#### Monday 10/16

### **Related Verses**

## Phil. 3:11

**11** If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

## Rev. 20:6

**6** Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

## 1 Thes. 4:16

16 Because the Lord Himself, with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

### John 11:25

**25** Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

## 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.

### Heb. 6:18-20

18 In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us,

**19** Which we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and firm and which enters within the veil,

**20** Where the Forerunner, Jesus, has entered for us, having become forever a High Priest according to the order of Melchisedec.

# **Related Reading**

The out-resurrection from the dead [Phil. 3:11] denotes the outstanding resurrection, the extraresurrection, which will be a prize to the overcoming saints. All believers who are dead in Christ will participate in the resurrection from the dead at the Lord's

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coming back (1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52). But the overcoming saints will enjoy an extra, outstanding portion of that resurrection. This is the "better resurrection" mentioned in Hebrews 11:35. The better resurrection is not only "the first resurrection" (Rev. 20:4-6), "the resurrection of life" (John 5:28-29), but also the out-resurrection, the resurrection in which the Lord's overcomers will receive the reward of the kingdom, which the apostle Paul sought after. (*Life-study of Philippians*, p. 188)

To pursue toward the goal of the out-resurrection [Phil. 3:11] is to pursue a life which is out of the old creation and wholly in God. This out-resurrection is actually Christ Himself in resurrection. We may also say that in His person Christ portrays the out-resurrection. Before the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ, there was no such portrait, for there was not yet such a thing as the out-resurrection. Before Christ's incarnation, God had not been joined to His creation. But one day the Son of God came into the old creation. When He was crucified, He brought the entire old creation to the cross and nailed it there. Hence, through crucifixion, Christ terminated the old creation. Furthermore, when He was buried, He brought the old creation, which was symbolized by the grave clothes, with Him into the tomb. When He was resurrected, He left the grave clothes behind (John 20:6-7). This indicates that the old creation was left in the tomb. When Christ came forth in resurrection, He was a person absolutely out of the old creation and in God. This is the meaning of the expression the out-resurrection. Christ attained to this out-resurrection through crucifixion and resurrection.

According to the New Testament, we should not separate the out-resurrection from the person of Christ, for Christ Himself is actually the out-resurrection. This means that when we received the Lord Jesus, we also received the out-resurrection.

Having "this mind" [Phil. 3:15] is related to pursuing the out-resurrection. To have this mind is to have the understanding and realization that, as those who have been chosen, redeemed, and regenerated by God, we must pursue one thing—to have our living out of the old creation and in God. This means that our whole life October 16- October 22, 2023

should be in the out-resurrection...This out-resurrection is actually the dear, precious, excellent person of Christ, the very One who, through crucifixion and resurrection, has passed out of the old creation and has entered into God. This wonderful One is far more excellent than the angels. Angels still belong to the old creation. They have not experienced crucifixion or resurrection. But after Christ was crucified and buried. He was resurrected out of the old creation and into God...Christ Himself is the reality of the out-resurrection! Now we must pursue a life which is this wonderful person of Christ. With Paul we should be able to say, "To me, to live is Christ" (1:21). Paul could also testify that he had been crucified with Christ and that Christ lived in him (Gal. 2:20). The very Christ who lived in Paul is the One who, in His own person, is the out-resurrection.

We need to pursue toward the goal—the goal of the out-resurrection, which is our dear and excellent Christ Himself. What a blessing it is to see this! How blessed we would be in our family life if we pursued a life which is out of the old creation and in God. (*Life-study of Philippians*, pp. 481-483) Further Reading: *Life-study of Philippians*, msgs. 22-23, 53-56

### Tuesday 10/17

# **Related Verses**

#### <u>Phil. 3:10</u>

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

# Rom. 6:4-5

**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.

**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,

### Rom. 8:11

**11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

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### 1 Thes. 5:23

**23** And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Heb. 12:1-2

1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,

**2** Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

## 2 Tim. 4:7-8

7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

**8** Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

### **Related Reading**

The death here [in Philippians 3:10] is the lovable, all-accomplishing death of Christ...Death is the condition for our attaining to the out-resurrection [v. 11]...Paul desired to arrive at a certain goal, the goal of the out-resurrection.

