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“THE REALIZED CHRIST”
Tape 111:
Side One
1955 Kailua Study Group, Tape 2

By Joel S. Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – September 1, 2010  From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Habit. Habit of thought is so intense that without realizing it, we return to positions outgrown. We return to states of consciousness that we have left behind and, in doing that, we just pave the way for setbacks in our spiritual progress. Naturally it isn’t always possible to prevent an occasional lapse back into these outgrown positions, outgrown states of consciousness, but first of all we must be willing to accept correction when it is offered us and to accept it without offense, and we must be willing to make stronger efforts to prevent the recurrence of these mistakes.

Everyone who has come through metaphysical approaches is accustomed to the word, “demonstration,” and they are drilled and trained in the wrong use of the word, “demonstration,” until many, many people have rendered ineffective their own studies, their own prayer, their own treatments, their own work. And this could have been avoided with the correct understanding of the word, “demonstration,” and the correct understanding of our purpose, of everyone's purpose, in turning to the spiritual life.” ~Joel
Isa 26:3
3  Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isa 45:22
22  Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

THE DAILY LESSON – September 2, 2010  From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“This comes to thought because a letter in my mail today from a student who has been through class tells me of a demonstration of a new house, and you see where that leaves us. If we ever came to a spiritual study for a new house or a new automobile, or a new job, or a new supply, let us at this stage of our unfoldment drop all such thoughts, hopes or ambitions. There is no room on the spiritual path for those who still persist in wanting persons, places, things, and conditions.

The spiritual path is a way of life for those who, by Divine Grace, have been led to seek God, to seek a realization of God, to seek the ‘kingdom of God.’ And if the metaphysicians of the world are not careful, they will be left far behind by orthodoxy. To me it is always of interest to watch for the signs of the time to see whether or not the world isn’t catching a glimpse of these great spiritual truths and realities, and I find many signs that the world of orthodoxy is waking up to the spiritual realities and leaving some of our metaphysicians behind them.”  ~Joel

Mark 1:16-22
16  Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
17  And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
18  And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.
19  And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.
20  And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.
21  And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.
22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

(Leave your nets, your self-ego behind…)

Ps 4:4 (to .)
4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

(Think of the heart as your consciousness)

THE DAILY LESSON – September 3, 2010  From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You will remember that in our Honolulu work last year, I spoke of the fact that on this particular evening Bishop Sheen had told his audience of ten million that they must no longer pray to God for things. That God doesn't answer such prayers, that God doesn't give us material things; that they must pray to God for spiritual things and spiritual wisdom. Now, of course, we know that that was over the heads of most of the ten million, but it was truth uttered in consciousness. It was a beginning, and one of these days those very people or their children will awaken to the meaning of that unfoldment.

Well here the other evening in Honolulu there were 15,000 people gathered together to hear another Roman Catholic service, and the priest making the delivery, giving the talk, told them that they must pray every day for peace. But he said, “your prayers will be ineffective unless you are living the Christian life.” Now you see that’s far different than being taught that you can say “abracadabra” and get a new automobile or a new house, or think some right thoughts and get a new position.

Do you see how “on the beam” these messages are coming from God to human consciousness through many sources? And so it becomes necessary that our students remember all the time that their prayers or treatments are of no effect if they are uttered from the mind. They must be uttered from living the Christian life. That is, they must be uttered from a spiritual capacity, from their discernment of the nature of God and prayer, from the spiritual center of being.” ~Joel

Matt 6:5-8
5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

“Pray for anything you like as long as it isn’t of this world.” ~Joel

THE DAILY LESSON – September 4, 2010 From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“A prayer or treatment, regardless of how correctly it may be worded, is of no effect except it comes from or through one who is in contact with their spiritual center, since it is the contact that does the work rather than the words or thoughts.

