

Monday 10/9Related VersesPhil. 3:10

10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

2 Tim. 2:11

11 Faithful is the word: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;

Rom. 8:14-18, 23-25

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery bringing you into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father!

16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

17 And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us.

23 And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

24 For we were saved in hope. But a hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly await it through endurance.

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The process of obtaining Christ, as revealed in Philippians 3:10, is to know Him by knowing the power of His resurrection. However, if we would know the power of Christ's resurrection, we must share in His sufferings and know the fellowship of His sufferings. The participation in Christ's sufferings—"the fellowship of His sufferings"—(Phil. 3:10; Matt. 20:22-23; Col. 1:24) is a necessary condition for the experience of the power of His resurrection (2 Tim. 2:11) by being conformed to His death. Paul was pursuing to know and experience not only the excellency of Christ Himself but

also the life power of His resurrection and the participation in His sufferings. With Christ the sufferings and death came first, followed by the resurrection. With us the power of His resurrection comes first, then the fellowship of His sufferings and conformity to His death. We first received the power of His resurrection. Then by this power we are enabled to participate in His sufferings and live a crucified life in conformity to His death. Such sufferings are mainly for producing and building up the Body of Christ. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1546-1547)

It is crucial for us to realize that Christ is in resurrection. When we experience Christ in His resurrection, we are infused with all the elements of resurrection, and this infusion enables us to partake of His sufferings for the Body. In other words, we must have the dispensing of Christ's resurrection so that we may experience His cross, His death. It is by knowing Christ's resurrection that we experience His death.

The more we know His resurrection, the more we shall be put into His death to share in the fellowship of His sufferings.

All believers desire to enter into the fellowship of the Son of God [cf. 1 Cor. 1:9]. However, in Philippians 3:10 Paul speaks of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings, something in which we are not naturally inclined to share. But the more we experience Christ's sufferings, the more we shall gain Christ. In other words, the more we experience the cross, the more we experience Christ. God gives us the cross, and the cross gives us Christ. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 1548)

It is difficult for anyone to define the Holy Spirit. According to practical experience, not theology, the Holy Spirit is what remains after we put ourselves aside...As long as you have the Spirit, there is no limitation. However, the Spirit may seem limited if we are not willing to put ourselves aside.

We simply need to exercise our will to decide to put ourselves aside. When the circumstances are difficult, do not feel sorry for yourself but take up the cross and remain under the death of the cross...You will discover that where death is, there the power of resurrection is

also. Immediately, the Spirit, the power of resurrection, will rise up within you, and you will sing with joy, "Tis not hard to die with Christ" [*Hymns*, #481]...We enjoy going to Calvary, and we enjoy the power of Christ's resurrection, the Spirit of holiness. This is the reality of the power of resurrection.

The Christ who is the reality of the power of resurrection is the life-giving Spirit...In order to experience Christ, we must go all the way to Calvary. At Calvary there is a wonderful death, a death that brings in resurrection. After we have put the self on the cross, what remains will be the Holy Spirit. With this remainder we will sense the power of resurrection. This is the power of Christ's resurrection. Like A. B. Simpson, we will go all the way to Calvary, not sorrowfully and with weeping but joyfully and with singing. We will enjoy death through the power of resurrection. (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," pp. 450-452) Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 142; *CWWL*, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," ch. 16

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24 I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

John 12:24

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 10:11, 15, 17-18

11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I received from My Father.

John 12: 12:23-26

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life.

