

<b>Monday 9/11</b>
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**Related Verses**

**Matt. 3:17**

17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight.

**Gal. 1:15-16**

15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,  
 16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

**Matt. 12:18**

18 "Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul has found delight. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will announce justice to the Gentiles.

**Matt. 17:5**

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

**Col. 1:15-17**

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,  
 16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.  
 17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;

**Col. 3:10-11**

10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,  
 11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

**Related Reading**

As the elders and co-workers go on with the Lord, they should become more and more clear that God's

heart's desire is only Christ...The desire of God's heart is entirely centered on Christ...God's intention is to work to such an extent that Christ will be expressed in all things, fill all things, and even be all things.

Perhaps you may say, "I know that our food and clothing should glorify Christ." This type of speaking is common in Christianity, but it is too shallow. You also may say, "Since food and clothing refer to our living, this means that our living, our working, and our serving should be for Christ," but this is not what we mean. Rather, we should express Christ Himself even in matters related to food and clothing. God's heart's desire is that every person, every matter, and every thing in the universe would express Christ...Every positive item in the universe should express Christ Himself. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, p. 179*)

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Colossians 1:19 says, "In Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell." Verse 18 speaks of Christ having "the first place in all things." We exist for the expression of Christ, we preach the gospel for the expression of Christ, our work is for the expression of Christ, and the church is for the expression of Christ.

The Old Testament types and the Old Testament commandments are explanations of Christ. God commands that we keep the Sabbath, and Christ is the reality of the Sabbath. God commands that we be holy, and Christ is the reality of holiness. Every sentence in the entire Bible points to the reality of Christ Himself. The entire universe, even every tree, flower, and blade of grass, speaks of Christ. The beauty of a flower expresses the beauty of Christ because the reality of beauty is Christ Himself. The sweetness of a piece of fruit expresses the sweetness of Christ, because the reality of sweetness is Christ Himself. Hence, the Bible uses many flowers and fruits to show forth many aspects of Christ...Righteousness is Christ. Holiness is Christ. Purity is Christ. Patience is Christ. Power is Christ. Suffering is Christ. Everything in the universe is an expression of Christ.

The universe is a great painting drawn by God. In this painting, various things, matters, and persons describe Christ. The relationship between a husband and a wife is

a description of Christ. The relationship between a master and a servant is a description of Christ. The relationship between a father and a son is a description of Christ...Today our vision of Christ must be so clear that we see that Christ is not only the desire of God's heart but even more the reality of all positive things, matters, and persons. In our gospel preaching we should preach Christ. In our messages we should speak Christ. In our administration of the church, we should administrate so that Christ can be ministered into people and then be ministered into others through them.

The Bible tells us in many places that we should be holy, loving, righteous, and patient; these things are shadows of Christ, who is the reality...When the Bible speaks of patience, it means that we should turn to Christ and live out Christ who is the reality of patience. It is wrong to think that we must try our best to love others because the Bible says that we should love others as ourselves. The love which the Bible speaks of is actually Christ. Also, God wants us to be honest by living out Christ. It is the same with respect to righteousness, sincerity, and holiness. God wants Christ to be our righteousness, sincerity, and holiness. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 179, 181-182*)

*Further Reading: CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 179-188, 59-68, 81-104; Life-study of Ezekiel, msg. 11*

<b>Tuesday 9/12</b>
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**Related Verses**

**1 Cor. 1:9**

9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**2 Cor. 3:17**

17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**2 Cor. 4:1**

1 Therefore having this ministry as we have been shown mercy, we do not lose heart;

**Col. 1:9-14**

9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

**10** To walk worthily of the Lord to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God,  
**11** Being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy,  
**12** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;  
**13** Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,  
**14** In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins;

**Related Reading**

The Bible shows that when Christ enters into us, He not only wants to be our life, but also our everything. Of the four Gospels the Gospel of John has a very special place, showing that the Lord has come not only to be our life but also to be our everything. The Gospel of John speaks not only of the Lord as life but also of the Lord as the light of life (1:4; 8:12), the breath of life (20:22), the water of life (4:14; 7:38), and the bread of life (6:35, 48). In order to sustain our physical life, we must have sunshine, air, water, and food...Similarly, we obtain our spiritual life from Christ, but our spiritual life is also sustained by Christ. In John 15:5 the Lord said that He is the vine and that we are the branches of the vine. Everything that the branches have comes from the vine; the vine provides both life and a life supply to the branches. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, p. 184*)

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We...must see that Christ is the Spirit [1 Cor. 15:45b].

