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Monday 7/8

Related Verses

Deut. 16:16-17

16 Three times a year all your males shall appear before Jehovah your God in the place which He will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before Jehovah empty-handed;

17 Each man shall give as he is able to give, according to the blessing of Jehovah your God, which He has given you.

Deut. 5:5-14

- **5** I was standing between Jehovah and you at that time to declare to you the word of Jehovah, for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up to the mountain saying,
- **6** I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the slave house;
- 7 You shall have no other gods before Me.
- **8** You shall not make for yourself an idol, the form of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water beneath the earth.
- 9 You shall not bow down to them, and you shall not serve them; for I, Jehovah your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
- **10** Yet showing lovingkindness to thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- 11 You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold guiltless him who takes His name in vain.
- 12 Keep the Sabbath day so as to sanctify it, as Jehovah your God has commanded you.
- 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 14 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Jehovah your God; you shall not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter nor your male servant nor your female servant nor your ox nor your donkey nor any of your cattle nor the sojourner with you who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as you do.

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Whenever the people of God came to worship God, they were commanded not to come with their hands empty. They had to come with their hands full of the surplus of the produce of the good land...The people put aside at least three portions of one-tenth (Deut. 16:16)...of the produce they obtained from the good land, not for their own living but for the purpose of worshipping God. In this way, whenever they came together to worship God, they brought a surplus of the produce of the good land to God.

The surplus of the produce of the good land typifies Christ, and the way to have the surplus is to labor on Christ...You can be brought into the good land, but if you are lazy, you will have no surplus. Rather, you will be a beggar. If we are diligent and industrious to labor on the land that God allotted to us, we will have much produce from this rich land. This produce will be enough not only for us to live on but also for us to have a surplus. (CWWL, 1964, vol. 4, "Serving in the Meetings and in the Gospel," pp. 76-77)

The surplus is the first tenth, not the last tenth. The Israelites had to separate every first lamb and every first tenth of the produce for the Lord. This typifies that after being brought into Christ, we need to labor on Christ, to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to live by Christ. Some may say that we should not use the word labor, because today is the dispensation of grace; they say everything is of grace, not of works. There is no doubt that the good land given to us is a grace. The sunshine, the air, the early rain, and the latter rain are also a grace. However, we still have to till the ground. We cannot say that grace will till the ground for us; grace will never do that. From the very beginning of the Scriptures, after Adam was created, man had to till the ground. We need to till the ground, sow the seed, and reap the harvest. Grace will not do these things for us. We cannot bring rain down from heaven...That is truly something of grace. Sunshine, air, rain, and the rich soil are all of grace. However, we must realize that we all have our responsibility.

Every morning we have to rise up early. Not one farmer can be lazy; everyone has to rise up early in the morning. If we do not rise early in the morning to spend a little time with Christ, I am certain that when we come to the meeting, we will have nothing in our hand. We will come to the meeting with empty hands. We need to rise up a little earlier, contact the Lord, read the Word, and pray a little to till the ground, sow the seed, and reap the harvest.

Day by day we must rise up early to spend some time with the Lord; this is our labor. We have to pray; this is our labor. We also have to exercise our spirit to contact the Lord throughout the whole day; this also is our labor. Moreover, we must deal with many enemies, including the flesh, the self, and the environment. Even our family, friends, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, classmates, and roommates are problems we have to deal with. We also have to preach the gospel and learn to help others. All these are items of the labor we should have. If we labor in all these ways, we will have the rich produce of Christ our good land. Then when we come to the meeting, we will come with our hands full of the riches of Christ. Because day and night we labor on Christ, we will have a rich produce that is not only good enough for us to live in Christ and by Christ but also good enough for us to come to worship God. In this way, when we come to God, we come with Christ. (CWWL, 1964, vol. 4, "Serving in the Meetings and in the Gospel," pp. 77-78)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1964*, vol. 4, "Serving in the Meetings and in the Gospel," ch. 1; *CWWL*, *1979*, vol. 2, "The Genuine Ground of Oneness," ch. 5

Tuesday 7/9

Related Verses

Eph. 3:8, 10

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

10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

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,

1 Cor. 10:3-4

3 And all ate the same spiritual food,

4 And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.

1 Cor. 14:26

26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Col. 1:12-13

12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; 13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Phil. 3:10

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

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At certain times people from all over certain areas and districts and sometimes from throughout the entire world bring their products together for exhibition. This is just what we are doing when we come together to worship God. We are meeting together to have an exhibition of Christ, not just the Christ whom God gave us but the Christ we have produced, the Christ upon whom we have labored and whom we have experienced...This is what all our meetings should be—an exhibition, a fair, in which all sorts of the produce of Christ are displayed. (*CWWL*, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 346-347)

At the time of the Feast of Tabernacles so many from all over the land came together to their center, Jerusalem.