To begin with, we are not seeking things or persons. That is not our function on the spiritual path. It was a step in the right direction when we learned to turn from material and mental efforts toward spiritual consciousness for the solution of our human problems. But that step leads us now to a place where we realize that human problems only disappear in proportion as we attain “that mind which was also in Christ Jesus,” as we attain that actual consciousness of oneness with God.

Now any desire for things or persons will prevent or delay our entrance into the spiritual kingdom, whereas the constant reminder within ourselves that the goal we are seeking is God-contact, God-realization, call it Self-realization with a capital ‘S,’ since it is the realization of our true Selfhood that we are seeking. We are not mortals, as we appear to be. We are not human beings, as we seem to be. Divinity is the true nature of our being, and we are seeking the realization of our true selfhood. In that realization, we find all things added unto us or we find all things included – any way in which we wish to state it.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
THE DAILY LESSON – September 5, 2010 From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“We must develop the habit, first of all, to realize that we have no goal other than the achievement of the kingdom of God, that we have no demonstration to make, except the demonstration of our spiritual selfhood. That we must demonstrate. We must demonstrate to our own satisfaction, and to the world, our spiritual selfhood. We must come into actual contact, actual living of our spiritual selfhood.

First of all, this is necessary for our own development; secondly, it is necessary as a witness to the world that God is individual selfhood; and that this state of being may be attained by all those who are ready to give up the world. Not give up the world in the sense of moving out to a monastery or a convent, but to give up the world in a sense of giving up our desires for the peace that it can give. “My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth.”

The moment that we separate ourselves from the desire for the peace that the world can give us (increased supply, increased home, increased companionship) and set ourselves firmly to seeking “My Peace,” the spiritual peace, the inner peace, then we have no concern with the outer world because all things fall into place. And we literally find that all things are added unto us without our taking thought.” ~Joel

John 14:26,27
26 But 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.  
27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
Matt 6:31-34 (to .)
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

THE DAILY LESSON – September 6, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, to us, as students, the important question comes up: what is the best way (if there is a best way) to achieve this realization of our true selfhood? Is there a short cut? Is there a path that leads to God realization, a path that can be trod here on earth without waiting for the hereafter, or that can be brought into realization in time? And the answer is “yes.” Yes, not only there are ways of achieving it here on earth, but there is a short cut.

That short cut is to perform a bit of mental surgery on ourselves and cut out all of our desire. That’s the short cut. Take a good sharp knife and cut right out of ourselves, right out of the heart and soul and mind, all desire for person, place, thing, circumstance or condition, even all desire to save the world, all desire to benefit mankind, all desire to bring peace on earth. Every desire must be cut out in order that only one remains. That’s the short cut, when we have only one desire – to know Thee, “whom to know aright is life eternal.” ~Joel

Luke 12:16-23
16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

THE DAILY LESSON – September 7, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“What about the world? What can you do for the world if you haven’t arrived yourself? “Physician, heal thyself.” How can we heal anybody until, first of all, we, ourselves, have arrived at some measure of the attainment of that Mind? Can we just give books of rules out to people and send them out into the world to save the world or to heal? No, we cannot.

It is a sin to witness people going out into the practice of metaphysics or the teaching of metaphysics who have nothing but the intellectual knowledge that comes from reading books, or who have, in addition to that, a zeal for saving the world. It is a sin to watch them go out because if they are not careful, they wreck themselves in addition to the harm that they can do by being ‘the blind that lead the blind.’