26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant will be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

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Christ's sufferings are of two categories: those for accomplishing redemption, which were completed by Christ Himself, and those for producing and building the church, which need to be filled up by the apostles and the believers (Col. 1:24). We cannot participate in Christ's suffering for redemption, but we must take part in the sufferings of Christ for the producing and building up of the Body...Christ as the Lamb of God suffered for redemption (John 1:29); Christ as the grain of wheat suffered for reproducing and building (12:24). The Lord, as a grain of wheat that fell into the ground, lost His soul-life through death that He might release His eternal life in resurrection to the many grains (10:10-11). The one grain did not complete all the sufferings that are needed for the building up of the Body; as the many grains, we must suffer in the same way the one grain suffered (12:24-26). As the many grains, we also must lose our soul-life through death that we may enjoy eternal life in resurrection (v. 25). This is to follow Him that we may serve Him and walk with Him on the way of losing the soul-life and living in resurrection (v. 26). The way for the church to come into being and to increase is not by human glory but by the death of the cross. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3507)

When we put ourselves aside and remain under the cross, the power of resurrection will be our portion. Immediately, opposition will rise up against us, and we will suffer. This suffering is in the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ for the building up of the Body.

At this point we need to differentiate between two kinds of sufferings—the sufferings of Christ and the sufferings that come from our mistakes. Do not think that all the sufferings you undergo are for the building up of the Body. For example, you may suffer because you make a mistake in driving...This suffering, however, is the result of a mistake or carelessness; it is not the suffering of Christ for the producing of the Body...However, suppose on your job you enjoy the power of Christ's resurrection. Because of this, your superiors may oppose you, either passing you up for a promotion or causing you to be dismissed from your job. This suffering may be counted as the suffering of Christ for the producing and building up of the Body. Thus, one category of suffering is due to our mistakes and wrongdoings, and the other results from our testimony.

When we set ourselves aside and experience the power of resurrection, our testimony will be very strong. This will arouse the opposition of the enemy, and we will suffer. This kind of suffering is the suffering of Christ. We all need to know the fellowship of Christ's sufferings, the sufferings that make up what is lacking of Christ's sufferings for the building up of the Body.

In suffering opposition we experience Christ and enjoy Christ...The more we pass through death, the more Christ's resurrection power becomes our enjoyment; and the more we have the enjoyment of resurrection power, the more we know Christ by our experience. In other words, the very Christ whose life is recorded in the four Gospels lives His life again in us and in the same way. Therefore, we know Him, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings...Because He repeats His life in us, we become one with Him in His steps. We follow Him by enjoying Him and by being one with Him. This means that we even follow Him in His suffering life. How wonderful this is! (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," pp. 453-455) Further Reading: *Life-study of Philippians*, msg. 52; *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 20

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Related Verses**2 Cor. 3:18**

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 4:10, 7-9, 11-12, 15-18

10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

8 We are pressed on every side but not constricted; unable to find a way out but not utterly without a way out;

9 Persecuted but not abandoned; cast down but not destroyed;

11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.

15 For all things are for your sakes that the grace which has abounded through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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As the Head, Christ's sufferings for the accomplishment of redemption are complete, but the sufferings of Christ for the producing and building up of the Body are not yet finished. Such sufferings are also called "His sufferings" [Phil. 3:10]...In Colossians 1:24 Paul regarded his own sufferings as the filling up of what is lacking of Christ's sufferings for His Body...The

sufferings of Christ for His Body are still going on, and we need to share in them...As those who follow Him, we must share in His sufferings for His Body. If we would know Christ by experiencing the power of His resurrection, we must share His sufferings. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 1547)

There is a difference between those sufferings which are for our transformation and those which are for the Body. Paul's word in Philippians 3:10 does not refer to suffering for transformation. If we compare 3:10 with Colossians 1:24, we shall see that the sufferings about which he is speaking in 3:10 are those which make up the lack of Christ's afflictions for the Body. It is when we suffer for the Body that we experience the power of Christ's resurrection.

In order to experience Christ, we must be in the power of His resurrection. We cannot be in our natural life. The more we know the power of Christ's resurrection, the more we shall participate in the sufferings of Christ and thereby have the fellowship of His sufferings. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1547-1548)

Not all the sufferings experienced by Christians are of the same category. Actually there are at least three kinds of sufferings Christians may experience.

