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The Lord is good— all the time; not just part of the time but all the time. And He is so good to *us*. And I like what the Apostle Paul said in the Book of Romans, Chapter 8; he said that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. So we thank God for that. And we know it is so; for we have seen it happen that way so many times that it is certainly unquestionable that all things work together for good. So we believe God, that He is making things work according to His plan, as He always has.

Today I want to take a thought from the Book of Philippians, Chapter 3, and title it, *The Faith of Christ the Wife of the Lamb*. I have preached messages in the past about having the faith of the Son of God (from Galatians 2:20), but today I want to speak on something else that Paul said; it is about having the faith of Christ. We will see that he did not say *the faith of the Son of God* this time (in Philippians 3:9), but he said *the faith of Christ*. And when we look at *Christ*, to the Wife of the Lamb, *Christ* means more to us now than ever before. We, through time (and it was very acceptable unto God), spoke of Christ as Jesus, and we could exchange the words *Jesus* and *Christ*. But as we came into this moment of the twinkling of an eye, God has given us more revelation on His Christ. Now let us pray before reading our scripture.

Heavenly Father, we come praising you, thanking you, and loving you with all our heart. And as Paul said, "I count all things but dung that I may just have the things of Christ." Bless this message as we minister today. And may you bless the hearers, that each one will receive from it that which you have ordained from the foundation of the world. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

In Paul's day, he called out a people by the gospel that God had given him and created a new group of people; and this group was neither Jew nor Gentile. And at that time, Paul began to lean heavily on the words *Christ Jesus*. But now Paul's 'Christ Jesus' has gone even further in this last day, because the *fullness* of Christ Jesus came down as the Mighty Angel of Revelation, Chapter 10. And we all know this fact, which has been thoroughly established as being fulfilled in this last

day, for Christ brought us a little book, and we took the little book and ate it up. And only a special group took the little book and ate it up and became the Word that it contained, which was for our marriage. And after we ate up the little book, we became the very Christ Wife. And this is brought out so wonderfully in our book, *The She Part of Christ is the Wife of the Lamb in All Her Glory*, where we are showing Christ as She. And it is only now that we can see the Wife as Christ, which means we are the Christ Wife in the earth, and we have a special faith that God has given us, and it came down from heaven. So we are the feminine part of Christ, just as Jesus was the masculine part of Christ in the days of His earthly journey.

Our beloved Lord Jesus Christ was God's Word Son, created by God's spoken Word, which came through the mouth of the angel Gabriel speaking to a virgin whose name was Mary. She believed Gabriel's words and conceived and brought forth God's Word Son, who at first was called Jesus. He grew from a baby into manhood; and at thirty years old, Christ came into Him without measure when He was baptized by John in the Jordan River. It was here that we get our first glimpse of Christ in Jesus, who was then called Jesus Christ.

It has often been said that Christ was born two thousand years ago, but it was not Christ that was born then, but it was Jesus. So if we say that Christ was born at any time, it would be a misnomer; because Christ was without father and without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor ending of life. Again, Christ was not born two thousand years ago, but Jesus was. And He lived as a normal man, a good man, for the first thirty years of His life. He was a carpenter. Christ has never been a carpenter, but Jesus was.

The first thirty years of His life, Jesus worked with Joseph and became a good carpenter as a normal man who was known of the Pharisees and Sadducees. But when He was baptized of John, something came into Him that had not been there before, for the Bible says the Spirit of God was given to Him without measure, meaning the fullness of Christ; for the masculine and feminine parts of Christ were manifested through that one vessel as Jesus Christ walked here on this earth. And when we follow the story, we find this same Christ that came into Him was back there in the Old Testament. So there is no record of when Christ began because Christ is part of God who never had a beginning.

Throughout the Old Testament, Christ was shown in different ways. In the Book of Genesis, Chapter 14, we find Christ in Melchizedek, who brought bread and wine to Abraham and blessed him. And in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 7, Paul tells us about Melchizedek, for he says concerning him, "He was without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but was made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." See, that was Christ in Melchizedek. Then in the Book of Exodus, Chapter 17, we find that Christ was in that rock that was in the wilderness when Moses was delivering the children of Israel through the wilderness. They were without water, and they were muttering and complaining, and God instructed Moses to smite the rock, and he smote it, and the rock gave them water to drink. So Paul began to explain what it was about this unusual rock in the Book of 1 Corinthians 10:4, for he said that *Christ* was the Rock that followed them in the wilderness and gave them water to drink. So the Christ Spirit was already doing the things that God ordained, way before Jesus was ever born. Also in 1 Peter 1:11, Peter writes how Christ was with the prophets of old as they prophesied.