You see, healing, comfort, multiplying of loaves and fishes, safety, security, peace, these things only come out of the heart of God, not out of the heart of man. These things only come out of the soul of God, not out of the soul of man. But when the soul of God has become the soul of man, when the heart of God has become the heart of man, when the Spirit of God has become the spirit of man, then they flow out from man to man. In the measure of our attainment of ‘that mind that was in Christ Jesus,’ in the attainment of that Spirit of God that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead are we enabled to let that same Spirit raise up your mortal bodies.” ~Joel

Matt 23:37-39
37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!
38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Rom 8:6-9 (to .)
6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Rom 8:11-14
11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

THE DAILY LESSON – September 8, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“But you see, we must forget the world and its problems and its troubles, just as Jesus forgot it for 40 days at a time when he went up on the mountaintop to commune with God. Probably down below on the plains, people were sick, people were sinning, and people were dying. Evidently it didn’t disturb him one bit and, if not, it was because he realized ‘in my state of humanhood I have nothing to offer you. I have neither silver nor gold nor anything else. But when I come down from that mountaintop, then I will be able to heal the multitudes with the spiritual light that I gained on that mountaintop.’

So it is. We might start out today to be healers or teachers and here and there we may bring in a straggler, heal a person, even lift them a little higher in consciousness than they were. That is not this work. If we wait a year, or two or three or five until we attain that Divine realization of our true being if we, at some time or other, achieve the ability to sit in the silence and commune with God, then, well then we won’t have to go out into the world. By that time the world will be beating a pathway to our door, and we won’t have to go out to save it. And after we have shown forth the activity of the Christ sufficiently in our home to those who come to our home, then we can broaden our activities by writing or going on radio or television and bringing this message to a wider public, but that cannot be done out of our human desire to save the world.” ~Joel

Acts 3:1-13 (to ;)
1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.
11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.
12 ¶ And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?
13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus;

John 14:10-12
10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
"These people who are working at United Nations and other places to bring peace to the world are as sincere as we are. They are as earnest, most of them, in wanting to see peace on earth. But at no time in these last two generations or three have they been able to do it in spite of their zeal and their good will, and why? Because there is one thing lacking: the Spirit of Christ, the activity of the Spirit of God in man. And, without that, there can be no peace on earth or good will to men. There can only be contracts, and pacts and agreements, all of which can be broken by the next generation of men or some even within our own generation.

No, the ultimate salvation of the world will come with what is called the “second coming” of the Christ. It could be second, third, fourth or fifth. The number has nothing to do with it, but the coming of the Christ is the way in which the world will be saved.

Now with men becoming free enough to say to their congregations, “Pray for peace but remember that your prayers will have no power unless you are living the Christian life,” with men willing to say to their congregations, “Don’t pray to God for material things. God has no material things to give you. Pray for spiritual things.” Do you not see that all of that is a part of this great world ministry that is taking place now introducing to the world the spiritual truth that only the Spirit of God Itself lived in man can save the world?

The eighth chapter of Romans, “If so be the Spirit of God dwell in you, then are you the sons of God.” But if that Spirit of God dwells in you, it rules out of you all forms of envy, jealousy, malice, deceit, trickery, dishonesty, immorality, so forth and so forth and so forth, and so on. If that Spirit of God does not dwell in us, it may well be that for one reason or another that we’ll be good humans, but we have no assurance of our maintaining that or our neighbor maintaining that beyond some point of temptation.”

~Joel
Rom 8:13,14
13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

(There is only one demonstration - the realization of the presence of God.)

THE DAILY LESSON – September 10, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“It is for this reason that I have been asking our students – and will continue to ask – that they give one period of their meditation each day to God alone, not for themselves, not for their family, not for their business, not for their patients or students and not even for peace on earth – but for God alone. In other words, reserve one period for a meditation in which we come to God with clean hands:

“Father, I seek nothing. I’m not seeking anything for anybody. I am not come here to accomplish anything or to achieve anything. I’m coming here in the same spirit that I would go to my mother, were my mother available, just for a visit, just for a communion, just for love. The love between me and my mother is of such a nature that I would love to sit by her or walk by her, or sit at her feet or take a ride. I would love to be in her company. Oh, I don’t mind if it is days, weeks, months or if occasionally I could have just two or three minutes of her time alone. I want nothing of my mother; I seek nothing, just the joy of being in her company and feeling that love that naturally flows from a mother to a son, to a child.