Since the Lord is the Spirit [2 Cor. 3:17], Paul said, "The Lord be with your spirit" (2 Tim. 4:22)...Furthermore, we are "joined to the Lord" and are "one spirit" with Him (1 Cor. 6:17). If we would genuinely worship God, we must "worship in spirit" (John 4:24). When we read the Bible, we must also touch the spirit, because the Lord says, "The words which I have spoken to you are spirit" (6:63). The key to the Christian life lies in walking "according to the spirit" (Rom. 8:4). Furthermore, we should not "quench the Spirit" (1 Thes. 5:19).

The greatest need for us today is to see that the Lord Jesus is the Spirit. He passed through incarnation, death, and resurrection, and became the life-giving Spirit. This is the key to our spiritual growth and service. If we do not see this point, everything that we speak will become doctrine, including Christ being God's heart's desire, Christ being the reality of all positive things, Christ being our life, and Christ being everything to us. We must see that the Christ who is the desire of God's heart, the Christ who is the reality of all things, the Christ who is our life, and the Christ who is everything to us today is the Spirit. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 185-186*)

If we would be attuned in the same opinion, we need to have a vision of the place of Christ in God's economy...When you have seen the all-inclusive Christ and have learned the secret of enjoying Him, your way of thinking and speaking will be changed. Then you will become pure and simple. Instead of expressing your own opinions, you will care only to enjoy Christ and speak of Him. Having become a person who does not know anything except Christ, you will be faithful to the Lord's recovery.

If you are able to give up the church life, this proves that you have never seen the church. Whether the church is good or bad, healthy or unhealthy, living or dead, it is still the church. If we realize this, it indicates that we have seen that Christ is God's unique center.

Whether or not we are secure in the recovery and protected from divisiveness depends on the vision we have seen. If we have seen that Christ is the unique center, we shall be secure. No matter what may take place in the recovery, we shall remain in the church life. We shall have the assurance within us that we are in the Lord's recovery.

Let us learn not to have any choice, preference, or taste other than Christ. The all-inclusive Christ is our unique choice, preference, taste, and enjoyment. This will preserve us in the church in the Lord's recovery until He comes back. Otherwise, eventually we shall be disappointed or distracted and forsake the Lord's recovery. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians, pp. 56, 53-54, 57-58*)

*Further Reading: Life-study of 1 Corinthians, msgs. 3-4, 6*

**Wednesday 9/13**

**Related Verses**

**Phil. 3:13-14**

**13** Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

**14** I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

**Phil. 1:20-21**

**20** According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

**21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**Phil. 3:9, 20-21**

**9** And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

**20** For our commonwealth exists in the heavens, from which also we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**21** Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

**Phil. 4:11-13**

**11** Not that I speak according to lack, for I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content.

**12** I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

**13** I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.

**Related Reading**

The main revelation in the New Testament, especially in Paul's Epistles, is the very Christ, whom God in His economy has prepared for us to be our experience.

“For to me, to live is Christ” (Phil. 1:21). This word reveals to us that Paul, who experienced Christ richly and abundantly, took Christ as his living...He lived Christ.

“As always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death” (Phil. 1:20). This word shows us that Paul, who was rich in the experience of Christ, took Christ also as his expression. All his life and work were not for expressing himself or for displaying his knowledge, his ability, or his other merits and strong points. What he was and what he did were for expressing Christ, even for magnifying Christ, that Christ would be not only expressed through him but even magnified in him. (*Life Lessons*, vol. 3, p. 36)

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“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5)...Paul not only took Christ as his living and expression without, but he also took the mind of Christ as his mind within. According to the text which follows, the thinking in the mind of Christ in this verse was that of One who changed from the form of God into the likeness of man to become a man, even emptying Himself to take the form of a slave and to humble Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of a cross.

“And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness...but...the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith” (Phil. 3:9). In experiencing Christ, Paul was found by others to be a man in Christ, not having a righteousness which was from his own keeping of the law, but having the righteousness from God through his faith in Christ, which is just Christ Himself lived out from him to be expressed as his righteousness. In such a way, Paul took Christ as the righteousness which he lived out.

Paul, who pursued the knowledge of Christ in order to experience Him more deeply, considered his pursuit of Christ to be his only task. Thus, he pursued by forgetting the things which were behind and stretching forward to the things which were before [Phil. 3:13-14]...He took Christ as his goal, pursuing to obtain the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. This prize is also Christ, that is, Christ as the enjoyment of His pursuers.

