observant of its fundamentals. The road by which we travel from ourselves as we are to the realization of Christhood is called The Way of Overcoming. The travelers upon this path are ever mindful of the purpose of their journey. As we travel we meditate one-pointedly upon the Christ Pattern, the Christ Goal, and the Daily Training.

The aspirants concentrate each day upon the attitude, the behavior, and the deeds of the Lord Christ. They envision the tremendous patience and self-possession Jesus exercised under the pressure of activity and severe testings. Those persons whose paces are turned Christward, relate the Exemplar's courage and steadfastness to their own present day experiences. With the resolve, "As Christ viewed and treated such circumstances, so may I aspire to meet them," the Christ-loving souls adjust themselves. (*TCW*, pp. 19-20)

Reflection: How do we become inhabitants in the Spirit of God while in our human bodies as Christ calls to each of us?

Action: In making yourself a citizen of this new world, write down three fears or challenges in your life that link you with the human consciousness and need your surrendering to God.

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