“That’s why I’m here today. You are the father and mother of my being. You are the source of my life. You are the soul of me, the spirit of me. You are that which makes me tick, and I come in this period just for the joy of communion. I have no favors to ask, no desires. Just let us pass this moment together, in communion, so that where Thou art, I am, that I remember that where I am, Thou art for we be one. Just for the joyous awareness that I am in Thee and Thou art in me. Yes, if it can be, just to feel the assurance of your hand in mine or the touch of your finger on my shoulder – Thy presence, that’s all – Thy presence.”

(Pause...)
And you see the realized, demonstrated presence of God is the Savior of the world. Now that It’s on the field, now that It’s here and now in the midst of us, we don’t have to ask It for something because now we know It is the all-knowing Mind that already knows the need of Its universe.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matt 6:31,32
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

(Witness and express unconditional Love just for the sake of Love…)
THE DAILY LESSON – September 11, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“It is, Itself, the Divine Love that ‘knoweth our need before we do, and it is Its good pleasure to give us the kingdom.’ Now we are in the same position that we would be if we had visited our mother in this way, and then all of a sudden our mother noticed that we needed a new suit of clothes and said, “I think you had better go downtown and order a suit and send the bill to mother.” And we said, “Oh, I didn’t come here for that purpose.” “Oh I know you didn’t. If you had, I wouldn’t have noticed your need. A little sense of rebellion would have stirred up in me that you would have come only because you need something. I know I felt the purity of your motive in this visit. Now go ahead and get that suit of clothes.”

And so it is that the moment we have achieved the realization of the Presence of God, we have here the very presence of Infinite Intelligence, of divine love, of Christhood. And in that realization, there are no discords, there are no inharmonies, and it isn’t a question of God sending us out for a suit of clothes. It is God becomes the suit of clothes. We are clothed with God; we are fed with God. God becomes the very water, and the wine, and the bread. And you see then how it is that we can eat God, and drink God, and be clothed in and of God, and God becomes the temple, the household.” ~Joel

I Cor 9:8
8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Matt 6:33,34
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
(These “added things”, are not in addition to some limited thing... That would make you mistakenly perceive some kind of lack being fulfilled. Think of this as just being aware of all things being “included” in the Allness or Oneness of God. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – September 12, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

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“A call comes in like this at any moment of the day or any moment of the night. A call comes to us from a person. It may be one calling upon us. It may be telephone, telegraph, cable, letter. But these calls come in moments that we know not of. And then must be the preparation — (no, not then must be the preparation) the preparation must have been beforehand in order that the need can be instantly met. It would be too late to wait to prepare for the call after the call has come. The preparation must have been before the call. And what now is the nature of that preparation except the realization and demonstration of the activity of the Christ in our consciousness here and now?” ~Joel

Eph 6:13-17
13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
“Now we are clothed in God; we are clothed in the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is dwelling in us. It has just been achieved, or realized, through this meditation. And here we are in the Spirit with the very activity of the Christ omnipresent, and then a call comes for help. And the individual calling believes sincerely that he needs something other than this Presence that we have realized.

But, because of our realization, his need is met: Christ appearing as health, harmony, wholeness, completeness, perfection, opportunity, business – whatever the need may be. But it is the realized Christ – that which we have felt here in our bosoms, that is that which meets the need – not the truth we know, not the truth that’s in a book.

Those steps were preparations leading us up to an actual moment of meditation for no purpose on earth. We didn’t know that call was coming, and we didn’t meditate for that call – although he seems to think it is terribly important. But we weren’t meditating for him. We were meditating only that we might realize here and now this Robe of God around our shoulders – invisible robes since we do not wear visible ones. But our Robe of ministry is about our shoulders when our meditation has led us to a point of contact, which we call realization.

That moment of realization clothes us, enrobes us in His Spirit. Then anyone touching our consciousness touches the Robe of Christ and even if they touch the hem of the Robe, they are healed.” ~Joel

Luke 9:28,29
28 ¶ And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.
(Who shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty? He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High. When? When he dwells in that secret place.)