All brought with them some of their produce—some fruit, some vegetables, some cattle, and many other things. If we could be there at that time and witness the occasion, we would marvel at the riches of the land...Everything was put together and mutually enjoyed in the presence of Jehovah, God too having His own portion.

The Surplus of the Produce of the Good Land and the Corporate Worship of God the Father in Truthfulness

The church life is simply this. It is all the saints enjoying Christ before God and mutually with God. They are enjoying the Christ they produce. Day by day they are working on Christ; day by day they are producing Christ. Then on a certain day appointed by the Lord they come together...They are rejoicing in the abundance of their harvest and in all the riches they have reaped from that "good land" in which they are living. They are not coming empty-handed with wrinkled and smileless faces. They are not sleeping in the pews while a poor minister occupies the platform...The worship of His people is when everyone is full of Christ, radiant with Christ, and exhibiting the Christ upon whom they have labored and whom they have produced. One brother could say, "Here is the Christ whom I have labored upon and produced today. He is so rich and abundant to me in this aspect and in that aspect." A sister could testify, "Praise the Lord, I have experienced the very patience and kindness of Christ in my difficult home situation. He is so sweet and real to me in this way."...Everyone exhibits the Christ whom they have reaped. What a worship to God, what an edification to the saints, and what a shame to the enemy! This kind of meeting is a great embarrassment to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. The evil forces beholding it are put to shame that Christ is such a Christ.

I fear that the enemy today is laughing, and the wicked forces in the heavenlies are mocking our Christian meetings. But we can turn the tables on them by enjoying the all-inclusive Christ, by laboring diligently on Him day after day, and by bringing our abundant produce of Him together to share with God and with all the saints.

This is the life after the possession of the good land. It is a life of working on Christ, producing Christ, enjoying Christ, sharing Christ with others, and offering Christ to God that He may enjoy Him with us. This kind of enjoyment and sharing is an exhibition of Christ to the entire universe. It is a worship to God and a shame to the enemy...At the conclusion of such a meeting all the brothers and sisters will be richly and abundantly nourished. They came with a surplus, and they leave with a greater surplus. Everything of the life in the land is Christ, but it is a Christ related to us...It is a Christ who is labored on by us, a Christ who is produced by us, a Christ who is enjoyed by us, a Christ who is shared with others and offered to God by us. (*CWWL*, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 347-348)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," ch. 15; *CWWL*, 1972, vol. 1, "Eating the Lord," ch. 4

Wednesday 7/10

Related Verses

Deut. 12:11

11 Then to the place where Jehovah your God will choose to cause His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I am commanding you, your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and all your choice vows which you vow to Jehovah.

Eph. 3:18

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

John 4:23-24

23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Eph. 3:17

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

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Eph. 4:15

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

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Whenever we come together, regardless of the kind of meeting we have, we should come with the Christ experienced by us...In this way the surplus of Christ is offered to God and exhibited to the whole universe. Then our meetings will be enriched and strengthened because they are full of Christ.

Christ will be expressed through us not only in the building up of the church but also in the church life, in all the meetings of the church. Then we will bear a testimony of being united and built up in Christ to be an expression of Christ.

In all the meetings we should have something of Christ to offer. This depends on our daily labor on Christ. If we daily labor on Christ, we will have something of Christ to bring to our church meetings to contribute to others and offer to God so that we can enjoy Christ with God for the exhibition and exaltation of Christ. Then Christ will be expressed as the rich content of the church life. (CWWL, 1965, vol. 2, "Christ as the Content of the Church and the Church as the Expression of Christ," p. 379)

The Lord told His people that they must come together to worship Him at least three times a year: at the time of the Passover, at the time of Pentecost, and at the Feast of Tabernacles. And He told them that whenever they come together,...they must bring...to Him something of the produce of the good land.