After we believed in the Lord Jesus..., we were baptized. The significance of baptism is to terminate our natural being and to be germinated with the divine life...Baptism, however, is simply the beginning of our Christian life. Our Christian life also has a goal, and this goal is the out-resurrection. This term out-resurrection means that every part of our being will be resurrected. When we were baptized, our old life, our natural human life, was terminated and buried, and a new life, the divine life, which is Christ, rose up from within. At that time we began our Christian life and walk. The Christian walk involves a long process, and it takes us a long way. At the end of this walk is the goal at which we need to arrive...This goal is the out-resurrection, the extraordinary resurrection. The way toward this goal is the process of resurrection. (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," p. 475)

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On the day we were baptized, we should have realized that our old man, the natural man with the old life, was buried. Through that burial, the divine life, the eternal life, rose up within us, and our Christian walk began. A new life had come to live in us with the goal of bringing our whole being into resurrection. Between baptism and the goal there is the long process of arriving at the out-resurrection. Although our baptism signified that our old man had been buried and that another life had risen up to live in us, we did not live according to what was signified by our baptism. Most of the time we lived by our natural life, not by Christ. Because we still live so much by our natural life, the process of resurrection must continue.

Remember that [Philippians 3:8-11 is] one long sentence. In verse 8 Paul says that he counts all things as loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord. Furthermore, in verse 9 he tells us that he desires to be found in Christ in such a condition that he does not have his own righteousness out of the law but that he has God Himself lived out of him as his righteousness. All of this is for the purpose of experientially knowing Christ, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings and also of being conformed to His death in order to arrive, by any means, at the out-resurrection from the dead.

Arriving at the out-resurrection is the result, the issue, of being conformed to Christ's death. To be conformed, molded, to the death of Christ means that we remain always in His death. If we remain in Christ's death, allowing ourselves to be molded into its likeness, the outcome will be that every part of our being will be gradually resurrected.

According to God's economy, we are first resurrected in our spirit. From that time onward, our Christian walk is a process of resurrection. Day by day God is processing us from the natural life to the resurrected life. In Philippians 3:10 Paul speaks of being conformed to Christ's death. This is a continual process, not a oncefor-all experience. As we know Him, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, we are under the process of being conformed to Christ's death. (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," pp. 475-477)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1978*, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," chs. 7, 9, 18-19, 21, 23

### Wednesday 10/18

### **Related Verses**

### 1 Cor. 9:24-26

**24** Do you not know that those who run on a racecourse all run, but one receives the prize? Run in this way, that you may lay hold.

**25** And everyone who contends exercises self-control in all things; they then, that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible.

**26** I therefore run in this way, not as though without a clear aim; I box in this way, not as though beating the air;

## Rom. 6:6

**6** Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

# Eph. 3:8

**8** To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

### Phil. 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,
7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

**8** And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

# Phil. 3:12

**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.

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### **Related Reading**

In Philippians 3:11 Paul says, "If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead."...Paul was desperate. He was like a runner in a race who is desperate to be first. Paul's concept was that of a race in the Olympic Games. By any means, he wanted to arrive at the goal of the out-resurrection. We all need to have this sense of desperation infused into us. We need to be desperate to attain to the out-resurrection. (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," p. 391)

The goal is the fullest enjoyment and gaining of Christ, and the prize is the uttermost enjoyment of Christ in the millennial kingdom as a reward to the victorious runners of the New Testament race. In order to reach the goal for the prize, Paul was exercised to forget the things which are behind and to stretch forward to the things which are before.

Even though Paul was a matured saint and a very experienced apostle, he tells us that he had not already obtained and had not yet been perfected. He did not regard himself as one who had obtained the full enjoyment of Christ or the full maturity in life. He, of course, had obtained the common salvation by the common faith (1 Tim. 1:14-16), but he was still pursuing Christ in order to gain Him. Furthermore, Paul was also seeking Christ in order to have the extra portion of resurrection.

Like Paul, we have been regenerated, but we are not yet perfected, or matured, in life. At the time of our conversion, we were gained by Christ so that we may gain Him. Now as those who have not yet obtained and who have not yet been perfected, we are pursuing Christ.

