

***Ezra, a Priestly Scribe, and the Need for Ezras—Those Skilled in the Word of God*****Monday 5/1****Related Verses****Ezra 7:6**

**6** This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request according to the hand of Jehovah his God upon him.

**Neh. 8:13**

**13** And on the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe, that is, in order to gain insight into the words of the law.

**2 Cor. 3:5-6**

**5** Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God,

**6** Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**Matt. 13:52**

**52** And He said to them, For this reason every scribe disciplined to the kingdom of the heavens is like a householder who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.

**Eph. 4:11-12**

**11** And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

**12** For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

**Psa. 32:8**

**8** I will instruct you and teach you concerning the way you should go; I will counsel you; my eye is upon you.

**Related Reading**

Ezra was a priest, a descendant of Aaron, and he was also a scribe. The scribe in the Old Testament equals the teacher in the New Testament...The prophet is one who speaks directly from God, and the teacher

is one who teaches the things spoken by the prophet. We know, for example, that Moses was a prophet, because he spoke something directly from God. But a scribe is a teacher who teaches the things spoken by Moses. (*CWWL, 1969, vol. 2, "The Recovery of God's House and God's City," p. 374*)

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Haggai and Zechariah were prophets because they spoke directly from God. What was spoken by Haggai was new; it was never revealed to anyone else. Zechariah's message is even more marvelous. He said that Christ is the shoot, the foundation stone with seven eyes, and the topstone. Did Moses say this? No, Zechariah was the first to say it. Zechariah was not a teacher but a prophet, speaking from God's instant, present, up-to-date inspiration. Ezra spoke nothing new. What he spoke had been already spoken by Moses. He was a scribe and a teacher. But according to the principle in God's recovery, we do not need an old teacher, but a priestly teacher. Ezra was also a priest.

A priest is one who is mingled with the Lord, saturated with the Lord, feeding upon the Lord, and breathing Him in all day long. Whatever he speaks is just the Lord Himself. This is exactly what the teachers in the Lord's recovery must be. Ezra was this kind of person. He proclaimed a fast, and he fasted; he was simply one with the Lord by contacting the Lord continually. He was not a letter-scribe, but a priestly scribe.

Some people have a certain amount of knowledge, and they like to teach what they know, but they themselves are not that kind of person. The Lord's recovery today does not need this kind of teacher. We need Ezra, the priestly scribe, the priestly teacher. This is the teacher who contacts God constantly and instantly, who is saturated with God and one with God. Ezra was very much with the Lord. He was in a position to ask the king for an army to protect him while returning to Jerusalem, but he did not do it. He put his trust in the Lord. This is the kind of person who is qualified to be a teacher in the Lord's

recovery...You must put your trust in the Lord. We do not need objective teachers in the recovery of the Lord's building...We need the life; we need the priesthood to be mingled with the teaching...Mere knowledge does not build; it kills. It is the priestly teacher who builds. This is the kind of person who can strengthen the recovery with an increase of numbers and enrich it with the rich experiences of Christ. Praise the Lord there are such Ezras, and I have full assurance that the Lord is going to bring in more and more Ezras—those who are one with God, saturated with God, filled with God, and skillful in the Word of God. These persons are the right ones to bring in a good number of returned captives and to bring more riches of Christ into the recovery of the Lord. (*CWWL, 1969, vol. 2, "The Recovery of God's House and God's City," pp. 374-375*)

On the second day the heads of the fathers' houses, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe in order to gain insight into the words of the law (Neh. 8:13). Today many read the Bible without insight...Here in verse 13 insight refers to the intrinsic significance. We all need to be helped to see the intrinsic significance of the word of the Bible. (*Life-study of Nehemiah, p. 19*)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1954, vol. 4, pp. 557-563, 569-572, 578-579; CWWL, 1969, vol. 2, "The Recovery of God's House and God's City," ch. 7*

**Tuesday 5/2****Related Verses****Neh. 8:2-3, 6, 8**

**2** And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

**3** And he read in it before the open area that was before the Water Gate from first light until midday in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

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6 And Ezra blessed Jehovah the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground.

8 And they read in the book, in the law of God, interpreting and giving the sense, so that they understood the reading.

**Eph. 6:17**

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

**Matt. 4:4**

4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

**Psa. 119:105**

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**Heb. 4:12**

12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Related Reading**

In order to be reconstituted, we need to come back to God by coming back to His law, that is, His word (Neh. 8)...No one can come back to God without coming back to His word.