THE DAILY LESSON – September 14, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, you see it is this light which is achieved through spiritual realization that calls forth that call. Right where we are, way out in the country that call comes – why? Because the light has been prepared, and the ship must be drawn to that light. It is inevitable. Wherever you are as the light of the world, the world will reach out to you for that light. You don’t have to go anywhere to carry it to the world. You only have to be where you are. But you must be robed. You must be in the consciousness of the Christ.

Then the call comes, but the answer comes with the call because the call and the answer are one when they are met in Christ, when they are met in the Spirit. If a call comes to us when we are not robed, there is no answer because of our humanhood we have nothing to give. Our spiritual power is not of ourselves – not of our bodies, not of our brain, not of our stored-up knowledge. It is only of this infinite storehouse which we have tapped in that moment of realization.” ~Joel

Matt 25:1-13
1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

THE DAILY LESSON – September 15, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - “The Realized Christ” by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, does it make any difference to the Christ, to the Spirit of God in man, whether this call was for something physical, mental, moral, financial? No, the Christ will never know. Just as the light knows nothing about the darkness it dispels, nor does the Christ know anything of the problems that are dispelled through contact. So it makes no difference what the nature of the problem is. One thing alone is important: Are we robed? Are we embodied in the consciousness – in the conscious awareness of the presence of Christ, the conscious awareness of the presence of God in us? Do we have a tingling inside our being?

You see, the world nonsensically thinks it’s possible to keep on sinning, or being poor or being sick in the presence of the Christ, and this is utter nonsense. There is no possibility of evil existing in any form where this Christ presence is realized. It is not our function to convince anyone that we’re good, or that we’re rich or that we have made our demonstration. That is not our function.

Our function is to hide the outward evidences of the Christ so that it doesn’t detract from the Christ Itself, so that it doesn’t attract those who say, “ah that’s what you get from the Christ. Let me have some of that too – not some of that Christ – some of that which you got from or through the Christ.” ~Joel

John 15:4
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Matt 5:3-12 (to 2nd :)
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

THE DAILY LESSON – September 16, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“In the writings it says that we must live inwardly as saints but appear outwardly as men, and that is true. The Christ Itself must be the emblem that we hold up – not the evidences of the Christ. We can only do this in one way. When we give these moments to communion with God for no other reason than the communion itself, and we achieve a realization of It, the Presence, the Spirit, the power of the Christ is with us. And It meets every human need.

For us to give thought to those things that are added unto us could deprive us of the very Christ we have achieved. It isn’t enough to say, “I desire only the realization of the presence of God,” and then afterward bask in those ‘added things.’ Those ‘added things’ are given to us for our use, for sharing, for the meeting of our needs, but they have no other place in our experience. They are the things – stage settings if you will – the furnishings, the tools used in our work not for our gratification, but for the use in our World Work.

Always the banner that we hold up is not the things that have been added but the demonstration of the Christ Itself, and it is for this reason that we dare not go back to the old way of thinking of the demonstration of a house, or the demonstration of health, or the demonstration of supply. That language must forever be dropped from our thought so that actually our whole lives are lived for one purpose alone, and that is this conscious realization of the Christ.” ~Joel

Psalms 23: 6
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
“Now, of course, if our hearts and souls are pure in that direction it becomes necessary that we develop secrecy because this is one thing we dare not tell the world. This is one thing the world would gladly crucify you for. This is one thing the world would gladly speak evilly of your good. You’d be surprised that the very moment the world thinks that this is a pure devotion to Christ, that is the moment it would tear you loose from your mooring.