The first aspect of the way to pursue Christ is that we do not consider ourselves to have gained. Following this, we need to do one thing: forget the things which are behind and stretch forward to the things which are before.

The goal toward which we are pursuing is the full enjoyment of Christ, and the prize is the extra enjoyment of Christ. I believe this extra portion of the enjoyment of Christ will be in the millennial kingdom...This extraordinary enjoyment of Christ corresponds to the out-resurrection in Philippians 3:11...All believers who die before the Lord comes back will be resurrected, but some will enjoy an extraordinary resurrection, an outstanding resurrection. Paul speaks of this as the outresurrection from among the dead, a prize to those believers who are successful in running the New Testament race.

Many Christians hold the concept that as long as they are resurrected when the Lord comes back, they will not have any problems. This concept is wrong. The Bible reveals that all unbelievers will be resurrected. According to John 5:28-29, there are two classes of resurrection: the first class is resurrection to life, and the second is resurrection to condemnation. All the believers who have died will be resurrected unto life, that is, unto salvation. However, the unbelievers will be resurrected after the millennium unto condemnation, unto perdition...We should not say that simply because a person will be resurrected he will not have any problems...There will be a distinction not only between the resurrection of the believers and the unbelievers, but also a distinction among Christians at the time of resurrection. Yes, we shall all be resurrected. But many will participate in resurrection merely in a common way; they will not enjoy the out-resurrection...Others, however, will enjoy the extra portion of resurrection. (Life-study of Philippians, 194-195) pp. Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msgs. 183, 349

# Thursday 10/19

# **Related Verses**

# John 11:25

**25** Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

# Phil. 1:21

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

# 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.

Isa. 37:31

**31** And the remnant of those who have escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

# Heb. 11:26, 35b, 40

**26** Considering the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked away to the reward.

35b , in order that they might obtain a better resurrection.40 Because God has provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

# **Related Reading**

We need to ask an important question: Can we reach the goal of the out-resurrection in this age, or can we only run the race and hope to reach the goal in the coming age? Some may think that we must wait until the coming age to reach the goal. But if we do not arrive at the goal in this age, we shall not attain to it in the next age. We must endeavor to arrive at the goal during our lifetime.

For Paul, to live [Phil. 1:21] was the goal—Christ as the out-resurrection. Furthermore, for us, to live should also be the out-resurrection, for the very Christ whom we should live is Himself the out-resurrection. This means that day by day we should live the out-resurrection. For example, suppose a certain brother loves his wife very much. He needs to ask himself whether this love is natural or in resurrection. Even non-Christian husbands may love their wives in a natural way. If a brother loves his wife in resurrection, his love will be out of the old creation and in God. This shows that to live Christ is to live the out-resurrection, to live a life absolutely out of the old creation and in God. (*Life-study of Philippians*, p. 476)

When I was young, I wondered why it seemed difficult for Paul to reach the goal. I thought that the persecutions he suffered made this difficult. It seemed to me opposition from others hindered him in running the Christian race. Years later, through experience I came to see that it is easier for me to overcome persecutions than to love my wife in the out-resurrection and not according to the natural life. I have been in Christ for more than fifty years. During all this time I have been a zealous

Christian. Having encountered many hindrances in the

Christian race, I have learned that the greatest hindrance

is the natural life with its thoughts and habits. The

natural life frustrates in running the race toward the goal.

way, your talk may be natural. You may speak many

positive things, but your words may be spoken in a natural way, not in resurrection. It is easy to improve our

character, behavior, ethics, or morality, but it is

anxiety...Recently, I had a problem with my health, and I

was anxious about it. I claimed the Lord's word in

Philippians 4:6 and 7: "In nothing be anxious, but in

everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let

your requests be made known to God; and the peace of

God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will

guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

However, immediately after declaring that I stood on this

promise, I was anxious again. I wanted to be free from

anxiety, but it refused to let me go...I was anxious

because I was not fully in resurrection. There is no

anxiety in the out-resurrection. Anxiety belongs to the

old creation, and it cannot enter into the realm of

life which is wholly out of the old creation and in God.