God's word reconstitutes us. We all have our own kind of disposition and habitual behavior, but God is able to reconstitute us through His word. This is why we need to read the Bible. God's word gradually changes our mind and our way of thinking. The word of God is one with the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). When the word of God works within us, the Spirit, through the word, spontaneously dispenses God's nature with God's element into our being. We may not even be aware that such a dispensing is taking place within us. By this way we are reconstituted. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, p. 17)

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Most of those who had returned to Jerusalem from the captivity in Babylon had been born not in Israel but in Babylon, and they were raised in Babylon. The Babylonian element had been wrought into them and constituted into their being. Therefore, after they returned to the land of their fathers to be citizens of the nation of Israel, they needed a reconstitution. Ezra was very useful at this point, for he was one through whom the people could be reconstituted with the word of God.

God's intention with Israel was to have on earth a divinely constituted people to be His testimony. In order for God's people to be His testimony, they had to be reconstituted with the word of God. Under Ezra and Nehemiah the returned people of Israel were collectively constituted by and with God through His word to be a nation as God's testimony.

According to Nehemiah 8:1-8 all the people of Israel gathered as one man before the Water Gate and told Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses and read to them. Ezra did it and blessed Jehovah the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground. This indicates that rebellious Israel had been fully convinced and fully subdued by the word of God spoken through Moses.

The word of God is the solid base for the Spirit of God, who is God Himself, to dispense God's element into our being to cause us to be constituted with God. This should be our personal experience day by day. When we come together, we then need to read even more of the Word of God. To do this is to come together according to the way of the divine constitution.

In order to be reconstituted, we need to read the sixty-six books of the Bible again and again. As one who has been reading the Word for more than sixty-five years, I can testify that I have been reconstituted through the daily reading of the Word. Every day I am reconstituted a little more.

Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who helped the people understand charged all the people to sanctify that day unto Jehovah their God and not to mourn or weep, for all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Nehemiah charged them to have a feast without grief, a feast full of joy. It was hard for the people to do this, because they had been convinced and subdued by the word to realize they were sinful (vv. 9-10a). Nehemiah said to them, "Do not be grieved, for the joy of Jehovah is your strength" (v. 10b). Then all "went their way to eat and to drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing" (v. 12). (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, pp. 17-19)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Nehemiah*, msg. 3; *CWWN*, vol. 40, pp. 156-158

**Wednesday 5/3****Related Verses****Col. 3:16**

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

**2 Tim. 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

**Psa. 119:2, 11**

2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.

11 In my heart I have treasured up Your word That I might not sin against You.

**Deut. 11:18-20**

18 Therefore you shall lay these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes;

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**19** And you shall teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up;

**20** And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates;

**Rom. 15:4**

**4** For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**Related Reading**

As a result of this time of education and training [at Mount Sinai], the nation of Israel became an army not only formed and organized but also constituted to be God with man and man with God. Hence, in typology the Israelites were God-men...Everything related to them, even their environment with the pillar of cloud in the day and the pillar of fire at night, was God's expression. Their going forth became God's going forth (Psa. 68). After a short time, however, the children of Israel no longer expressed God, and He let them die in the wilderness. Then God raised up the second generation, and they crossed the river Jordan by a great miracle. As a heavenly constituted army, they came to Jericho. When they shouted, the city of Jericho fell. This was God's testimony. This was the move, the living, of God-men; it was God marching on. But when they came to the city of Ai, one among them caused them to fail. From that time onward, there was nothing among the Israelites but degradation. God sent the prophets to warn them and bring them back, but they refused to go along with God. Eventually, God brought in the Babylonians to possess the good land and carry the people of Israel away to Babylon to be disciplined and punished. (*Life-study of Ezra*, p. 32)

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God could not forget the good land, the promised land, the land of Immanuel (Isa. 8:8). The good land should be the land of God-men for the testimony of

God. First, there was a return under the leadership of Zerubbabel, a descendant of the royal family. It was fitting for him to take the lead in the first return from captivity, because he had the capacity to administrate and to govern. He was a strong governor and he led the people in rebuilding the temple with the altar.