No, we can share this with those who come to the same fount that we do. We can share this with those who come with a cry on their lips, but to the others we can only speak of the fact that God meets our need. Only in the advanced work do we say God Itself is the fulfillment of our need – ‘milk to the babes, meat to the adults.’ It would never be understood by the world at large if we were to say, “God does not meet our need. There is no provision in God for meeting our need. God is, Itself, the fulfillment of our need.” God does not give us health nor do we go to God for health. God does not give us supply nor do we go to God for supply. God does not give us peace. God is Itself, health. God is the health of my countenance. God is Itself, supply. God is, Itself, peace – ‘My peace, the peace which I am give I unto thee.’” ~Joel

Matt 6:6 (to ;)
6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret;

Heb 5:12-14 (to ,)
12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,

I Pet 2:1-5 (to 2nd,)
1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood,

THE DAILY LESSON – September 18, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Only God, Itself, do we seek. Only God, Itself, do we demonstrate. Only God, Itself, do we eat, drink, and be clothed in. And you see that is something that we must hug to ourselves until thought becomes receptive to receive it. It is a strange thing but true that if you say to a person, “through God your need will be met” you can make them happy. But if you say to them, “We mustn’t go to God to have your need met,” they’ll go seeking somewhere else and lose thereby their own demonstration because they’ve been given the lesson in advance of what that for which they’ve been prepared.

It is like these 15,000 who heard that you must pray every day for peace, but your prayers will not do you any good until you live. You know right well they couldn’t receive that message. If one in that audience received it, or two or three, it would be a miracle. The others heard only “you must pray every day for peace,” and some of them will without changing their lives one bit.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(Not so much “added”, but we are “included” in the experience of the One Infinite Universe. ~Al)
"But, you see when your patients or your students come to you for help, they do not expect you to tell them to change their lives, and if you told it to them, it would be of no use. They haven’t the capacity to change their lives. But if you meet them on the level of their own consciousness in outward expression, but inwardly hold up your banner of the Christ so that it meets their need, then you pave the way later for revealing to them. Not only that, the moment the Christ touches them, it automatically changes their way of living for them, and you never have to say to them, “you must do it this way or that way,” or “you must think this or you must think that.” It does no good to tell someone, “Oh, you must think positive thoughts.” But if you hold up the Christ and realize that what they need is not positive thought but the feeling of the Christ, that activity of the Christ will change their thinking from negative to positive thinking.

Even if they had the ability to change their thinking on the human plane, it wouldn’t last long. It is like telling someone to give up drugs or to give up drink, and probably do, they do for a short while, but the same old state of consciousness returns and drags them down. Whereas, if you refrain from interfering with their human conduct and merely ‘abide in this word and let this word abide in you,’ hold to this vision of the Christ, when the Christ touches them, whether it’s on the first visit or the hundred and first, It will begin to change their consciousness. I have seen this happen.” ~Joel

John 13:1-16
1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

(take a look at line 15 again...)
“I’ve witnessed it for many, many years. That some people with the first, second, third, fifth, tenth, twentieth contact, the Christ touches them and they begin to change and they write me, that they have less of fear, or less of doubt or less of anxiety. I have some that I have to be patient with for a year or two, or three because, for some reason, the soil isn’t fertile and the seed of truth just doesn’t spring up into fruitage. And so, by being patient with them a year or two or three, they say, “Do you know I don’t fear the way I used to or I don’t think the way I used to, or I don’t respond to error the way I used to.” And then you know that the Christ is doing Its work in them.

It is good to know that you and I have no power to change a person’s life. It is good to know that neither you nor I have any power to heal anyone, to supply them, to purify them, but that in proportion as we live our individual lives in Christhood, that that Christ touches their soul and awakens it.

“Awake. Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ will give thee light.” And, you see, if one among us be touched by the Christ, It will touch all those who come within range of our consciousness. (Will you turn that off a moment?)”

(Tape stops).

