

horseshee or is the horseshee in the fire? Both are true. Christ is in us and we are in Christ if we are truly his and there is a personal continuing relationship here which is the most important thing in the Christian -- in the beginning of the Christian life and also in its continuance. Over and over in the Scripture we find such statements as: "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are ~~is~~ passed away, behold all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

Rom. 8:10, And if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin but the spirit is live because of righteousness.

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.

Eph. 1:13 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We must be in Christ. We must continue to be in Christ. WE must have a very intimate relationship with Christ if we are truly Christians. So here is a relation, a relation which is fundamental to every Christian life. It is a relation which is more important than any idea we can have, any understanding we can have, anything we can do for Christ. It is a relationship, a personal relationship to Christ. And he wants us to think it over carefully. Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith. He doesn't mean simply, Examine yourself to see if your faith is orthodox. You should do that. Make sure you are reading the maps correctly, understanding correctly what His will is. It is easy to misunderstand the map. I've done it. I've gone in the wrong direction and after an hour or two we have found that I had misinterpreted the map and had to turn around and go back to get on the right route again as I have walked through various wilderness areas. We want to understand the map. But the important thing is our personal relationship with Christ and His personal relationship with us. So this is the first aspect of relation to which I wish to call your attention today -- the relation of the believer to Christ.

Now there is a second relation ~~is~~ to which I wish to call your attention today, and that is the relation of Christ to the Church. Immediately we ask the question, What is the Church?