So the fullness of Christ came into Jesus when He was about thirty years old, and He began His earthly ministry as our heavenly Father sent Him to the Jews to confirm the promises made unto the Jewish fathers. And Paul confirms this in the Book of Romans 15:8, saying, "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers." And that is why Jesus instructed His disciples specifically not to go to the different nations, for He said in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 10, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

So we see that Jesus was thoroughly established as a Jew, and He worked on that level. He came to confirm that which God promised to the Jewish fathers. So naturally, living in the Jewish society, He acted like a Jew. When a Gentile woman came to Jesus asking Him for help for her daughter, Jesus was thinking like a Jewish man, for He said, "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it unto the dogs." And she answered and said unto Him, "Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." And then Christ overrode this Jewish man's thinking (and

that Christ Spirit is both masculine and feminine and is neither Jew nor Gentile and that makes the difference), and He said unto her, "Woman, go thy way; the devil is gone out of your child." See, although the door was not open for the Gentiles yet, that Christ Spirit moved, who is neither Jew nor Gentile, and Jesus spoke the Word (Christ speaking through Him) and gave the woman exactly what she needed.

In the Word of God, we see the Christ Spirit come through quite often in the four gospels, where those of another nation came to Jesus and He helped them even though He was sent to the nation of Israel. So after He was crucified and resurrected and ascended to heaven, He came back in the form of the Holy Ghost on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost, which was to the Jews. But some of the Jews had Gentile servants who came over to the Jewish belief, and also there were some random Gentile proselytes, and they all believed and received the Holy Ghost. And according to Acts 11:19, they went everywhere preaching the gospel to none but the Jews only. See, that is who their gospel was for. Paul confirmed the same thing in Romans 15:8 that Jesus Christ was sent to confirm the promises made to the Jewish fathers. So Paul laid in the Word the ministry that pertained to the earthly walk of Jesus Christ.

Then in Romans 15:15-16, Paul confirms his own ministry, which started while on his way to Damascus when he was struck down by a mighty light, and he saw Christ in a different way than the Jews did. Before this happening, his ambition and aim was to persecute the saints, for he wanted to get rid of the message of Jesus Christ (because he was a devout Jew taught at the feet of Gamaliel, who was a Jewish rabbi that was against those that believed in Jesus and those that were preaching that He was the Messiah). But Paul received a great awakening when he was struck down by that light, which was brighter than the noonday sun. And after *that* Paul was never the same. And the revelation that came to him was so contrary to his previous teachings that he went down to Arabia and stayed for about three years to commune with the Lord, who spoke to him and led him. And when God had finished showing him by revelation what to do, he could stand up and say, "I am the apostle to the Gentiles; I magnify my office." And as he went forth with his gospel (in which he called *my gospel*), God not only moved upon the Gentiles, but He moved upon the hearts of some Jews that were predestinated to be part of the Wife

of the Lamb, and they also believed Paul's gospel. Although Paul only had the message of espousal at the time, he looked at it as though the marriage would take place in his day, for he said, "I have espoused you to one Husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." But while he was living, we know the espoused virgin fell away. But even though she fell away, Paul established a gospel, for he laid a foundation for the Wife of the Lamb. That is why the work of the apostle is still so important to us, the Wife of the Lamb. It is a solid foundation, and we have built upon it with complete confidence that it will hold steadfast. Therefore, when we look at the faith of Christ, and look at the scripture, and look at the things of God, we can see the progression of this gospel in the marriage of the Lamb. So we are rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory!

One man asked me a while back, "Do you believe it is getting close to the coming of Christ?" And although I realized that he was talking about Jesus Christ, I said, "Well, Sir, I believe that Christ has already come." And he turned and walked away and did not say another word. Well, I was speaking of Christ coming in Revelation, Chapter 10. See, Jesus did not come back to this earth in Revelation, Chapter 10, but the fullness of Christ did. And there is where the feminine attributes came into the body. This has taken place as we have taken the little book and eaten it up (a message; the rib from the side of Christ Jesus), which has produced glorified flesh and bones in our marriage to the Lamb of God, our Savior, Lord, Husband, and King.