~Joel

Eph 5:13,14
13  But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

THE DAILY LESSON – September 21, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Well, let us assume for a moment that you have fulfilled yourself in that you have had your period of meditation in which you have gone within for the realization of the Christ. You’ve had no purpose in doing it, no motive in doing it. You have not sought anything for yourself, your family, your practice, your student body. You have gone only for one purpose, and that is, for communion, for a realization of God, for the touch of God, and you have achieved it. In a moment, you have felt within you that deep breath, or that click, or that inner assurance that God is with you, Emmanuel, God with us. And now, having the assurance that God is with you as a Divine Presence, now you go about your regular business of the day.” ~Joel


37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
THE DAILY LESSON – September 22, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“And in the course of the day, human problems present themselves whether they have to do with your own life, your family life, whether it is a call from patients, students. And if you are found in that Spirit, an inner assurance will quickly come to you that God is on the field and that the work is done. But if this is not true, and if it is necessary for you to go off in a corner to meditate in response to this need, remember this: You must not take the person, the circumstance, or the condition into your thought.” ~Joel

Ps 91:1
1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

(He is in the Presence - WHILE he dwelleth. It doesn’t say there is protection while he coasts.)

Matt 6:6 (to ;)
6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret;

(While in meditation, praying or being still, Scripture says - to take no thought for material things - for the wisdom of the world is are foolishness with God. Joel calls this impersonalizing. ~Al)
“The mere fact that that telephone bell rang and that I said, “Alright. I will take care of it immediately,” that ends my relationship with that individual because so far as I am concerned now, there are not three of us: a patient, a practitioner, and God. The moment He has spoken and then answered in some reassuring way, now, there are only two. There is the practitioner and God. Now, I will sit down and meditate until the practitioner gets out of the way and nothing is left but God.

That reminds me of Peter V. Ross who used to say, “I and the Father are One, and thank heaven that One is God.” It is a very consoling thing when you stop to think of it that I and the Father is God and not me. It gives us an assurance of omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience instead of my understanding or my power. And so it is that when we now meditate we have nothing to do with the man and his problems. We have to do with me – Joel and God. Can I come to a place of realization where Joel becomes nothing, not even a mediator, not even a go-between? If I can, then harmony must take place, not always in the way in which my patient has outlined, not always in the way that I would like to see it take place. No, no.” ~Joel

John 5:19,20
19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.
20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.
I had an experience like that also this morning. A very successful man gave up his position to accept one that looked as if it were going to be something far greater. And when he got out into this big corporation, he found that he was just a dot somewhere, and he was the forgotten man. And this went on for many months and became quite a problem to him and to his mother.

Now, of course, he is far too wise to look to God for anything, but his mother, not having such wisdom, she turns to God and asks for help for her son. And lo and behold within just a few days, the days necessary for her letters to take place back and forth, this man is remembered and put in a position in accord with his expectations and so far as he is concerned, that it just happened that way. It just happened on that day the change took place. As far as I am concerned, that isn’t true. As far as I am concerned, the realization of the activity of the Christ just wiped out all human will in the matter, human activity, and replaced it with spiritual or intelligent activity, the activity of Mind instead of man.”

~Joel

Heb 9:24
24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
“But the question still poses itself: is there a real benefit to that man or, if he doesn’t awaken to this through this, will he not have the same experience or some other to go through again? Has he not benefited because of his mother and his mother’s teacher, rather than through some activity of his own consciousness? Well, you see, that happened of old, too. Jesus healed many people, and we learn nothing of them except that later they died anyhow. Whereas if some of them had of their own accord reached out for the realization of the Christ, there might have been something heard from them in a spiritual way. They also might have achieved some of the things that the disciples or apostles achieved.

And so it is I have seen it at times where the son of such a mother did not get the response he thought of but rather lost his position, and was ultimately driven to seek some spiritual way out. So it doesn’t always follow that our realization of the Christ will bring the demonstration that an individual has outlined must come. Oh, no. No, sometimes we have to go down before we go up. Sometimes we have lessons to learn. Well, the answer is really this. How can any change take place out here that isn’t the direct result of a change within our consciousness?” ~Joel

Ps 17:13-15
13 Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:
14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

(There is but one Consciousness, and thereby only one Divine activity.)

