

<b>Monday 6/17</b>
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**Related Verses**

**Col. 1:12**

**12** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

**1 Pet. 2:9**

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

**Gal. 3:14**

**14** In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**Deut. 8:7-10**

**7** For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

**8** A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;

**9** A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

**10** And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

**Phil. 1:19**

**19** For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

**Related Reading**

The *allotted portion* refers to the lot of the inheritance, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance (Josh. 14:1). The New Testament believers' inheritance, their allotted portion, is not a physical land; it is the all-inclusive Christ. He is the allotted portion of the saints as their divine inheritance for their enjoyment. (Col. 1:12, footnote 2)

The riches of the good land in Deuteronomy 8:7-9 typify the unsearchable riches of Christ in different aspects (Eph. 3:8) as the bountiful supply to His believers in His Spirit (Phil. 1:19).

God's goal in His economy is not merely to redeem His people and save them from the world, typified by Egypt, but to bring them into Christ, typified by the good land, that they may possess Him and enjoy His unsearchable riches. By enjoying the riches of the land, the children of Israel were able to build up the temple to be God's habitation on earth and the city of Jerusalem to establish God's kingdom on earth. Likewise, by enjoying the unsearchable riches of Christ, the believers in Christ are built up to be Christ's Body, the church, which is Christ's fullness, His expression (Eph. 1:22-23), and which is also the habitation of God (Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15) and the kingdom of God (Matt. 16:18-19; Rom. 14:17). (Deut. 8:7, footnote 1)

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Christ, our portion, is to be enjoyed by us in the light.

The Bible reveals that the light is related to God, the Word of God, Christ, the life of Christ, the believers, and the church.

God alone is the source of light [cf. 1 John 1:5]. The Word of God, Christ, the life of Christ, the believers, and the church can all be light because they have God as their source.

Psalms 119:105 says that the Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, and 119:130 says that the opening of God's words gives light. The Word of God is light because it contains God...The source of the Bible is God, and God is light. Therefore, the words of the Bible are the shining of light.

God and Christ are one. Since God is light, Christ also is light. Christ is the light of the world in a very definite way. *The world* in John 9:5 denotes society, mankind. Thus, Christ is the light not just in a general way but in a definite way as the light of society, of mankind.

The life of Christ is also light (John 1:4)...When we receive Christ as life, this life becomes light in us, shining upon us and enlightening us from within.

Those who believe in Christ are also the light...(Matt. 5:14). In Philippians 2:15 Paul says that the believers "shine as luminaries in the world." A luminary does not have light in itself; it reflects light that comes from another source...In ourselves we have no light...The source of our light is not ourselves but Christ as the Spirit.

In Revelation 1:20 we see that the church is a lampstand, a stand that holds and supports a burning lamp. The lamp is Christ with God in Him as light (21:23). In the universe there is one light, God Himself. The Triune God is the unique light.

When we were saved, we had a sense of the sweetness of Christ. Deep within, we realized how enjoyable Christ is. Then...many of us were distracted and led away from the enjoyment of Christ. We turned from the inner sense of the sweetness of Christ to religious duty. This brought us into darkness again, and the inward shining ceased...One day, out of desperation, we laid aside our religious duty, turned to the Lord, and cried out to Him...By turning to the Lord, we turned once more from darkness to light. Then, in the light, we again began to enjoy Christ as the allotted portion of the saints. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 55-59)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Colossians*, msg. 7

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**Related Verses**

**1 John 1:5**

**5** And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**Isa. 2:5**

**5** House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

**Psa. 119:105, 130**

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

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**130** The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

**John 8:12**

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

**John 9:5**

**5** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

**Matt. 5:14**

**14** You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden.

**Phil. 2:15**

**15** That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,

**Rev. 1:20**

**20** The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

**Related Reading**

The only way to partake of Christ and to enjoy Him is in the light. God and Christ are light. When we turn to the Lord and come into His presence, we are in the light and spontaneously begin to enjoy Him as our portion.

All Christians should read the Bible. However, it is possible to be in darkness even when we are reading the holy Word. We may read the Scriptures without being in the presence of the Lord...The proper way to read the Scriptures is not only with the mind but also with our seeking spirit, looking to the Lord's countenance as we read...When we read the Bible in a pray-reading spirit, opening ourselves to the Lord, we are brought into His presence. Spontaneously, we are in the light, and Christ becomes our portion. (*Life-study of Colossians*, 2nd edition, p. 59)

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If we are in darkness because of arguing with someone, we cannot enjoy Christ...Christ cannot be our

portion in darkness. He can only be our Passover. However, even for Christ to be our Passover requires that we repent and confess.