However, the people were still unruly, for they had become Babylonian in their constitution. Therefore, there was the need for an Ezra, a priest who served God, and also a scribe, a scholar, who was skilled in the Word of God, skilled in the law of Moses (Ezra 7:6, 11). He bore the totality of the heavenly and divine constitution and culture. Ezra called the people together and confessed not only his own sin but also the sin of Israel, to bring them back to the Word of God.

In the church life today, the main responsibility of the elders is to teach the saints with the truths. The Bible says that one of the qualifications of an elder is being apt to teach (1 Tim. 3:2). Paul tells us that certain elders may not have a job but may "labor in word and teaching" and therefore should be supported by the church (5:17-18). However, I have observed that some elders are deficient in the knowledge of the truth and may not even be clear whether a particular matter is an item of the truth.

Calling on the Lord is necessary, and we need to have such a practice in our daily life, but calling on the Lord's name is not a truth. Likewise, baptism, presbytery, foot-washing, and pray-reading are not truths. On the other hand, justification by faith is a truth. Regeneration, sanctification, renewing, transformation, conformation, transfiguration, being made God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—all these are truths.

Like Ezra, all the elders and co-workers must be skilled in the Word of God...Brother Nee and I spent a great deal of time in learning to be skillful in the Word...Today there is the need not just for Zerubbabels but for more Ezras...Today we need Ezras to teach the people, to educate them, and to

constitute them with the heavenly truths. (*Life-study of Ezra*, pp. 32-34)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ezra*, msgs. 2, 4-5

<b>Thursday 5/4</b>
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**Related Verses****Isa. 49:6**

**6** He says, It is too small a thing that You would be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob And bring back the preserved of Israel; I will also set You as a light of the nations That You may be My salvation unto the ends of the earth.

**1 Pet. 2:9**

**9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Isa. 60:1-3**

**1** Arise! Shine! For your light has come, And the glory of Jehovah has risen upon you.

**2** For, behold, the darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But Jehovah will rise upon you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

**3** And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Eph. 5:8-9**

**8** For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light

**9** (For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

**John 8:12**

**12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**John 1:4**

**4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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In addition to being re-educated, the people of Israel needed to be raised up in much the same way as parents raise their children...Parents transfuse what they are and what they think into their children. Eventually, this constitutes their children to be the same as they are. This is what the children of Israel needed.

Nehemiah, with the help of Ezra, totally reconstituted the nation. Then Israel became a particular nation, a nation sanctified and separated unto God, expressing God. They were transfused with the thought of God, with the considerations of God, and with all that God is, making them God's reproduction. Everyone became God in life and in nature by this kind of divine constitution. As a result, they became a divine nation on earth expressing the divine character. They were reconstituted personally and corporately to be God's testimony. The returned captives became God's testimony through the reconstitution which took place under the leadership of Nehemiah. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, pp. 32-33)

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A synagogue is a meeting place where the Jews read and learn the Holy Scriptures (Luke 4:16-17; Acts 13:14-15).

In the synagogue, the Lord Jesus taught the people with authority. Man's fall into sin broke his fellowship with God. As a result, man became ignorant of the knowledge of God. Such ignorance issued first in darkness and then in death. The Slave-Savior, as the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5), came to Galilee, the land of darkness, where people were sitting in the shadow of death, and He came as a great light to shine upon them (Matt. 4:12-16). His teaching released the word of light to enlighten those in the darkness of death so that they might receive the light of life (John 1:4)...The first thing the Slave-Savior did in His service was to preach the gospel. Now the second thing the Slave of God as the Slave-Savior to fallen men did in His service was to carry out such

teaching...to bring people out of satanic darkness into the divine light (Acts 26:18).

It was of God's sovereignty that the Lord Jesus was raised in the region of Galilee and also that He began His preaching and teaching not from Judea, but from Galilee. According to the biblical record, Galilee was not only a despised region, but was also a place of darkness...Matthew 4:15-16 says, "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."...When the Lord Jesus walked through Galilee, He was a great light shining in the darkness and shining upon the people sitting in the region and shadow of death. In particular, the teaching of the Slave-Savior was the shining of a great light. Every word that issued out of His mouth was an enlightening word. Therefore, while He was teaching the people, the light was shining upon them. In this way the people in darkness were enlightened by the Lord's teaching.