THE DAILY LESSON – September 26, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“And so when our patient doesn’t respond to that change in consciousness, how can their outer condition change unless it is as the result of their practitioner or teacher’s consciousness? Then they still have the same lesson to learn.

Now let us never forget this: No change takes place in this outer world except it comes as the result of this realization of the Christ within. That is why you don’t have to know the name of your patient, or the name of the disease, or the name of the claim because you can’t do anything about it in any event. And if you attain this realization of the Christ, It being omniscience, It dispels any and every form of negative influence there may be there. But the factor involved is the attainment of that realization of the Christ.”
~Joel

Matt 6:8 for
for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
"So that is why I say when you are called upon now in the course of your day to help others, if you do not feel that that first meditation which brought to you the realization of the Christ is sufficient, sit down again. If this is necessary at first, remember that there are three people involved: the patient, the practitioner and God, and now having given our assurance to the patient, we have eliminated him from the demonstration. We now only have the practitioner and God.

Now we are going to sit down and meditate so that God can wipe out the practitioner. And as we have the realization of the Christ, the practitioner really and truly can say with all sincerity, "I can of my own self do nothing," but I have realized that which can, and does, and is."

Above all things remember this: What is it that you are seeking as demonstration? Don’t forget now that you didn’t sit down there to demonstrate health, or harmony, or peace on earth, or the multiplication of loaves and fishes. You sat down with only one object, the realization of the activity of the Christ. If you achieved that, you achieved peace in capital labor, if that is what you are working on.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33,34 (to .)
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.
I Cor 8:2
2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

I Cor 8:6 (to ;)
6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him;

THE DAILY LESSON – September 28, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - “The Realized Christ” by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You achieved health, you achieved business; you achieved whatever it is that brought about the original call for the meditation. But you achieved none of those things in the outer world. You achieved only this feeling, this awareness, this attainment of ‘that mind which was also in Christ Jesus.’ That’s all you accomplished. It then did the mighty works. It multiplied loaves and fishes. Jesus looked up to heaven, and the fishes and the loaves were multiplied. He didn’t, looking up to heaven did – in other words, attaining the realization of the Christ.

Jesus standing at the tomb of Lazarus said, “There is no use of my praying. I can’t do anything.” Just for the sake of those standing around he uttered a prayer. All he did was be still and let the activity of the Christ in him perform the mighty miracles.” ~Joel

Mark 6:34-44
34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.
35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:
36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.
37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?
38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.
39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.
40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.
41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.
42 And they did all eat, and were filled.
43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.
44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

John 11:39-44
39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.
40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.
44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.
THE DAILY LESSON – September 29, 2010 - From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "The Realized Christ" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

““And so it is, we are at that stage of our Infinite Way unfoldment where we can say, first of all to those students ready for it, please never believe that you can heal anybody’s body or that you can increase their supply, or that you can bring peace and harmony to their home, or companionship. Only one thing can you do. You can meditate until you achieve the realization of that activity within you that we call the Christ, and then you can let the Christ do the work, and It will do it in Its own way, in Its own time. It will always be.” ~Joel

Luke 17:20
20 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Luke 12:40
40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
“The Christ is always about the Father’s business, but it must be a realized Christ. It cannot be, “oh, let God do it.” It cannot be, “oh, the Christ will do it.” That is all in the realm of platitudes and clichés. There is no God on the field; there is no Christ on the field merely by saying it anymore than these Catholics will achieve peace through their prayers, as they were told by their priest, unless they live the Christian life. To live the Christian life means to attain that Mind, to attain the conscious realization of the Presence of God, of the activity of God. When you have that, all things appear in due order in the outer realm.

Thank you, Father. That was really on the beam.” ~Joel

And Paul really sums it up here:
Cor 2:9-16
9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.