We must realize that whenever we come to the meetings, whenever we come to worship the Lord, we should not come with our hands empty. We must come with our hands full of the produce of Christ...We need more than just a little of Christ to satisfy our own needs. We must produce enough of Him so that there will be a surplus remaining for others, for the poor and for the needy: "You must open your hand to your brother, to the poor one with you and to the needy one with you in your

land" (Deut. 15:11). There must also be a surplus to meet the needs of the priests and the Levites: "This shall be the priests' rightful due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether an ox or a sheep: They shall give the priest the shoulder...You shall give him the firstfruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your fresh oil, and the first shearing of your sheep" (18:3-4). And above all, the best of the surplus must be reserved for the Lord...When they harvested the field, they were to reserve the firstfruits for the Lord. When the cattle were brought forth, the firstborn were for the Lord. We must labor diligently, not only to bring forth enough to satisfy our own needs but also to acquire a surplus to meet the needs of others, with the best reserved for the Lord. Then we will be acceptable to the Lord, and He will be pleased with us.

This is the life in the good land. It is a life in which we are continually laboring on Christ, in which we are producing Him in a mass way. We are reaping so much of Christ that we are fully satisfied, and beyond that we have a surplus to share with others and to worship God. To worship God with Christ does not mean to worship Him individually but to worship Him collectively with all the children of God by enjoying Christ with one another and with God...Everyone brings a portion of Christ from his laboring on Him, and there is a rich enjoyment of Christ, not only by all the saints but most of all by God, to whom the best is offered. (*CWWL*, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 344-345)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1965*, vol. 4, "The Way of the Lord's Recovery," chs. 2, 4; *CWWL*, *1963*, vol. 4, "The Life and Way for the Practice of the Church Life," ch. 14

Thursday 7/11

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 Cor. 14:26

26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation,

has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Eph. 3:21

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

Deut. 12:6

6 And there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and your vows and your freewill offerings and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock;

1 Cor. 10:23-24, 31

23 All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable; all things are lawful, but not all things build up.

24 Let no one seek his own profit, but that of the other.

31 Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Rom. 15:6

6 That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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When we truly enjoy Christ..., we spontaneously have not mere knowledge but a surplus of the experience of Christ to bring to the church. We have the adequate experience of Christ to feed on and live by, and we also have a surplus, the tithe, the best portion of our experience of Christ set aside to offer to God when we come together. We offer to God the very Christ whom we have experienced, and we share this Christ with one another. When we all bring the surplus of our experience of Christ to the meetings, the meetings become an exhibition of the riches of Christ. (CWWL, 1966, vol. 1, p. 121)

When the people of Israel worshipped God, they brought together the surplus of the good land, such as flocks, wine, milk, honey, and fresh wheat...Their coming together was an exhibition of the rich produce of the good land. This typifies that whenever we who enjoy Christ meet together by bringing a portion of our experience of Christ, our meetings are the exhibition of Christ...If we have this kind of meeting, the outcome of

our enjoyment of the riches of Christ will be the fullness of Christ. When we meet to exhibit Christ, we are edified and satisfied with the Christ who is ministered. Our thirst is quenched, our problems are solved, and we are built up. In this way we become the church, the Body. The church is...formed by and composed of the surplus of the genuine experience of Christ. If we do not have the real experience of Christ, it is not possible to have the reality of the church. If we have only the riches of Christ objectively without our personal, subjective enjoyment of them, we have no surplus, and without the surplus there is no fullness.

We need to be enriched by the experience and enjoyment of Christ. This is why we stress our need to contact, enjoy, experience, and partake of Christ by exercising our spirit...If we do not practice this day by day, it is impossible to have the church life. We all must daily labor on Christ as our land by tilling the ground, sowing the seed, watering it, nourishing it, and letting the sun shine on it. This means that we must deal with the Lord and be dealt with by Him. Moreover, we need to trust in Him and speak the gospel. After a certain amount of time, we will have something of the Lord as a harvest. Something will become ripe as a surplus, and we will have a portion in our spirit to bring to the meetings in a rich way. We will come to the meetings with the riches of Christ to offer to God for His satisfaction and to share with others for their satisfaction also. By means of this kind of meeting, service, ministry, and contribution, the church will come forth with the fullness of the reality and essence of Christ...We believe that in these last days the Lord will recover the genuine experience of Christ for a surplus of His riches in the meetings in order to produce the essence and reality of the church life.