According to Mark 1:22, those in the synagogue were astounded at the Lord's teaching and said that He taught as One having authority and not as the scribes. The self-appointed scribes, teaching vain knowledge by themselves, had no authority and no power. But this God-authorized Slave, teaching realities by God Himself, had not only spiritual power to subdue people but also divine authority to subject them to the divine ruling. (*Life-study of Mark*, pp. 51-53)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 John*, msgs. 5, 7, 9-11, 17-18, 22, 28, 32, 39-40

**Friday 5/5****Related Verses****2 Tim. 3:16**

**16** All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

**Acts 26:18**

**18** To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

**2 Tim. 3:17**

**17** That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

**1 Tim. 4:6**

**6** If you lay these things before the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, being nourished with the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have closely followed.

**2 Tim. 2:1-2, 15**

**1** You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

**2** And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

**15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

**Related Reading**

If we have the proper and adequate spiritual experience, we will realize that in 2 Timothy 3:16 teaching equals revelation. Teaching is actually nothing less than a divine revelation...As you are teaching the young people in your class in the summer school of truth, you must present a revelation to them.

A revelation is the opening of a veil. As you are teaching the young people, you should be taking away a veil so that they may see something of the Triune God. A certain matter may be hidden from view, but by your teaching you should gradually open the veil. This is teaching...As they are listening to you, the veil should be rolled away little by little. To teach is to roll away the veil. (*CWWL, 1984*, vol. 1, "Teachers' Training," pp. 421-422)

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Now we can see that for the Bible to be profitable for teaching means that it is profitable for unveiling, for rolling away the veil...Time after time and in session after session, you need to gradually roll away the veil. If you do this, your way of teaching will be an unveiling. This kind of teaching always presents a revelation to others. Those who are under such teaching will be able to see something concerning the Triune God.

When you speak something in the church meeting, your speaking should be the rolling away of the veil. This means that your speaking should present a revelation.

It is significant that in 2 Timothy 3:16 teaching is followed by conviction, or reproof...No one can see something of God without being convicted by what he sees.

Whenever we see something of God, we realize our mistakes, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and sins. The result is that we are convicted; we are rebuked...When in our reading of the Scriptures we receive a revelation, the revelation will convict us and rebuke us.

Teaching, or revelation, brings us conviction, and conviction produces correction. Correction is a matter of setting right what is wrong, turning someone to the right way, and restoring to an upright state.

After we have been corrected, we will receive the proper instruction—the instruction in righteousness. Whereas Paul here does not use any modifiers for teaching, conviction, and correction, he does use a modifier for instruction and speaks of the instruction in righteousness. Righteousness is a matter of being right. Hence, the instruction here is for us to be right.

The reason we are convicted and rebuked is that we are wrong in many different ways and aspects. We may be wrong with God, with Christ, and with the Spirit. We may be wrong with the church, with the brothers and sisters, with our husband or wife, with our parents, with our children, with our neighbors, and even with ourselves. We may be wrong in the way we

spend our money, in the way we spend our time, in the way we dress, or in the way we style our hair. Because we may be wrong in so many different things, we are rebuked by the revelation we receive when we read the Scriptures.

In verse 17 Paul goes on to say, “That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.” A man of God is a God-man, one who partakes of God’s life and nature (John 1:13; 2 Pet. 1:4), thus being one with God in His life and nature (1 Cor. 6:17) and thereby expressing Him. Such a God-man, such a man of God, is produced by God’s breathing out of Himself. God’s breathing produces God-men. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 1, “Teachers’ Training,” pp. 422-424)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 25; *Life-study of Ephesians*, msgs. 20, 47, 64

**Saturday 5/6****Related Verses****1 Tim. 2:3-4**

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God,

4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

**2 Tim. 2:2, 15**

2 And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

**2 John 2**

2 For the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

**Eph. 1:22-23**

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,  
23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

**1 Pet. 1:13**

13 Therefore girding up the loins of your mind and being sober, set your hope perfectly on the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**2 Pet. 3:1**

1 This second letter, beloved, I now write to you; in them both I stir up your sincere mind with a reminder,

**Related Reading**

It is not an easy task to be built up in the truth. You must study the [Recovery Version] text and every footnote...It is helpful to take care of the cross references. Then you need to study the Life-study messages...Consider the text of the Recovery Version with the footnotes and the Life-study messages as a textbook. Because this is my work, I know the nature of it. I am fellowshipping this with you to let you know the way our publications were written. If you merely read them in a light way, you cannot get into them. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 2, “Elders’ Training, Book 3: The Way to Carry Out the Vision,” p. 312)