Yes, God had a *Son* already, His name was Jesus, and Christ came into Him; and He did all the things that were ordained for Him to do on this earth in His earthly walk. But then it came time for God to create a Wife for His Son from the Word. The creating of the Wife of God's Son began by the gospel that Paul brought, for God used him to begin this process as he called out of the Jews and Gentiles, thus creating a new man. And it is in Ephesians, Chapter 2, where Paul spoke of it in detail, and then in Ephesians, Chapter 4, he called it a new creation. So the one I am speaking to is neither Jew nor Gentile. This ministry (message) does not make us a Jew, and this does not make us a Gentile, but it makes us a part of a new creation by creating glorified flesh and bones for the souls that Christ brought back to this earth, along with us who have remained. (1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation, Chapter 10, and 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.) Therefore, the

Wife is neither Jew nor Gentile but a new creation. And that new creation has become *Christ*, the Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. At this point, God has given the faith of Christ that has become one with the faith of the Son of God. So we as the Wife of the Lamb have the faith of Christ, and that is what we rely on.

Last week we brought in John, Chapter 17, about Jesus Christ walking in the glory of God even though He had not yet been to the Garden of Gethsemane and neither had He been crucified. Yet He said, "I am not in this world; but they are." In other words, to Him, He was already too far gone to be part of the world anymore. He said, "I am not in this world," and "as they have hated me, they will hate you." He said, "Father, this glory which thou gavest me, I have given them; I share it with them." Here, Jesus Christ was praying for those Jewish apostles and His present day disciples. Then Paul's revelation of 'the Gentiles becoming Abraham's seed through Christ' brought the promises of God through Christ over to this new creation also. (Galatians 3:6-9, and especially important is Verse 16) And this new creation is now the Wife of the Lamb. And just as Jesus was walking in the glory of God, we are walking in both the glory of the Son of God and the glory of the Wife of the Lamb by the faith of Christ that is in us. This is a glory all our own. We are walking in glorification—in the glory given to the Wife of the Lamb.

Notice again our title, *The Faith of Christ the Wife of the Lamb*. That faith is in Christ, and it is not like having the faith of the Son of God only, but now we have both, which is the fullness, because the feminine faith of Christ is joined in marriage to the already existing faith of the masculine, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who is still in heaven. But when God sent Christ down to earth with the souls of the departed members of the Wife, He also sent the faith of Christ to join together with the faith of the Son of God, thus manifesting the Christ through the Wife of the Lamb.

So now a marriage has taken place, and that marriage was the joining of a body of people to the Son of God, and God gave a specific faith to this many-member body of people who God sees as a beautiful Queen, the Wife of His Son. In Revelation 19:7-8, John wrote about us, the Wife of the Lamb, and he said, "The Wife has made Herself ready, and to Her (and to Her alone) was given fine linen, clean and white."

Now watch, we are not talking about Jesus Christ—“And to *Her* was given fine linen, clean and white, which is the righteousness of saints.” And at that time, given to Her also was a faith—a faith that belongs to Her, where She is in power to go forth. And the power of the She part of Christ is the same as the power of the He part of Christ. So we, the Christ, the Wife of the Lamb, have the authority to speak the Word, to go forth and to obey God. The same Christ that was in the rock in the wilderness is in us. The same Christ that was in Melchizedek is in us. And the same Christ that came down in Revelation, Chapter 10, shown as the Mighty Angel is the Christ that we were baptized into, making us the body of Christ in glorified flesh and bones, thus making us Christ the Wife of the Lamb. Therefore, we have the faith of Christ.

Now let us read Philippians, Chapter 3, starting with Verse 7, (This is Paul speaking.) “*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*” And as I said, he began to emphasize ‘Christ Jesus.’ Verse 8, “*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.*” In other words, Paul is saying the only thing he wants is Christ, nothing else matters. Now that is Wife; and the Wife just wants the things of Christ. We are not concerned about religion, and we are not particularly concerned about who believes this and who does not—that is out of our hands. We are made keeper of the King’s papers, for we are the preparers of the papers, but it is up to Him to whom He reveals it. And anyone who wants to read them are welcome to read; then let God deal with their heart. And if they are a member of the Wife of the Lamb, automatically they will come right to where we are at (full grown) because they have the same Word. We did the growing. We did the eating up of the little book. It was sweet to the mouth, but it was bitter to the belly. And we gladly did it for the glory and excellency of Christ and counted everything else but loss. And Paul even went further than that, saying that he ‘counted everything else but dung’ that he could be all that he could be for Christ. And these are not just the words of a man, but they are the words of God that came forth in Paul’s day, but the fall of the virgin stopped the completion of the marriage. Here is where this last trump of God message picked up what Paul left us with and brought it to perfection, which is our marriage to God’s own Son.