Because I have found that arguing puts me in darkness, I cannot bear to argue. Time after time, I am forced to stop speaking because of the threat of darkness. I pray to the Lord and ask Him to forgive me for expressing the self. Through such repentance and confession the light returns, and I am able to continue to enjoy Christ.

Light is the presence of God. If we would be in light, we must turn to Him from within. Then His presence will become the shining light. In this way Christ becomes the portion of the saints in a practical way.

If we would fellowship with God, we must walk in the light (1 John 1:7). In many things we may be able to pretend, but in this matter of enjoying Christ in the light, there is no room for pretense. You may deceive others, but you cannot deceive the Lord. He is too real, genuine, honest, and practical.

During Isaiah's time, the children of Israel were occupied with their religion, but they had lost the light of the Lord because their heart had turned from Him. They had the temple, the priesthood, and the sacrifices. But because they had turned their heart away from God, they were in darkness. They were not walking in the light. Therefore, Isaiah called them to come and walk in the light of the Lord (Isa. 2:5). This was a call to repent and to confess in order to be brought into the Lord's presence.

Psalms 36:8 and 9 describe a person who has returned to the Lord and who is in the Lord's presence. Such a one is saturated with the fatness of God's house and drinks of the river of the Lord's pleasures. He knows the Lord as the fountain of life, and in the light of the Lord he sees light. In this light the portion of the saints becomes his enjoyment. We need to abide in Christ and walk in the light of life (John 8:12) that we may partake of Christ in the light (Eph. 5:14).

We need to have more and more contact with the Lord. We need to read His Word with an unveiled face and an open heart. As we fellowship with the Lord and

follow the inner anointing, we will experience Him as the life within us in a practical way. This life is the light. If we follow the inner anointing, we will be in light. We are also brought into the light by fellowshiping with others in a genuine way. In fellowship there is the shining of light. Moreover, we need to be in the church life and attend the meetings, for in the church and in the meetings, we are in the light. In the meetings of the church we often have the sense deep within that we are in the light enjoying Christ as our portion. All of these are means by which we may be in the light to enjoy Christ as the portion of the saints. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 59-61)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Matthew*, msg. 6

**Wednesday 6/19**

**Related Verses**

**Col. 2:7, 19**

**7** Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**19** And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

**Eph. 3:17**

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

**Psa. 27:4**

**4** One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.

**Matt. 6:6**

**6** But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

**Eph. 2:20-22**

**20** Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone; **21** In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

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

**Related Reading**

Both the growth and the building depend on being rooted...As the good land, Christ Himself is the rich, fertile soil. Having been rooted in Him [Col. 2:7], we must daily absorb the rich nourishment of Christ into us to be the element that causes us to grow. All day long, [as] tender roots [we] should absorb the riches of Christ as the soil. The more we absorb these riches, the more we will be saturated by Christ and organically replaced by Him. This is to grow and to be built up in Christ.

Paul says that the saints are God's cultivated land (1 Cor. 3:9). In verse 6 he says, "I planted..."...God is the real Farmer, and Paul was one of His co-workers (2 Cor. 6:1). Working together with God, Paul planted the believers into Christ. Christ is the soil...Through Paul's preaching of the gospel and ministry of the word, many were planted into Christ. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 447-448)

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[God] causes the growth by getting into us. The more God is added to us, the more growth He causes...Without the increase of God within us, there cannot be any growth. The growth of the Body depends on the growth of God, the addition of God, the increase of God, within us. Therefore, God causes the growth by giving Himself to us in a very subjective way.

A well-known hymn exhorts us to "take time to be holy." Actually, our need is to take time to absorb God. As we daily take time to eat food, we should daily take time to absorb the Lord, take time to assimilate the riches of Christ. Our contact with the Lord should not be rushed. If we are in a hurry, we will not be able to absorb much of His riches. We need to allow adequate time for prayer. This will enable us to absorb more of the riches of our God.

God is not simply a term or an object of worship. He is real, rich, and substantial, and we need to absorb Him. Our God today is the processed, all-inclusive Spirit, and we have a spirit with which to absorb Him. Thus, we

must exercise our spirit to stay in His presence to absorb Him. This takes time...Do not spend so much time in your mind, emotion, and will, but spend more time in your spirit to adore the Lord, to praise Him, to offer thanks to Him, and to speak to Him freely. As you fellowship with Him in this way, you will absorb His riches, and He will add more of Himself into you. The more God is added into us, the more growth He gives to us.