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If you merely read the Life-studies [without studying], you will receive only a temporary nourishment. That will become only a kind of inspiration to you,...like a vapor in the air. When what we read becomes a truth in our being, this nourishment remains forever...What I have received from the Lord is always the solid truth, so it remains in me, nourishing me all the time. You must have the truth. The only way for the truth to get into you is through your mentality. Then it remains in your memory. If you do not understand, the truth cannot get into you. The truth gets into you through your mentality, your understanding. Also, if the truth gets into your memory, it becomes a constant and long-term nourishment. Then you have an accumulation of the truth, and you are a person continually under the constant nourishment. You will then know how to present the truth to others, not merely to inspire them or to stir them up but to make them solid and constituted with the truth. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 2,

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“Elders’ Training, Book 3: The Way to Carry Out the Vision,” pp. 312-313)

Most Christians when reading the Bible see only that it teaches people to be forbearing, patient, kind, righteous, and temperate. They consider this kind of teaching to be good and proper and more or less the same as the teachings of the Chinese Confucianists. They are totally ignorant of the revelation in the Bible regarding God’s economy and God’s mysteries.

For this reason I have been encouraging all the saints in America and in Taiwan to spend two hours a day to study the Bible with the help of the Life-study messages. In this way the entire New Testament can be read through in four years. I hope that all the young people will spend the time to do this. Then in four years you will become excellent Bible teachers, able to present the New Testament clearly and logically and to meet the Lord’s great need in every place.

A young person who is sloppy at age fifteen will be a foolish person at age eighteen. However, if he is willing to study hard during high school, he can learn many things. If he continues with another four years of college, by age twenty-two he will be more enlightened inwardly and able to teach others...Today those who have a college education are distinguished in society. Thus, even if you are no longer a young person, it would be best for you to go back to school to get a college education if possible. Otherwise, it will be difficult to convince others.

An eighteen-year-old must study the Bible utilizing a more in-depth method, just as Solomon says that we should remember our Lord in the days of our youth (Eccl. 12:1). The young people must learn the highest truths while they are in their youth. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 5, “Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord’s Recovery,” pp. 385-386)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1978, vol. 3, “The Healthy Word,” ch. 2; *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 7-8, 10

**Lord’s Day 5/7****Related Verses****Psa. 119:159-160, 169-172, 174-175**

**159** See how I have loved Your precepts; O Jehovah, enliven me according to Your lovingkindness.

**160** The sum of Your word is truth, And all Your righteous ordinances are forever.

**169** Let my cry come before You, O Jehovah; Give me understanding according to Your word.

**170** Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

**171** Let my lips pour forth praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

**172** Let my tongue sing of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.

**174** I have longed for Your salvation, O Jehovah, And Your law is my delight.

**175** Let my soul live, and it will praise You; And let Your ordinances help me.

**Further Reading:**

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ezra*, msg. 5

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans****Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 8:1-2

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 14

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Christ Died for Us

Scripture: Rom. 5:6-9; 8:3

Assigned Reading: Matt. 26:26-27:56; Mark 14:22-15:41; Luke 22:7-23:49; John 18:1-19:37; Psa. 22:1-22; Isa. 53

Supplemental Reading: None

Hymn: 94

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**Hymns, #542**

**1** O the riches of my Savior,  
So unsearchable, immense;  
All the fulness of the Godhead  
I may now experience.

**Chorus**

O the riches, O the riches,  
Christ my Savior has for me!  
How unsearchable their measure,  
Yet my full reality!

**2** O the riches of my Savior,  
All-embracing: life and light,  
Wisdom, power, healing, comfort,  
Treasures rich of God’s delight;

**3** God’s redemption, full salvation,  
And His resurrection pow’r,  
Sanctifying, glorifying,  
All transcending every hour!

**4** O the riches of my Savior—  
Nothing less than God as all!  
All His person and possessions,  
Now my spirit doth enthrall.

**5** O the riches of my Savior!  
Who can know their breadth and length,  
Or their depth and height unmeasured,  
Yet they are my joy and strength.

**6** May I know these boundless riches,  
Christ experience in full;  
And with others may I share them  
In their content bountiful.