

## Talking to a Brick Wall?

Are you a Christian who sometimes prays and your words might just as well be directed at the four walls surrounding you? At least it feels that way. You long for that time back when He was so real that you knew beyond doubt those walls were not the recipients of your words-if that were at all ever possible. Or are you a non-believer, wondering perhaps about 'this Christ, this Jesus'? Perhaps you doubt even his place in real history let alone that He was God in flesh on this planet of ours: Too mind blowing to grasp-surely. Perhaps when 'dark' days hit, He who you knew seems not to be there. Perhaps He who you can't believe in and yet are somehow curious about seems 'obviously' not to be there. Just brick walls.

Should we Christians work ourselves up into some come of spiritual frenzy in order to 'see' Him again Chanting, fasting, and swallowing the Bible? No, all we really need is to be *still* and *wait*. Stillness trusts. Waiting trusts. What is faith if trust is not at its heart? Faith isn't simple knowledge about Christ: It is trust in who He is and what he has told us in God's Word. He has told us to not be impatient but to wait, trusting. *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him' Psalm 37:7.* And so we wait. The wait will end and when it does we will realise that He was always there, *in the apparent silent, through the silence.* And we will learn much.

Should the unbeliever seek some obvious 'proof' of his existence before accepting that He is there? No. Just ask to know Him, to believe in the truth of the gospel which sounds such madness to a heart and mind untouched by the transforming power of Christ. Just asking, trusts. He has told us that if we seek, we will find; knock and the door will be opened to us. *For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened ( Matthew 7:8).* Ask and wait.

When we really want to know, to hear, our God again or when we really want to know 'this Jesus, this Christ' for the first time, we wait, in the stillness, knowing that His word promises that such hopes are not

disappointed-that we talk, not to a brick wall, not to a created object, but to THE Creator Himself.