## MY SPRITUAL JOURNEY – COMMUNITY

## 1.2 Introduction

As I began to read more ancient Christian texts, also scholarly articles on the interpretation of certain ancient texts, I realized these texts were speaking to me in my current situation. I began *thinking*, instead of just accepting certain Christian dogmatic interpretations, and became aware of a need to reshape my spiritual life journey, and to, as Paul put it in Romans 1-2, renew my mind.

"Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God"

Ancient questions, very relevant to me right now prompted me to search for answers that would make not only sense to me but would also point me to new places in my journey. Some of these questions go right back to the ancient Christians. To list just a few:

- How did God become wholly human and still be wholly God?
- God is almighty and He is good, but why is He allowing such terrible suffering by his children throughout the history?
- Is it really possible for a human being to become like Christ?
- Can we humans really know God through his revelation?
- How do we understand that God is one, but also three persons?
- If the Holy Spirit is living in us, how do we become aware of Him?
- What does it mean to live in the Spirit?

As I said before, these questions are not new, but they have become important to me. I realize that I need to become more of an imager of God to really live a truly purposeful life. How important is your spiritual health to you? Do you think that looking at these questions will have a beneficial effect on your life journey?

Together we can explore and help each other to do what Jesus asked us to do in Matthews 31-32: Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans pursue all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."

Shouldn't that be our ultimate goal in life? To seek the kingdom of God? Are you joining me?