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Christ at the Center of it All The Truth that Changes Everything

The light begins to fade. Ever so gradually, a shadow imposes its mysterious shroud across the midday sun and eclipses its powerful light.

For centuries, this phenomenon has cast its spell over men, women and children; and the great minds among them sought ways to explain the passing darkness. Today, science has answered that for us, but we are still undeniably fascinated when the sun appears for a few moments to be hampered from sharing its life-giving light.

The reason we are caught up in such moments is quite simple: the sun is the center of whatever life exists in our solar system.

John's gospel connects the dots for us when he reveals that the ultimate life-giving light is none other than the Son (John 1:4). The song writer has penned, "Jesus be the center of it all," and the music calls us to give Jesus His rightful place both in our lives and in our world.

The Son is indeed the true center of life.

Yet with feet of clay and frail forms, we seem to go about our daily lives with too little awareness that life is more than the sum of our fragile moments in time and space. Our perspectives of reality are so earth bound that we can go all day with the barest sense that the mortal is enveloped in the consummate and incomparable realm of the eternal.

If "reality" was more fully defined, we would see added clarity that this "here and now" is but a blip on the radar screen of eternity. The world that we cherish and in which we invest with near abandonment is but a pin prick in the map of forever.

And at the center of forever is the Light of Life.

And He longs to be the center of our lives as well.

In the remaining issues of The Flame for this quarter, we will focus on acknowledging Christ as the life-giving "center of it all" and consider the implications for our lives and our spiritual journey.

Taking Your Next Step

Begin this week to pray specifically for the Spirit of God to awaken you to the implications of declaring that Jesus is "the center of it all." Declare to Him that He is Lord, and then spend time listening for His promptings.

As you spend time in scripture, ask the Lord to let the scales fall from your eyes and reveal His purpose for your life. Then commit to him now that whatever He prompts you to do or whatever steps He makes clear to you, you will indeed embrace Him as Lord and the life-giving center of every facet of your life.