The first kind of suffering is that which is common to all human beings...Suffering is universal because of the fall of man. Due to the fall, creation has become old...Creation is fallen, corrupt, and decaying. With the old creation and fallen man, there are a great many calamities and illnesses...Believers and unbelievers are human beings, and as human beings, we cannot avoid calamities.

The second kind of suffering Christians experience is suffering that comes from sins and mistakes. If we are careless or foolish in the exercise of our responsibilities, we may suffer a certain kind of loss.

The third category of suffering experienced by Christians is the putting to death of Jesus. Paul did not experience this because he was wrong. On the contrary, he was right in every way. Nevertheless, he was afflicted,

perplexed, persecuted, and cast down. But all of this was for the sake of Jesus, for the sake of the Body, and for the sake of the new covenant ministry.

Paul and the other apostles were not wrong, and these particular sufferings were not related to any mistakes of theirs. But they still had the outward man [that] needed to be consumed.

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He did not make any mistakes, and He was not wrong in anything. But He had an outward man that needed to be consumed. Therefore, the putting to death of Jesus is not punishment, correction, or discipline...To correct us, punish us, or discipline us is not the goal of the putting to death of Jesus. Neither is it a matter of natural calamities. Instead, it is a kind of persecution, operation, or dealing that comes upon us to consume our natural man, our outward man, our flesh, so that our inward man may have the opportunity to develop and be renewed. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 308-309, 311) Further Reading: *CWWL, 1932-1949*, vol. 4, "Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures, Volume 5," ch. 49

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Related Verses

Phil. 3:10

10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Rom. 6:5

5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Phil. 3:7, 9, 12-16

7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

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,

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.

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.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

16 Nevertheless whereunto we have attained, by the same rule let us walk.

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On account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, we should count all things as loss in order that we may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness out of the law, but the righteousness that is God Himself lived out of us (Phil. 3:7-9). The purpose of this is that we might know Him, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings. But Paul does not stop here; he continues by saying, "Being conformed to his death" (v. 10). The excellency of the knowledge of Christ, the counting loss of all things, the gaining of Christ, being found in Him, knowing Him, knowing the power of His resurrection, and knowing the fellowship of His sufferings all issue in one thing—being conformed to His death.

In Philippians 3 the apostle Paul considered the death of Christ to be a model, a form, or a mold. For example, when the sisters make cakes or cookies, they put the dough into a mold. By being pressed into the mold, the dough eventually is conformed to the shape of the mold. This is precisely Paul's meaning here. He regards the death of Christ as a mold and us as the dough to be put into the mold and pressed. The result is that we are conformed to the death of Christ. (*CWWL, 1978*, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," p. 457)

The death of Adam is terrible, and we loathe it. The death of Christ, however, is precious and lovable, and we all should treasure it. According to the Bible, the wonderful death of Christ is symbolized by baptism. In the Gospels the Lord Jesus experienced two baptisms: the first at the beginning of His ministry, when He was

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baptized in water by John, and the second at the end of His ministry, when He was baptized on the cross. Both baptisms symbolize the lovable death of Christ. (*CWWL, 1978*, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," pp. 457-458)

We have a God who is full of power, who is the Christ who empowers us; He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). This One is in us, and His life is the resurrection power. When we are impoverished, He enables us to withstand the pressures of poverty. When we are prosperous, He empowers us to withstand the test of prosperity. When others persecute us, He empowers us inwardly so that we can endure. When others praise us, He empowers us inwardly so that we can withstand the praise...If we are willing to pay the price and lose our good qualities and strengths, we will see that Christ is the resurrection power as our inward supply in every situation.

Being conformed to His death indicates that Christ's death is a mold. We have been placed into this mold of death, and then the resurrection power conforms us to this mold...After baking [dough in a mold], the dough becomes the same shape as the mold. In like manner the resurrection power of Christ in us leads us, carries us, bears us, and places us into the mold of Christ's death. In this way we bear the image of Christ's death.

