

Our private Bubbles of faith must burst open

All of us live in a bubble of our own understanding.

The more we are united to others in Christ, the more our bubble merges with them and the more we reflect the whole.

The more we give ourselves over to the fullness of Christ in His unified body the church, the sooner our bubble will burst so that our understanding will be consistent with the whole life of Christ.

Private faith is the seed, it is not complete until it dies so that it can become fruitful. So private faith is not true fellowship.

The merging process into the whole is often painful, like going to the dentist. However, the pain of extractions is necessary for good health.

Merging in unity is not a process of accepting the contents of everyone's bubble. Unity is only possible by being joined to the whole that is the truth of God in Christ, as revealed to us in the scriptures with careful and diligent prayerful study under the authority of the Spirit of God.

What doesn't conform to the Spirit of God concerning the Son is only a rotten tooth to be extracted.

1 Corinthians 12:6-7, 11-12

[6] *There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.*

[7] *But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

[11] *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*

[12] *For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.*

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."

John 3:30-36

[30] *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

[31] *"He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.*

[32] *What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.*

[33] *He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.*

[34] *For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.*

[35] *The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.*

[36] *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

To be whole is to deny ourselves and put on Christ, the cross and all that entails; there are no bubbles in heaven.

The church is like a bubble bath, washing away the dirt from the body of Christ. If we don't experience resistance to the truth that the Spirit brings into the bath, then we might have a bubble on our own.

If we think we know the truth and don't seek the truth of the Spirit working through others, then we need a good steam clean. Heat is a good motivator.

In the process of cleaning, we shouldn't be too judgmental with others in the bath, God has put them there so we can get rubbed up enough to burst our bubble.

While our private faith is separate according to our bubble, it is never separated from the battalion unified under our King.

Bubbles do speak inspection in the eyes of others while being blind to the tower in their own.

How blind we can be when we require other bubbles to be perfect while we continue to protect our own bubble.

Entering through the narrow door begins the process of bursting bubbles.

Consequently, we are not put off by bubbles who mistakenly think they have arrived at wholeness.

The vertical transparency of love which is manifest in holiness with God, needs to become the reality on the horizontal seen within the church that represents the Lord of glory.

We Love the bubbles we run into as much as we love our God who is transforming our bubbles into holy children in the image of Christ.

It may be a painful idea to realise that from God's perspective the horizontal love shown to the bubbles limits our vertical love to their maker.

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