We must learn to contact Christ in the morning, afternoon, and evening. We need to exercise our spirit, not only once a week or once a day but continually, to contact and labor on the living Christ who is the lifegiving Spirit. Then we will have a harvest, a surplus...We will have something of Christ in our spiritual hands to offer to God for His satisfaction and to share with others for their satisfaction. In this way we will have the church life in reality. This kind of church life is the fullness of

Christ, which comes out of our enjoyment of the riches of Christ. (*CWWL*, 1966, vol. 1, pp. 121-123)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1966*, vol. 1, pp. 119-123; *CWWL*, *1963*, vol. 4, pp. 227-234

Friday 7/12

Related Verses

John 4:14, 23

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.

23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.

Col. 3:16-17

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.

17 And whatever you do in word or in deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Eph. 4:21-25

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit.

23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind 24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

25 Therefore having put off the lie, speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

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Truthfulness in John 4:24 denotes the divine reality becoming man's genuineness and sincerity...for the true worship of God. The divine reality is Christ (who is the reality—14:6) as the reality of all the offerings of the Old Testament for the worship of God (1:29; 3:14) and as the

fountain of the living water, the life-giving Spirit (4:7-15), partaken of and drunk by His believers to be the reality within them. This reality eventually becomes the believers' genuineness and sincerity in which they worship God with the worship that He seeks. Unless we experience Christ and gain Him as reality in our being, we cannot worship God in truthfulness. (*CWWL*, 1970, vol. 2, p. 458)

We need to present to God and share with others the Christ whom we have experienced...In order to have the genuine worship in truthfulness, Christ must be presented to God. If in our singing, calling on the name of the Lord, praying, and praising, Christ is not presented to God, all these practices will be empty...If Christ is not offered to God through our calling and praying, there will be little or no reality in our worship, and our worship will not be in truthfulness.

Worshipping God in truthfulness is not only a matter of our meeting life but also a matter of our daily living. In order to worship God in truthfulness, we need to handle Christ in every aspect of our daily living. When we comb our hair, brush our teeth, or carry out any other activity, we should do it with Christ. Then God will send the living Spirit as the heavenly rain to water us and to cause something of Christ to grow in us...We should no longer come to the meetings merely to receive teachings or to listen to a message. We should come to the meetings with the intention and the full expectation of presenting something of Christ to God for His satisfaction and sharing something of Christ with the saints for their mutual enjoyment.

Whenever we come to the meetings, we should say to the Lord, "O Lord,...I come to the meetings only for You. I would like to present You as my offering to the Father and my enjoyment with the saints."...Since our intention is to worship the Father with the Christ whom we have experienced, we need to begin to praise and sing as soon as we enter into our car to come to the meetings. There is no need for us to wait until we arrive at the meeting hall before we begin to sing, psalm, and praise the Lord. We may say, "Father, I am bringing the surplus of Your dear Son to the meeting as worship to You. I will present Him

to You as my offering and share Him with my brothers and sisters." When we have this kind of realization, our meetings will be revolutionized. All the saints will bring in their surplus of the Christ whom they have experienced...Each person will have something to present to God for His satisfaction and to share with all the saints before Him. I believe that the Lord will recover this kind of worship among His children.

We need to present the surplus of Christ to the Father. We need to speak for Christ and present something of Christ.

Again I say, we need to labor on Christ in every aspect of our daily living. Then we will have a portion preserved, untouched, and set aside uniquely for the worship of God in the meetings. This will be a secret portion to the Father for His satisfaction and for the saints' enjoyment. We need to look to the Lord and pray that the church meetings will be recovered to this extent. (CWWL, 1970, vol. 2, pp. 458-460)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1970*, vol. 2, pp. 451-469, 518-523, 547-555

Saturday 7/13

Related Verses

John 4:24

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

3 John 1

1 The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truthfulness.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 John 1:1-2

- 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life
- 2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);

3 John 2-4

- 2 Beloved, concerning all things I wish that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

 3 For I rejoiced greatly at the brothers' coming and testifying to your steadfastness in the truth, even as you walk in truth.
- **4** I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Related Reading

The Christian life is a life of daily experiencing the Christ we have received...This experience of Christ produces the offerings with which we worship God.