We can see this mold of death in the daily living of Jesus the Nazarene, as recorded in the four Gospels. Everything that was not of God or apart from God was terminated and restricted by the mold of death. The Lord Jesus lived on the earth for thirty-three and a half years under the shadow of death, that is, in the mold of death. In this way He followed God, served God, lived for God, and lived out God. Today Christ's life in us puts us into the mold of His death. Everything that is not of God, Christ, or the Spirit must be put to death. The resurrection life puts us into the mold of Christ's death to conform us to His death. (*CWWL, 1955*, vol. 1, pp. 337-338)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1978*, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," ch. 17; *CWWL, 1955*, vol. 4, p. 446; *CWWL, 1989*, vol. 3, "The Experience and Growth in Life," ch. 12

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Phil. 3:10

10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Gal. 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

John 6:57

57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

John 5:19-23

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these He will show Him that you may marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wills.

22 For neither does the Father judge anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

23 In order that all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

John 7:16-18

16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.

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In Philippians 3:10...this expression [*being conformed to His death*] indicates that Paul desired to

take Christ's death as the mold of his life. Christ's death is a mold to which we are conformed in much the same way that dough is put into a cake mold and conformed to it. Paul continually lived a crucified life, a life under the cross, just as Christ did in His human living. Through such a life the resurrection power is experienced and expressed. The mold of Christ's death refers to the continual putting to death of His human life that He might live by the life of God (John 6:57). Our life should be conformed to such a mold—dying to our human life in order to live the divine life. Being conformed to the death of Christ is the condition for knowing and experiencing Him, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1549-1550)

Christ's death took place throughout His life on earth. As He was living, He was also dying, dying to the old creation in order to live a life in the new creation. This is the meaning of "His death" in Philippians 3:10. Being conformed to Christ's death should be our experience day by day. Daily we must put our natural life to death and not live according to it. If we put to death our natural life, we shall have the consciousness that we have another life, the divine life, within us. Once our outward natural life is put to death, the inner divine life will be released. Then in our experience we shall be conformed to Christ's death.

There are four important matters in 3:10: to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection, to know the fellowship of His sufferings, and to be conformed to His death. Actually, being conformed to Christ's death is related to knowing both the power of Christ's resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. The words being conformed indicate how we may know the power of Christ's resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. By being conformed to the death of Christ we experience the power of His resurrection and enter into the fellowship of His sufferings. Being conformed to Christ's death is the base of the experience of Christ. If we are not conformed to the death of Christ, we do not have the base for the experience of Christ. In order to experience Christ, we must be conformed to His death. But to be conformed to the death of Christ, we must have the fellowship of His sufferings. By participating in

Christ's sufferings, we are ushered into a position to experience the power of His resurrection. Then, when we experience the power of Christ's resurrection, we know Him.

As we partake of Christ's sufferings for the Body, we are conformed to His death. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He lived a crucified life. He continually put His natural life to death. By living such a crucified life He was alive to God and lived Him. When we are willing to suffer for Christ and His Body, we also shall live only to Him. Then we shall truly be conformed to His death, for we shall share in His death. Day by day we shall experience the power of His resurrection. This is the way to know Christ in an experiential way. By knowing Christ in this way, experiencing Him in the power of His resurrection, we obtain Him.