In 1:21 he could declare, "To me, to live is Christ." But

in chapter 1 we simply have the declaration, not the

explanation or definition. In chapter 3 we see that to live

Christ is to live the out-resurrection and that this should

be our goal. Our deeds and words must be in

resurrection. If a certain deed is not in resurrection, we

should not do it. If a certain word is not in resurrection.

we should not say it. The question is not whether a particular thing is right or wrong, but whether or not it is

in resurrection. Even our love needs to be in resurrection.

Philippians,

Further Reading: CWWL, 1955, vol. 3, pp. 31-32; Truth

Lessons-Level Four, vol. 1, lsn. 18; Truth Lessons-

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Level Four, vol. 4, lsn. 54

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resurrection, into the sphere of the new creation.

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Friday 10/20

# **Related Verses**

# <u>Rom. 8:11</u>

**11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

# <u>Gal. 2:20</u>

**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.

# 1 Cor. 15:45b

45b ; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

# Eph. 3:17-18

**17** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**18** May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

# Rom. 8:16, 19, 37-39

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

**19** For the anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God.

**37** But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

**38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers

**39** Nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# <u>Related Reading</u>

Romans 8:11 indicates that we can attain to the outresurrection in this age. Here Paul says that the Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to that part of our being which is dying, our mortal bodies. We have seen that the Spirit is the reality of Christ's resurrection, the reality of the out-resurrection. The Spirit is dwelling in us to work the out-resurrection into our being in a real and practical way. Thus, Romans 8:11 indicates that we should attain to the out-resurrection in this age. (*Life-study of Philippians*, p. 478)

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We need to be conformed to Christ's death both in the church life and in our family life, dying to the old creation that we may live the new creation.

By being conformed to the death of Christ, we experience the power of His resurrection and enter into the fellowship of His sufferings. It is in this way that we attain to the out-resurrection and reach the goal of being fully out of the old creation and wholly resurrected into the new creation.

If a brother attains to the out-resurrection in his experience, even his love for his wife will be in the new creation. No longer will it be a natural love, a love in the old creation. A brother may love his wife very much, but his love may have nothing to do with the outresurrection. Likewise, a wife may be submissive to her husband according to her ethics and cultural background, but her submission may also be altogether in the natural realm, in the old creation, not at all in the new creation...God does not want a natural love or a natural submission, a love and submission which are not in the out-resurrection. Instead, He wants us to live the kind of life revealed in Philippians 3. For this, we need to gain Christ and be found in Him to know the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, that we may attain to the outresurrection.

In the out-resurrection there is no element of the old creation. Instead, everything is full of the divine element. This is the reason that people sense God when they are with a person who lives in the out-resurrection. The living of such a person, his deeds and words, is in resurrection. This is the out-resurrection in our daily life...This is what [Paul] had in mind when he declared that his desire was to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and by any means to attain to the outresurrection. Not regarding himself as having attained, he pursued toward the goal of the out-resurrection.

Just as the goal is the out-resurrection, so the prize is also the out-resurrection. The goal is for us to gain,

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whereas the prize is for us to enjoy. We may reach the goal in this age, but we shall enjoy the prize in the coming age.

Revelation 20:6 refers to the prize in the coming age, the prize of the first resurrection: "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years." The Greek word rendered "first" is the same word used for the "best" robe given to the returned prodigal in Luke 15. The first resurrection is the best resurrection, the out-resurrection...If we obtain the outresurrection today, it will become a prize to us in the next age. Then what is now our goal will become our prize when, during the millennium, we reign as co-kings with Christ...In Christ God has called us from above for this prize. This prize should be the goal we pursue and obtain in this age. (Life-study of Philippians, pp. 470-471, 477-479)

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. 18

### Saturday 10/21

### **Related Verses**

### 1 Thes. 5:23

**23** And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### <u>Rom. 8:6</u>

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

# Eph. 2:5-6

5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

# Matt. 16:18

**18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

# Rev. 19:7-9

7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

**8** And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

**9** And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

## Rev. 22:14, 20

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

**20** He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

# **Related Reading**

To arrive at the out-resurrection means that our entire being has been gradually and continually resurrected. God first resurrected our deadened spirit (Eph. 2:5-6). Then from our spirit He proceeds to resurrect our soul (Rom. 8:6) and our mortal body (v. 11), until our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—is fully resurrected out of our old being by His life and with His life. This is a process in life through which we must pass and a race for us to run until we arrive at the out-resurrection as the prize. Hence, the out-resurrection should be the goal and destination of our Christian life. We can only reach this goal by being conformed to the death of Christ, by living a crucified life. (*Life-study of Philippians*, p. 188)