We should come to the meetings of the church in spirit and with the Christ whom we have been experiencing in our daily living. In the church meetings we should worship God in our spirit and with the very Christ whom we have experienced as the offerings. We may offer Him as the sin offering or as the trespass offering,...as the burnt offering, as the meal offering, or as the peace offering. All these offerings are the Christ whom we experience subjectively. (*Life-study of 1 John*, 2nd edition, p. 83)

When we experience Christ, we are actually enjoying the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Hence, to experience Christ is to enjoy the Triune God. This enjoyment results in a reality that is very subjective and practical. On the one hand, this reality is Christ in us; on the other hand, this is also our reality.

Suppose certain brothers in the church life are indifferent concerning Christ and idle with respect to the experience of Christ...They have believed in the Lord's name and received Him, and that is all. They do not have any experience of Christ in their daily living. These brothers may be ethical and moral, not committing any gross sins. But because they do not have any experience of Christ in their daily living, when they come to the church meetings, they come empty-handed. They are not able to pray or give a word for the Lord. They may like to sit in the meeting and watch others function. This is an insult to God. This kind of worship is not only rejected by Him—it is condemned.

We should not come to God empty-handed. Whenever we come to Him, we should have something of the Christ we have experienced in our daily living...God wants the Christ we have experienced. His desire is that we worship Him with the Christ we experience day by day.

In experiencing Christ we enjoy God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. This enjoyment issues in a reality that we may call our personal reality. This personal reality is a matter of having Christ saturating our inner being. When we have this reality, we have Christ in our spirit, heart, mind, emotion, and will. This is the Christ whom we have experienced becoming our reality...This is not only the divine reality for our enjoyment; this is also our human reality, our personal reality, which comes out of our enjoyment of the divine reality. This human reality...is the issue of the divine reality that we enjoy daily.

Years ago, I heard messages saying that we need to be sincere in our worship of God and that this sincerity is what the Lord Jesus meant by *truthfulness* in John 4:23 and 24. For example, one may say to the members of a congregation, "You have come to worship God, but your heart is not here...For the worship of God, you need a sincere heart."

To interpret the word *truthfulness* in John 4:23 and 24 as sincerity is to expound the Word of God in a way that is natural and religious...The truth of the divine revelation here is that we need to worship God in truthfulness, which is the issue of our enjoyment of the Triune God as reality. If we experience Christ daily, we will enjoy the Triune God as our reality. This enjoyment will result in a virtue, and this virtue will become our human truthfulness, a reality that is the outcome of the divine reality...This virtue is nothing less than Christ experienced by us, and this Christ is all the offerings. The Christ we have experienced is our sin offering, trespass offering, burnt offering, meal offering, and peace offering. (*Life-study of 1 John*, second edition, pp. 83-85)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1982*, vol. 1, "Experiencing Christ as the Offerings for the Church Meetings," ch. 5

Morning Watch

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Lord's Day 7/14

Related Verses

2 John 1-4

- 1 The elder to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in truthfulness, and not only I but also all those who know the truth.
- **2** For the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:
- **3** Grace, mercy, peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
- **4** I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father.

John 18:37-38

37 Pilate said therefore to Him, So then You are a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I would testify to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears My voice.

38 Pilate said to Him, What is truth? And having said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, I find no fault in Him.

John 1:7-9, 14

- 7 He came for a testimony that he might testify concerning the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came that he might testify concerning the light.
- **9** This was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
- **14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: Eating the Lord, ch. 4

Hymn: #864

1 Whene'er we meet with Christ endued, The surplus of His plenitude We offer unto God as food, And thus exhibit Christ.

Let us exhibit Christ, Let us exhibit Christ; We'll bring His surplus to the church And thus exhibit Christ.

- 2 In Christ we live, by Christ we fight, On Christ we labor day and night, And with His surplus we unite To thus exhibit Christ.
- 3 Our life and all we are and do
 Is Christ Himself, the substance true,
 That every time we meet anew
 We may exhibit Christ.
- 4 In meetings Christ to God we bear And Christ with one another share, And Christ with God enjoying there, We thus exhibit Christ.
- 5 The risen Christ to God we bring, And Christ ascended offering, God's satisfaction answering, We thus exhibit Christ.
- 6 The center and reality, The atmosphere and ministry, Of all our meetings is that we May thus exhibit Christ.
- 7 The testimony and the prayer, And all the fellowship we share, The exercise of gifts, whate'er, Should just exhibit Christ.
- 8 The Father we would glorify, Exalting Christ the Son, thereby The meeting's purpose satisfy That we exhibit Christ.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

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