“I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me” (Phil. 4:13). Paul, who experienced Christ, was empowered by Christ; hence, he was able to do all things in Christ, which is mainly to live out the various kinds of virtues which express God’s attributes mentioned in verse 8 preceding this word. This shows us that Paul experienced Christ by taking Christ as power to live out Christ as his magnificent living.

“I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content. I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret...” (Phil. 4:11-12). In any environment and in any matter, Paul, who experienced Christ richly and abundantly, learned the secret to be content and to rejoice always...The secret he learned was just Christ. Thus, he took Christ as the secret to experience Christ, being content and rejoicing always in any situation and in any matter.

“For our commonwealth exists in the heavens, from which also we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...” (Phil. 3:20-21). The life which Paul lived in the experience of Christ was one that awaited the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who would come from the heavens to transfigure his body of humiliation, conforming it to the body of His glory. Thus, he took the Christ whom he experienced as his expectation. (*Life Lessons*, vol. 3, pp. 36-39)

*Further Reading: Life Lessons, vol. 3, lsn. 29*

<b>Thursday 9/14</b>
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**Related Verses**

**Phil. 3:8, 12**

**8** But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

**12** Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

**Exo. 33:11-14**

**11** And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

**12** And Moses said to Jehovah, See, You say to me, Bring up this people; but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.

**13** Now therefore if I have found favor in Your sight, please let me know now Your ways, that I may know You, so that I may continue to find favor in Your sight. Consider also that this nation is Your people.

**14** And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.

**2 Cor. 2:10**

**10** But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ;

**Eph. 4:30**

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.

**Related Reading**

Whether or not we have actually gained Christ can be proven by five points. First, we will have the presence of God; we will sense that God is like fresh air being breathed in by us. Second, we will sense that we are in the light and are shining inwardly. Third, we will feel that we are supplied within, having living water to quench our thirst and living bread to satisfy our hunger. Fourth, the demands related to positive and negative matters will become higher and higher, just like a rising thermometer. This indicates that life is continually growing. Fifth, we will have an inward vitality. Whenever we come to the meeting, we will feel that we have to pray and sing; we will feel that we must be active. These five aspects are proof that we have gained Christ. (*CWWL, 1967*, vol. 1, pp. 67-68)

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[The first aspect of Christ being life to us is that we sense the presence of God.] Suppose after pray-reading the Word in the morning, we feel that we are in God’s presence, we are in God, and we are mingled with God as one. God is like a cloud, and we feel as if we are under His covering; God is like a mass of air, and we feel as if we are full of God’s consciousness, God’s presence. This is the experience of Christ as life.

Next, when we have truly gained Christ, we have another feeling; we feel clear, bright, and full of light inwardly. This is because Christ is life, and this life is the light of men (John 1:4). When we finish pray-reading, we feel bright within...Before we pray-read, we may sense darkness within; however, the more we pray-read, the more we are shining within. This is proof that we have gained Christ. This is the way to gain Christ.

The third aspect of the experience of Christ as life is our being inwardly supplied...Christ is the living water and living bread. When we are inwardly supplied, the living water quenches our thirst, and the spiritual bread satisfies our hunger. Once we experience Christ as life, we are inwardly supplied. Rather than feeling thirsty or hungry, we are satisfied.

The fourth aspect related to the experience of Christ as life involves the ability of life to grow in us...A person who is not gaining much of Christ and who has a low level of life may not have a good attitude toward his parents and siblings. He also may feel that there is nothing improper with his attitude. After pray-reading the Word, the Lord's life will begin to grow in him. After there has been some growth in life, he will begin to feel that his attitude toward his parents is not proper. This knowledge does not come from someone's rebuke; it is the growth in life within that causes him to have this feeling. Dealing with sins and mistakes is a manifestation of the growth in life that relates to negative matters. In regard to positive matters, the growth in life may cause a person to perceive that his consecration to God is too low and shallow and that he needs to consecrate again in order to deal with his reservations before God. There is no way to determine a standard for consecration; the criterion depends on the level of our life.