Let us continue with Verse 9 (and this is where our text scripture is taken from) *“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law (We do not have any righteousness at all. Our righteousness does not even count. We might be the best person in the world, but I will say this—any righteousness that we have by law or by the letter of the Word, then that righteousness does not suffice for the righteousness of Christ.), but that which is through the faith of Christ,…”* Notice, the faith of Christ—now we are not talking about the faith of the Son of God. When we talk about the faith of the Son of God, it is good, and it is wonderful, and that is where Christ was (in the Son of God) while this faith was being built. But the Wife, She is Christ the Wife of the Lamb. She is a being of Her own and part of the Godhead. There has been one visible member of the Godhead, and that has been the Lord Jesus Christ. But now He has taken a Wife, and She is Christ the Wife. And God gave Her the feminine attributes. He gave the feminine part of Christ the same power, the same authority, and He also gave Her a faith that we can call ‘the faith of Christ.’ So when we say ‘the faith of Christ,’ we are not necessarily talking about the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, but we are talking about the faith of a people in the earth today that has a faith of knowing that we know that we know, and we are without any doubt at all that we are the Wife of the Lamb. And the Wife of the Lamb is part of the Godhead. There is God the Father, who is Spirit, and there is the throne where our Lord Jesus sits, and He was the only visible member there until now; for now God has given His Son a Wife, and not only that, but He has given Her the Christ part of the name. And Christ existed way back there before the Son of God was ever born.

So let us finish the scripture here. *“but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”* In other words, God gave this to Her (us). God gave the Wife of His Son a gift, just as He gave His Son a gift. He gave the Wife of His Son (the Christ Wife) a faith of Her own. That is why Jesus said, *“If you say to this mountain.”* He did not say, *“If I say it. You can take my faith and do it.”* No, He was telling us to speak by the Spirit, by inspiration. The Wife is a people that have the very mind of our Lord Jesus Christ. She is very special, and She knows what She has. She does not have to worry about it or say, *“I would like to have this,”* or *“I would like to have that.”* No, She has the very faith of Christ that God gave to Her. And

She has that righteousness of fine linen that comes by that faith; because that 'clothed in fine linen,' the Word says, is the righteousness of the saints. And here He is speaking of the Wife and no other. So it is so different from the normal Christianity, in the sense that She is special. Who has ever seen a queen that was not special?

So we are Christ the Wife of the Lamb, and we have a faith that belongs to us and that we operate by, which is the faith of Christ. I will read that again, "*but which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*" See, that goes right back to Revelation 19:7-8 there—*clothed in fine linen*, which is the righteousness. It is different from white robes, which the other saints are dressed in; for God thought so much of the Wife of the Lamb that He gave Her a faith for this special garment of fine linen, clean and white. Now that kind of linen (clean and white) is not having Her own righteousness. Paul said, "I want to be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is by the letter of the Word, by the law, but that which is by the faith of Christ."

So God gave us a faith, and we use that faith. And one of the ways we use our faith is 'Not my will, God, but yours be done.' And we know by inspiration, and we speak the Word and it shall be done. We do not go around saying we are this or we are that because *He* tells who we are. He is the one that says we are the Wife of the Lamb. He is the one that says we are clothed in fine linen, clean and white. He is the one that gave us the righteousness of Christ. God was the one that gave it to us. And He recognizes us as being just as righteous as Jesus Christ is righteous because God gave Jesus Christ that righteousness, and now He has given His Wife the same righteousness. God gave Jesus Christ that faith, and now He has given Christ the Wife of the Lamb Her faith.

We all remember the story when I explained about Christ the Wife, saying, "Does Christ Have a Wife or Is the Wife of Christ a Misnomer?" That is a good book to read because we never could separate that just right until the proper time came. And now we know not to say, "I am the Wife of Christ," for that definitely would be a misnomer. See, the fullness of the Christ Spirit is now being manifested in the Wife of the Lamb, so Christ is now seen as the Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ. She is the Wife of the Son of God. So Christ the Wife of the Lamb has that special place of Her own, and She cannot be replaced, and She cannot

be made Jesus—Jesus has His own place. But He wanted a Queen. That was His desire when He was walking around here on the earth; the attributes of His Queen was in Him then, the Spirit of the Queen, because the fullness of Christ (both masculine and feminine) was in Him. And at times we could see the feminine part of Christ come forth and the She part of Christ would shine through the man part of Christ.