As long as we are not in resurrection, we cannot experience Christ, because Christ today is in resurrection...But when you are willing to be conformed to Christ's death and are spontaneously brought into resurrection, you will meet Christ in resurrection. Here, in resurrection, Christ becomes our experience. Take being nice as an example. The sisters are usually very nice. This niceness, however, is natural. When some sisters hear this, they may decide to no longer be nice. But to do that is to be sinful. The way is neither to be nice nor to not be nice; it is to be conformed to the death of Christ...If we are not conformed to the death of Christ, we simply cannot experience Him...If you are being conformed to His death, you will be in resurrection...We will continue to be processed into resurrection until our whole being is resurrected.

Other verses prove that the out-resurrection spoken of in Philippians 3:11 is not merely a future event but a present process. Romans 6:4 and 5 say that as we have been buried in the likeness of Christ's death, so we will also walk in newness of life. This means that we will be resurrected in the likeness of His resurrection. This likeness is the newness of life.

Romans 8:10 and 11 say that we have Christ within us, that our body is dead because of sin, but that our spirit is life because of righteousness. Furthermore, the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal body so that our body may enjoy resurrection life. This is not only a future matter; it is the process of resurrection that we are undergoing today.

In 2 Corinthians 1:8 and 9 Paul says that he was excessively burdened, beyond power, and even despaired of living; he also says that he had the response of death in himself. Nevertheless, God, who raises the dead, sustained him by the power of resurrection. In 2 Corinthians 4:10 Paul says that he was always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus might be manifested in his body. In verse 16 of the same chapter he says that the outer man is decaying, but the inner man is being renewed day by day. This is the process of the resurrection. We will continue in this process until we arrive at the goal of the outresurrection.

In whatever we do, we should ask whether or not we are being conformed to the death of Christ. We need to be conformed to His death so that by any means we may arrive at the out-resurrection from the dead. This is the only way for the Lord to go on in His recovery, the only way for the Lord to build up His church, the only way for Him to prepare His bride, and the only way for us to bring the Lord back. The unique way is to be conformed to the death of Christ so that we may attain to the outresurrection from the dead. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," 480-483) pp. Further Reading: CWWL, 1955, vol. 4, "Further Talks on the Knowledge of Life," ch. 21; CWWL, 1932-1949, vol. 4, "Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures, Volume 6," ch. 56

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# Lord's Day 10/22

# **Related Verses**

## Eph. 3:14-21

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,15 Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named,

**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,

**17** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**18** May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

**19** And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

**20** But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

**21** To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

**Further Reading:** Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1978*, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," ch. 19

### Hymns, #482

**1** I am crucified with Christ, And the cross hath set me free; I have ris'n again with Christ, And He lives and reigns in me.

Oh! it is so sweet to die with Christ, To the world, and self, and sin; Oh! it is so sweet to live with Christ, As He lives and reigns within.

**2** Mystery hid from ancient ages! But at length to faith made plain: Christ in me the Hope of Glory, Tell it o'er and o'er again.

**3**This the secret nature hideth, Harvest grows from buried grain; A poor tree with better grafted, Richer, sweeter life doth gain.

4 This the secret of the holy, Not our holiness, but Him; O Lord! empty us and fill us, With Thy fulness to the brim.

**5** This the balm for pain and sickness, Just to all our strength to die, And to find His life and fulness, All our being's need supply.

**6** This the story of the Master, Thru the Cross, He reached the Throne, And like Him our path to glory, Ever leads through death alone.

### **Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

Level 1—Romans Sequential Study Scripture: Rom. 9:1-10:3 Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 50-51

## Level 2-Romans Topical Study

Crucial Point: Functioning in the Body according to Our Apportioned Measure Scripture: Rom. 12:3-8 Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 42-43 Supplemental Reading: None Hymn: 840

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