The fifth aspect of the experience of Christ is that life is active and takes action...When we are experiencing the Lord's life in us, we will sense that Christ is not dead within us; rather, He is vigorously motivating us. However, if we are deadened within, we may look nice on the surface when we come to the meeting, but we will act like a dead person...If we are experiencing Christ as life, surely there will be activities in us [singing and praying] related to life...Whether we are a living Christian or a dead Christian depends on whether or not we move. If we experience Christ as life in us, this life

will surely cause us to move. (*CWWL*, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 63, 65-68)

*Further Reading: CWWL, 1978, vol. 1, "The Exercise of the Kingdom for the Building of the Church," ch. 6*

**Friday 9/15**

**Related Verses**

**2 Tim. 4:22**

**22** The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

**Rom. 8:6**

**6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

**Eph. 1:17**

**17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

**Eph. 2:22**

**22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**Eph. 3:5, 16**

**5** Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit,

**16** That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

**Eph. 4:23**

**23** And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

**Eph. 5:18**

**18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,

**Eph. 6:18**

**18** By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**Related Reading**

Satan dwells in the members of our body, but God is in our spirit...Romans 8:6 contains a real secret. In this verse there are three things: the mind, the flesh, and the spirit.

We must learn how to set our mind on the spirit. In other words, we must learn to trust in God and depend on the Lord.

Although we must study the Bible with its narratives and instructions, the real secret is in Romans 8:6. We may be very knowledgeable of the Scriptures, but if we do not apply Romans 8:6, whatever we know and do will accomplish little.

Now we must pray, "Lord, help me to choose You. Help me to rely on You, depend on You, and drop my effort and striving. Help me to never do anything by myself to overcome evil or temptation. Rather, help me always to rely on You, stand with You, and trust in You...Lord, help me always to thrust myself upon You...and depend on You." (*CWWL*, 1964, vol. 2, "A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church, Part 2—Romans through Philemon," pp. 232, 234-235)

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A person who is saved not only has a created spirit but also a regenerated spirit and a spirit indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Our treasure, our possession, and our spiritual capacities and weapons are in us. Many Christians have a wrong concept; they think that they must pray for an extended period of time in order for power to come upon them from heaven like an atomic bomb. This kind of thinking is not accurate, because our power does not come from heaven; our power is in our spirit. Hence, Hebrews 4:16 says that we should come forward with boldness to the throne of grace...Chapter 10 then speaks of entering and coming forward to the Holy of Holies [vv. 19, 22]. This Holy of Holies is our spirit (4:12; 2 Tim. 4:22). We must learn to turn to our spirit. Those who minister the word should learn even more to turn to their spirit and not be affected by those who listen to them...One who is experienced in turning to his spirit can give powerful messages because he can sense the feeling of the Spirit and then utter something from his spirit. Turning to the spirit is the secret of being a Christian. I hope that we will learn and earnestly apply this secret.

When we read the Bible, we must control our thoughts, but it is not truly even a matter of controlling

our thoughts. Rather, we should just ignore them by turning to our spirit. As soon as we pray-read, we will follow the spirit, not the flesh...The secret to a Christian's sanctification, spiritual victory, growth in life, power, and enjoyment of the Lord is to turn to the spirit.

Our tongue is very difficult to manage [Psa. 39:1; 120:2-4; 141:3]...However, today we do not need to try to control our mouth. We only need to learn the secret and practice the secret; that is, whenever we are about to speak, we must turn to our spirit...As Christians we should not care whether we are saying the right thing, but whether we are turning to our spirit. Before we open our mouth, we should turn to our spirit. This is the secret. (CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 99-101)

Man's first sin was not adultery, stealing, or murder; it was taking something according to his own preference. To take fruit was not wrong, but to take fruit according to the preference of the soul was the activity of the self. Therefore, man's first sin was to do something for himself, to satisfy the self.

The soul was made to express God. But when the soul does something to satisfy itself, it becomes selfish...To deny ourselves means to reject the soul's desire, preference, and choice. Whenever the soul wants something for itself, we must deny the soul. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 1, "The Exercise of the Kingdom for the Building of the Church," p. 102)

*Further Reading: CWWL, 1964, vol. 2, "A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church, Part 2—Romans through Philemon," ch. 11*

**Saturday 9/16**

**Related Verses**

**Matt. 16:24**

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

**Rom. 10:13**

13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Matt. 16:21-23, 25-27**

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, God be merciful to You, Lord! This shall by no means happen to You!