If you see that we have been rooted in Christ as the rich soil, you will be comforted and encouraged...Consider the rich soil in which you are rooted. In this soil do you not have the fullness, the circumcision, the burial, the raising up, the giving of life, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the powers of darkness? Forget your situation, your condition, your failures, and your weaknesses and simply take time to enjoy the Lord...If you take time to absorb the Lord, you will be able to testify that in Christ you have no lack.

Every morning we need to take an adequate amount of time to absorb the Lord...If you spend thirty minutes to absorb the Lord and to enjoy Him in the morning, you will not be bothered by negative things during the day...Let us turn from our thought, emotion, and intention and open ourselves to the Lord, exercising our spirit to say, "O Lord Jesus, I love You, I worship You, and I adore You. Lord, I give myself to You. I give You my heart and everything concerning this day." As you contact the Lord in this way, do not be hurried. Take time, the more the better. As you spend time contacting the Lord, spontaneously, you will absorb into you the riches of the soil. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 448-449, 459-460)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Colossians*, msg. 52

**Thursday 6/20**

**Related Verses**

**Col. 2:9-10**

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

10 And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.

**Col. 2:11-15**

11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,

12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, though dead in your offenses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our offenses;

14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.

15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

**Eph. 3:8, 19**

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

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

**Related Reading**

The expression *having been rooted* in Colossians 2:7 implies that there is soil. Verses 8 through 15 are a full description of Christ as the soil in which we have been rooted. Having been rooted in the soil, we grow with the elements that we absorb from the soil. We know that Christ as the soil is in our spirit.

The first aspect of this very special soil is found in verse 9...We have been rooted in the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily.

When we are rooted in Christ as the soil, the first thing to take place is that we are made full in Him (v. 10)...The Greek word [for *made full*] implies completion, perfection, satisfaction, and full accomplishment. In Christ as the soil, we are filled, completed, perfected, satisfied, and thoroughly supplied...The first element of the soil is the fullness of the Godhead. As we absorb into our being the rich nourishment from the soil, we enjoy this fullness. Then this fullness makes us full, completes us, perfects us, satisfies us, accomplishes everything for

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us, and thoroughly supplies our every need. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 453-455)

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Oh, this fullness is all-inclusive. It includes righteousness, justification, holiness, sanctification, and whatever we may need. Having been planted into this fullness, we should simply absorb nourishment from it. As we do so, we will find that we have no lack. The experiences of crucifixion and resurrection are in the fullness...Since Christ is the good land in which we have been rooted, we have been rooted in this fullness; in it we have been made full, complete, and perfect.

Before we were rooted in Christ as the good land,...we were involved with the flesh, the ordinances, and the power of darkness. But now that we have been rooted in the good land, the fullness has become ours, and we are supplied with every positive thing. In this all-inclusive and extensive fullness, we have everything. We have God, we have an uplifted humanity, and we have divine attributes and human virtues. Do you need life? It is found in this fullness. Do you need love or patience? They also are included in the fullness.

Furthermore, in Christ we were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, we were buried with Him in baptism, and we were also raised together with Him (Col. 2:11-12)...The handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, has been wiped out, and the rulers and authorities have been stripped off [vv. 14-15]. All these things are true in Christ.

All the matters mentioned above are elements of Christ as the rich soil in which we are rooted. The first element of this soil is the fullness of the Godhead. Other elements include circumcision, burial, being raised, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the powers of darkness.

Praise the Lord that in Christ as the soil we have the element of circumcision, which puts the flesh to death! In Christ as the soil, there is killing power. This killing element can be compared to salt, which when added to soil can kill corruption. In the soil of the good land in which we are rooted is the “salt” of circumcision. This

element does not cause anything to grow, but it is effective in killing germs. It cuts the flesh and kills it.

After the killing, we have burial...Furthermore, there is another element that raises us up. Thus, first, the elements in Christ as the soil bury us; then they raise us up. In Christ as the soil, we are put to death, buried, raised up, and given life. The killing and the burial take the negative things away from us, whereas being raised takes us away from the negative things. Then the element in the soil that gives life makes us living. Therefore, in Christ as the soil, there are elements that kill us, bury us, raise us up, and make us living. (*Life-study of Colossians*, second edition, pp. 456-457, 489, 457-458)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Colossians*, msgs. 53, 55-57

**Friday 6/21**

**Related Verses**

**John 8:12**

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

**John 4:14**

**14** But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water gushing up into eternal life.

**John 10:10b-11**

**10b** I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

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

**Heb. 7:25-26**

**25** Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.

**26** For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,

**Rev. 1:5**

**5** And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood

**Isa. 9:6**

**6** For a child is born to us, A son is given to us; And the government Is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**Isa 42:1**

**1** Here is My Servant, whom I uphold, My chosen One in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him, And He will bring forth justice to the nations.

