

Christ Community Covenant Church
Bluegrass Sunday
Pastor Dave Scherrer - September 1, 2013

Your life becomes your credentials:

How you live your life - what you say, what you do, what you think, what you believe becomes your credentials

Like this glove. This glove longs to do things; dig holes, split wood, maybe build a fence or shed, plant seeds, even do a Michael Jackson imitation. The sky is the limit for the glove. But the glove is helpless. Until the glove is indwelt, it can do nothing. Until you put a hand in the glove the glove is powerless, it has no capacity to do anything – but once the glove is filled it can be used.

Here's the deal – God isn't asking you to be the hand. He is asking you to be the glove.

I am the glove

Repeat after me "I am the glove."

When you allow Jesus to have control of your life he puts his all-powerful hand into your life and now you are ready to do the things you were always designed to do but you couldn't do until you were filled. Now he will enable you to do things that will last 100 trillion years.

Repeat after me: "I am the glove!"

This is the Jesus Factor. Taking an ordinary life and filling that life with the power of heaven – and all of a sudden we can experience the awesome power of one changed life.

The Awesome Power of One Changed Life!

Do you remember the story of the Samaritan woman that Jesus met one hot day at Jacob's well. We read about it in John 4.

John 4:1-6

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Come to find out this poor woman had gone from relationship to relationship looking to satisfy her thirst for love and significance and security. It had not gone well at the well. She was still thirsty. In fact she was always thirsty. She needed to be filled with a relationship of eternal love, only this kind of love could satisfy her thirst for forgiveness and acceptance. She took this love back to her village, that same village that had cast her away and the awesome power of one changed life turned the town upside down.

Jesus said I take the stuff that is never lasting and give back that which is everlasting. We have the opportunity to take the glove into the community. And when that happens, the question will be:

Who will be changed? Them or You?