The Lord Jesus,...by living a crucified life,...always put His human life to death so that the divine life within Him could flow out (John 10:10-11, 17). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1550-1551, 3508) Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 143

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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. 6:3-4

3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

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. 6:5

5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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God has put us into the mold of Christ's death, and day by day God is molding us to conform us to this death (Rom. 6:3-4). We should be conformed to such a mold by our dying to our human life to live the divine life...In the mold of Christ's death, the natural life is killed, the old man is crucified, and the self is nullified (2 Cor. 4:16; Rom. 6:6; Matt. 16:24). If we allow our circumstances to press us into this mold, our daily life will be molded into the form of Christ's death (Rom. 8:28-29). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3508)

The form of Christ's death does not bear any indication of the natural man, the old man, or the self. This means that as we are participating in Christ's death, His death will shape us, will conform us, to the form of His death. This shaping by Christ's death will deal with our natural life, our old man, and our self. This means that in Christ's death our natural man with the natural life, the old man, and the self are continually put to death. In Christ's death, therefore, there is not any activity of the natural life, of the old man, or of the self. However, if we behave in our natural man, in our old man, or in the self, we do not bear the image of the death

of Christ. In order to bear this image, we need to be conformed to Christ's death.

We need to be impressed with the fact that Christ's death is a form, a mold, and that we are the "dough" that is placed into this mold. In the form, the mold, of Christ's death there is no natural man, old man, or self. All these are ruled out by the mold of the death of Christ. To be molded, formed, in this way is to be conformed to Christ's death. The more we experience this, the more we know Christ, His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 1551)

To be conformed to the image of the firstborn Son of God is to live a life of denying our natural life under the crucifixion of Christ by being conformed to His death (Phil. 3:10c). To be conformed to the image of Christ, we need to be conformed first to His death...The mold of Christ's death is to live a life of denying our natural life under the crucifixion of Christ. In our daily life we should not do anything by our natural life. Rather, in everything we must deny our natural life. This is to apply death to ourselves. We have a mold in us, and that mold is death, the denying of our natural life.

In the image of the firstborn Son of God there is the element of death, that is, the denying of His own life. While He was living on the earth, He denied His own life every moment and lived by the Father's life instead. Although His crucifixion was the final stop of His journey on earth, throughout the thirty-three and a half years of His life, He lived under the death of the cross by denying Himself and living by the Father's life. This also is a great element in the all-inclusive Spirit. In the matter of love we have to ask, "Lord, is it I who love, or is it You who loves in me, from me, and through me?" If we love by ourselves, that is a love by our natural life and is without death or resurrection. If we deny our natural life and live by Christ, then we are according to the apostle Paul's word: "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). This is to be conformed to the death of Christ. (*CWWL, 1993*, vol. 1, "God's Salvation in Life," p. 380) Further Reading: *CWWL, 1991-1992*, vol. 2, "The Christian Life," p. 497; *CWWL, 1993*, vol. 1, "God's Salvation in Life," ch. 3

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Related Verses

1 Pet. 2:19-25

19 For this is grace, if anyone, because of a consciousness of God, bears sorrows by suffering unjustly.

20 For what glory is it if, while sinning and being buffeted, you endure? But if, while doing good and suffering, you endure, this is grace with God.

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;

22 Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth;

23 Who being reviled did not revile in return; suffering, He did not threaten but kept committing all to Him who judges righteously;

24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Pet. 3:14-15

14 But even if you suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not be afraid with fear from them, nor be troubled,

15 But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, being always ready for a defense to everyone who asks of you an account concerning the hope which is in you,

Further Reading:

Further Reading: <i>Life-study of Philippians</i> , msg. 52

Hymns, #631

1 If I'd know Christ's risen power.

I must ever love the Cross;

Life from death alone arises;

There's no gain except by loss.

Chorus

If no death, no life,

If no death, no life;

Life from death alone arises;

If no death, no life.

2 If I'd have Christ formed within me,

I must breathe my final breath,

Live within the Cross's shadow,

Put my soul-life e'er to death.

3 If God thru th' Eternal Spirit

Nail me ever with the Lord;

Only then as death is working

Will His life thru me be poured.

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

Scripture: Rom. 8:14-39

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 48-49

Level 2—Romans Topical Study

Crucial Point: Being Fashioned Versus Being Transformed

Scripture: Rom. 12:2

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 26

Supplemental Reading: None

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