**Related Reading**

Christ is God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1)...The Word in John 1 is Christ. Christ is the very God.

Praise Him, He is not only God, but He is also man. First Timothy 2:5 says, “The man Christ Jesus.” He is not only the very God, but He is also the real man. (*The Stream Magazine—Book 1*, pp. 558, 562)

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As man, [Christ] is the *Prophet*. Acts 3:22 and 23 tell us that Christ is the greatest Prophet. A prophet is one who comes from God to edify and instruct us about God and tell us something about God's future plan. Christ did all these things. He is the Prophet of God.

As man, Christ is the *Counselor*. This is also mentioned in Isaiah 9:6; He is called “Counselor.” We must always consider Him as the Counselor. We must take Him as our Counselor for anything we do not understand or for anything for which we do not know what to do. He is our Counselor...As man, Christ is [also] the *Teacher*. We do need the proper teachings. When we turn to the proper teachings, we will find that Christ is the Teacher. And He teaches us today by the anointing.

As man, Christ is the *Leader*...He is always leading us. If we would have a sincere heart to follow Him, He will be our Leader.

As man, Christ is the *Servant*...On one hand He is the Master, and on the other hand He is the Servant. He masters us, and He also serves us. He is the Master as well as the Servant. This is seen in Isaiah 42:1.

As man, Christ is the *Mediator*. In Hebrews 8:6, He is spoken of as the Mediator between God and us. In a sense we are far from God, and God is far from us, but Christ is the Mediator of the new covenant. He negotiates everything for us with God.

Christ as man is the *Guarantor*. In Hebrews 7:22, we see that He Himself is the Guarantor, the surety for what He negotiates between God and us. Our reference in the heavens is Christ. He is the surety; He is the Guarantor.

As man, He is the *Bridegroom*. John 3:29 shows us that He is the Bridegroom who comes for the bride. And in 2 Corinthians 11:2, He is the Husband. (*The Stream Magazine—Book 1*, pp. 562-563)

Christ is every necessity and all the enjoyment...John 8:12 says that He is the light of the world and that everyone who follows Him shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life...Christ is also our food. In John 6 He told us that He is the living bread and that if we eat Him, we shall live because of Him (vv. 51, 57b)...According to 1 Corinthians 10:4, Christ is our spiritual drink. In the Christian race, we should not drink anything other than the all-inclusive Christ as our all-inclusive drink...Christ is our very breath. John 20:22 shows that Christ breathed Himself into the disciples. We need to breathe Him in moment by moment by calling on His name...Christ is even our clothing. Galatians 3:27 says, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." To put on Christ is to wear Christ as our clothing...Christ is also our dwelling place, our abode (John 15:7a)...Christ is our enjoyment and rest (Col. 2:16-17; Matt. 11:28). According to Colossians 2:16-17, He is our food, our drink, our feast, our new moon, and our Sabbath. He is the body of all the shadows, the reality of every positive thing in the universe for our

enjoyment. (*CWWL*, 1990, vol. 2, "Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990," pp. 566-567)

Further Reading: *The Stream Magazine—Book 1*, pp. 234-239, 558-570

**Saturday 6/22**

**Related Verses**

**1 Cor. 1:24, 30**

**24** But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

**Col. 3:10-16**

**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.

**12** Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

**13** Bearing one another and forgiving one another, if anyone should have a complaint against anyone; even as the Lord forgave you, so also should you forgive.

**14** And over all these things put on love, which is the uniting bond of perfectness.

**15** And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.

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

**Related Reading**

As the divine provision, Christ is God's power to us (1 Cor. 1:24a) for carrying out and accomplishing what He has planned and purposed...Christ is also wisdom to us from God (vv. 24b, 30b). Day by day we need Christ to be wisdom to us. Christ as wisdom should unceasingly flow from God to us to be our present and practical wisdom in our experience.

Christ is our righteousness (v. 30b)...by which we have been justified by God so that we may be reborn in our spirit to receive the divine life. Furthermore, as our subjective righteousness, Christ is the One dwelling in us to live for us a life that can be justified by God and that is always acceptable to God.

Christ Himself is our sanctification (v. 30b). This means that Christ is the element that produces transformation. Apart from Him we cannot have the element that, when added to our being, produces a metabolic change. According to 1 Corinthians 1:30, Christ is even our redemption, that is, the redemption of our body (Rom. 8:23). As the One who is our redemption, Christ "will transfigure the body of our humiliation, to be conformed to the body of His glory" (Phil. 3:21). (*CWWL*, 1990, vol. 2, "Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990," pp. 567-568)

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Christ is the Head of the Body, the church (Col. 1:18)...Christ is...also the Body of the Head (1 Cor. 12:12). Because He is the all-inclusive One, He is the Head and He is the Body.