23 But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.

25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

26 For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

27 For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

**Rom. 10:12**

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;

**Related Reading**

We must see clearly that the way to follow the Lord, the way to spirituality, the way to victory, the way to sanctification, the way to life, and the way to enjoy the Lord's riches is to reject our soul and turn to our spirit...To reject our soul means to reject our mind, emotion, and will...We must turn to our spirit before we do anything. As soon as we get out of the spirit, we will wander and be without rest. God has a rest for us, and this rest is in our spirit. We must be diligent to enter into this rest. Before we fellowship,...before we read the Bible,...before we pray, we must turn to our spirit. Whatever we plan to do, we should learn to turn to our spirit first, because if we do not turn to our spirit, we will be in our soul...When we are in our soul, we are connected to Satan. Hence, we should not care whether we are about to do something that is good or bad. Instead, we should learn to turn to our spirit. In matters both great and small, we must first turn to our spirit. (CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, p. 103)

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[In Mark 9] the father of the child had asked the Lord's disciples to cast out the demon, but they were not able to do so [v. 18]...When the Lord came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, He came into that situation. He then proceeded to cast out the dumb and deaf spirit. Verse 28 says, "And when He entered into the house, His disciples questioned Him privately, Why were we not able to cast it out?"

In verse 29 we have the Lord's answer to the disciples' question: "This kind cannot come out by any means, except prayer." The Lord's word here indicates that the disciples failed to pray, and that was the reason they could not cast out the demon.

To pray means that we realize that we are nothing and that we can do nothing. This implies that prayer is the real denial of the self...To pray is actually to declare, "Not I, but Christ."

Perhaps they said to themselves, "We have been watching the Lord cast out demons for more than two years, and we have learned of Him. We should be able to cast the demon out of this child."...We may say that they tried to cast out the demon without the necessary power, energy, divine electricity.

I wish to emphasize the fact that the word *prayer* in 9:29 actually indicates "no longer I but Christ." Concerning this matter, we need to understand why this case immediately follows the revelation of Christ as our replacement and the Lord's word about denying ourselves [8:27-38].

Mark 9:14-50 is actually a practicing of the revelation of Christ as our replacement. It had been revealed to the disciples that Christ is the entire replacement through His death and resurrection. Death terminates us, and resurrection brings Christ to us. The result is "no longer I but Christ." But how can this revelation be applied? According to the case of the casting of the dumb spirit out of the man's son, this vision is applied by prayer...We may use the matter of temper, especially in married life, as an illustration of the fact that certain "demons" can be cast out only through prayer.

If you ask the Lord why you are not able to cast out the demon of your temper, He may say, “This kind cannot be cast out except by prayer. You need to pray.”

Actually, we do not need to pray in a lengthy way. It is sufficient simply to call, “O Lord Jesus!” Even such a short prayer indicates “no longer I but Christ.” Your prayer testifies that you do not exercise your self-effort to deal with the situation. Instead, you apply Christ. This is to practice the vision concerning Christ with His death and resurrection being our replacement. (*Life-study of Mark*, pp. 240-242)

*Further Reading: Life-study of Mark, msg. 27; Life-study of Genesis, msg. 55*

**Lord’s Day 9/17**

**Related Verses**

**Rev. 12:10-12, 17**

**10** And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

**11** And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

**12** Therefore be glad, O heavens and those who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you and has great rage, knowing that he has only a short time.

**17** And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

**Rev. 22:1-7**

**1** And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

**2** And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

**3** And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;

**4** And they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

**5** And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

**6** And he said to me, These words are faithful and true; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show to His slaves the things which must quickly take place.

**7** And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this scroll.

**Further Reading:**

Further Reading: *CWWL*, “1967, vol. 1, pp. 179-188

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 5:12-21

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 40-41

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Being a Vessel under the Sovereignty of God

Scripture: Rom. 9:19-29

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 23; *Life-study of Exodus*, msg. 21

Supplemental Reading: None

Hymn: 403

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**Hymns, #538**

**1** It is God’s intent and pleasure  
To have Christ revealed in me,  
Nothing outward as religion,  
But His Christ within to be.

**Chorus**

It is God’s intent and pleasure  
That His Christ be wrought in me;  
Nothing outwardly performing,  
But His Christ my all to be.

**2** It is God’s intent and pleasure  
That His Christ may live in me;  
Nothing as an outward practise,  
But Christ working inwardly.

**3** It is God’s intent and pleasure  
That His Christ be formed in me;  
Not the outward forms to follow,  
But Christ growing inwardly.

**4** It is God’s intent and pleasure  
That His Christ make home in me;  
Not just outwardly to serve Him,  
But Christ dwelling inwardly.

**5** It is God’s intent and pleasure  
That His Christ my hope may be;  
It is not objective glory,  
But ‘tis Christ subjectively.

**6** It is God’s intent and pleasure  
That His Christ be all in me;  
Nothing outwardly possessing,  
But His Christ eternally.