

PART 7 - A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST IS A TYPE OF WILDERNESS

In the previous food source, I shared with us that Jesus Himself is a type of wilderness. He was and is the Eternal Life and this eternal life is not of or from earth, but of an entirely different sphere and dimension, called Heaven.

The people of God, called the church, the body of Christ, are to be just as He was on the earth.

1 John 4:17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

Jesus Himself is a type of wilderness and Jesus said He would build His church upon the revelation of Himself. All this building work takes place on the inside of us as His disciples. Firstly, in our hearts and secondly in our minds, while at the very same time this can occur simultaneously as one work of the Spirit.

The predestined eternal purpose or calling for every disciple, is to be conformed to the image of the Son.

Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

Disciples of Jesus, who make up Jesus' body, those whom God foreknew, are being conformed into the image of the Son, through the spiritual process of sanctification and in doing so, have become also a type of wilderness, because they have become Christ like.

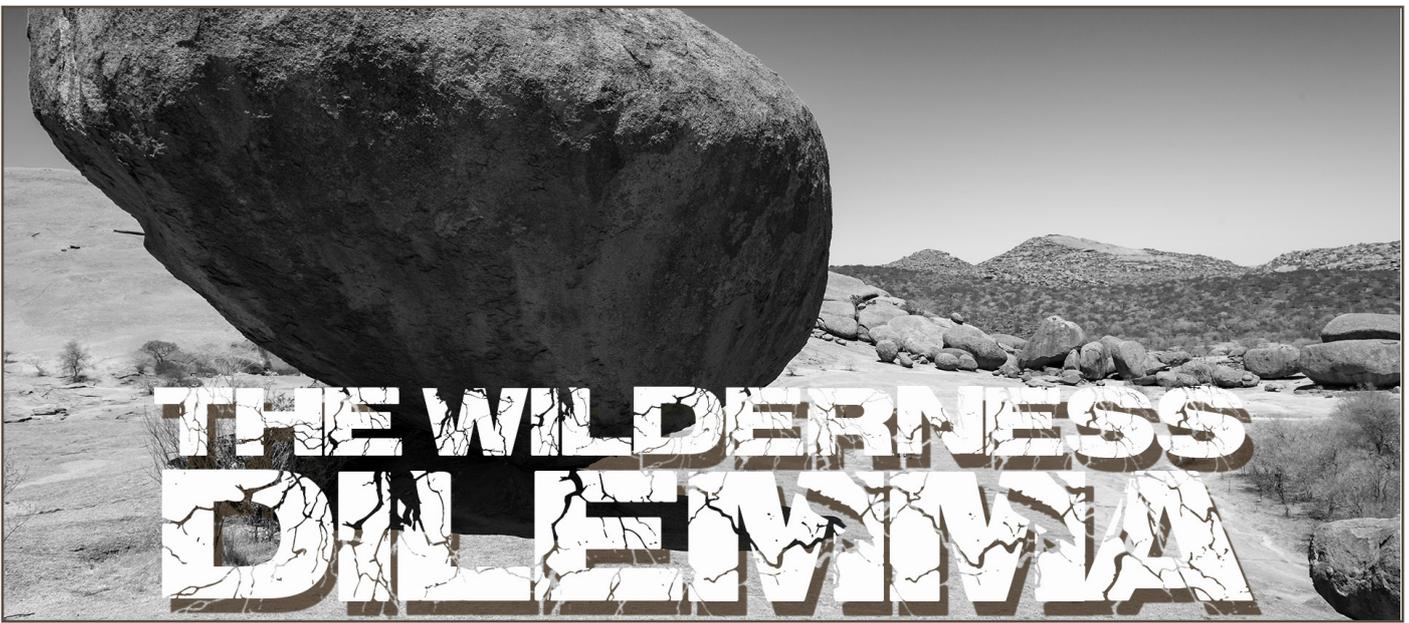
Luke 6:40 A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

This is the entire process of the formation of spiritual oneness. No longer separated from God but one with God. This is what true fellowship with the Father, Son and Spirit is. No longer Christ and man, but man's life is now hidden in Christ. The two have become one and in so doing, disciples of Jesus, have become a type of wilderness.

Colossians 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 17:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Can we hear and see how both these passages are intertwined in the Spirit? Colossians says our lives are



hidden with Christ, who is in God. Jesus says in John, that the Father is in Him and He is in the Father, and His prayer is that all disciples would be in them.

If our lives are hidden with Christ and Christ is in the Father, then where are we?
Let me put it this way...

If the Father is in Christ and Christ is in the Father, and we are in Christ, then where are we?

Disciples who are in this posture of spiritual oneness, fellowship, not relationship, but fellowship, are disciples who are in and live from the eternal life, the wilderness, because they have become one with the type of wilderness - Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. What are our thoughts in relation to each follower being a type of wilderness?
2. What kind of life or fruit could we expect to see coming out of a church who are this type of wilderness?
3. As He was we are to be. Is this just a nice theoretical statement or is it an absolute reality that we His people are to be in, coming into and living out? Share your thoughts