Christ is the foundation of the church (3:11). As the church's living foundation, He holds, supports, and dispenses Himself into every part of God's building.

Christ is also the cornerstone of the house of God, the church (Eph. 2:20). As the cornerstone of God's building, He joins together the Jewish believers and the Gentile believers.

In the new man Christ is all and in all (Col. 3:10-11). This means that He is all the members of the new man and in all the members. We may wonder how the church as the Body of Christ can be Christ and how Christ can be all the members of the new man. In our experience, this depends upon who lives. If we live alone by ourselves, we are not Christ...If the church lives Christ, the church is Christ. If we all live Christ, we are Christ. The Christian life should be like this. (*CWWL*, 1990, vol. 2, "Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990," pp. 568-569)

The name Jesus includes the name Jehovah. In Hebrew the name God means "the Mighty One," God the

Almighty; and the name Jehovah means “I Am”—I Am Who I Am (Exo. 3:14). The verb to be in Hebrew not only refers to the present but also includes both the past and the future. Hence, the correct meaning of Jehovah is “I Am Who I Am,” the One who is now in the present, who was in the past, and who will be in the future and in eternity forever. This is the name of Jehovah. Only God is the eternal One. From eternity past to eternity future, He is the I Am...We must realize that Jesus is the great I Am and believe in Him as the great I Am.

The Lord is whatever we need. If we need salvation, He Himself will be salvation to us. We have a signed check with the space for the amount left blank, and we may fill in whatever we need. If we need one dollar, we may insert one dollar...If we feel that we need one billion, we simply fill in this amount. The check covers whatever we need. Whatever you need, Jesus is. Do you need light, life, power, wisdom, holiness, or righteousness? Jesus Himself is light, life, power, wisdom, holiness, and righteousness. Everything we need is found in the name of Jesus. How high and how rich is this wonderful name! (*Life-study of Matthew*, second edition, pp. 59-60)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1990, vol. 2, “Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990,” ch. 18

### Lord's Day 6/23

#### Related Verses

#### **Gal. 3:6-14**

**6** Even as "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

**7** Know then that they who are of faith, these are sons of Abraham.

**8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles out of faith, announced the gospel beforehand to Abraham: "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

**9** So then they who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

**10** For as many as are of the works of law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all the things written in the book of the law to do them."

**11** And that by law no one is justified before God is evident because, "The righteous one shall have life and live by faith";

**12** But the law is not of faith, yet, "He who does them shall live because of them."

**13** Christ has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our behalf; because it is written, "Cursed is every one hanging on a tree";

**14** In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

#### **Further Reading:**

Further Reading: Life-study of Colossians, msg. 52

#### **Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews (Week 18)**

##### **Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 6:11-20

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 31-32

##### **Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Coming Forward with Boldness to the Throne of Grace

Scripture: Heb. 4:14-16

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 27

Supplemental Reading: None

Questions:

1. What does it mean to "hold fast the confession" in Heb. 4:14?
2. Why did the Hebrew believers need boldness to come forward to the throne of grace?
3. In Heb. 4:16, what does it mean to find grace?
4. What is your understanding of the phrase "timely help" in Heb. 4:16?

#### **Hymn: #510**

**3** My Christ, He is the Tree of Life  
With fruit abundant, sweet;  
My hunger He doth satisfy;  
Of Him I daily eat.

**4** My Christ, He is the smitten Rock  
Whence living waters burst;  
He is the fountain in my heart  
Which quenches all my thirst.

**6** Christ is my wisdom and my pow'r,  
My boast and righteousness,  
My vict'ry and redemption sure,  
My truth and holiness.

**7** Christ is my Savior, Shepherd, Lord,  
My Advocate above,  
My Counsellor, my Father, God,  
My Brother, Friend, and Love.

**8** Christ is my Captain and my Guard,  
My Teacher and my Guide,  
My Bridegroom, Master and my Head;  
In me doth He reside.

**9** Christ is my Prophet, Priest, and King;  
My Prophet full of sight;  
My Priest that stands 'twixt me and God,  
My King that rules with might.

**10** Christ is the Author of my faith,  
And its Perfecter too,  
My Mediator, Guarantee,  
And faithful Witness true.

**11** Christ is my everlasting home,  
My all-sufficient land;  
My fortress, tower, hiding-place,  
And my eternal stand.