See, under the Old Testament rules, the woman in most cases was thought of as being on a lower level than the man. But when Jesus Christ was crucified and resurrected, He did something that was very unusual, for He told the women to go to His apostles and tell them that He had risen and would meet them in Galilee. Here we begin to see the man Jesus give recognition to the women. Here we see the masculine part of the Christ Spirit giving recognition to the feminine part of the Christ Spirit. Here we begin to see subtle hints that a new day had arrived in the plan of God. Also, in 1 Corinthians 7:15, Paul showed in his writing that the woman had the same right as did the man, showing a new day had dawned. This is seen clearly in the message, *Again, but to the Rest Speak I, in the Sounding of the Last Trumpet*, which is a chapter in our book, *The Chronicles of the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Revelation, and the Eating of a Bitter Meal*.

Notice, the feminine part of the Christ Spirit began to be seen in Paul's espousal message. But when the *fullness* of Christ came down to this earth in the form of the Mighty Angel, we were baptized into it by a message which married us to the Lord Jesus Christ (which was by proxy; for Christ was standing in for the Lord Jesus Christ), and we became bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh. This united us with the Son of God as the feminine part of the Christ. And now we are the Wife of the Lamb. And God has put the Wife on display.

See, before the fall, Adam and Eve ruled equally; they were such a compatible couple, and they did everything together. Eve was part of Adam. And that is where Paul picked up the thought of the Lord Jesus and His Christ Wife in the Book of Ephesians 5:30-32—"We are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." It was Paul who brought forth *a new creation*—and those are God's words. This man created something brand new. He had creative power. He created a people that became the virgin, espoused to be married to Jesus Christ. And today this last trump of God message has created a people with glorified flesh and bones—the Wife of the Lamb. She is a special group

that is dressed in fine linen, and She is not part of any other order of saints; for they are dressed in white robes, and they have their jobs to do. They are servants before the throne. (Revelation, Chapter 7) You will not find where the Wife of the Lamb is a servant. No, She is right at the throne; She is the tree of life.

So we have the faith of Christ because we are the body of Christ, the Wife of the Lamb. Until this day, God has not called anyone *the Wife of the Lamb*; for there is a special calling to a special message which brought Christ in His fullness to this special body of people. And God has not called anyone the *Lamb of God* other than Jesus Christ. Yes, Jesus Christ has many titles, for in the Book of Isaiah, He is called Counselor, Marvelous, Prince of Peace; it says the government is upon His shoulders, and much of that fits into the millennium period. But He will always be called the Lamb of God.

So I tell you, I am so happy today that I know I have the faith of Christ—“*but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*”—and it came from God. Notice, the Christ has been with God all the way through, and He put this faith in a people when they realized they were part of the Lord Jesus Christ, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh. We are one. God gave us a faith—the faith of Christ; and that faith never fails. Just like the faith of the Son of God; it never fails. And now we know that we are the Christ and we have a faith that God has given to *us*, and that faith is only used by inspiration. And when God gives the Wife of the Lamb inspiration to speak the Word on something, it happens one hundred percent of the time.

So now He has made the Wife the main focus of His attention as we are near the rapture, the catching away. That is why everything out here in the religious world has died away, because the fullness of the Christ-life has come into us, the Lamb's Wife, and we are getting more encouraged every day. We are getting more thrilled every day. And sometimes we say we feel like we need to tie a cement block to our legs to hold us down. We are Christ the Wife of the Lamb, and God has given us the faith of Christ. And I will tell you something here, what Jesus had when He walked around here, it was the faith of Christ, but it was operated in that masculine way until He went forth and did the things that He was to do. The faith of Christ in Jesus became His own—the faith of the Son of God. And as we walk here on this earth, we also

have the faith of Christ, but it is operated in the feminine way (as the Wife of the lamb) that we may go forth and do the things ordained for *us* to do. And that faith of Christ within us is the faith of the Wife of the Lamb.

The prayer of Jesus in John, Chapter 17, keeps coming back to me, how that although Jesus had not been to the garden, and He had not yet been crucified, yet He said, "Father, now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world." And now *we* are no more in this world; for *we* are in the fullness of Christ, the Wife of God's Son.

Do you love Him? I hope these words have helped you. The faith of Christ is now ours. It has been officially announced that we have the faith of Christ; and with this faith comes the power of God, which we use according to God's plan, the mind of God. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love, goodness, and for your great grace upon us. We have passed that mercy stage and have come into that stage where it is great grace upon us. You graced the Wife of your Son, and you graced Her with fine linen, clean and white—that is the righteousness of God by the faith of Christ. And we thank you for it. We praise you! May these words go forth and bless those that you have ordained, in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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