

Monday 7/15

Related Verses

1 Cor. 15:10

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

2 Cor. 6:1

1 And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

2 Cor. 13:14

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Cor. 1:12

12 For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.

2 Cor. 4:15

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

2 Cor. 8:1, 9

1 Furthermore we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor in order that you, because of His poverty, might become rich.

2 Cor. 9:8, 14

8 And God is able to make all grace abound unto you, that, in everything always having all sufficiency, you may abound unto every good work;
14 While in petition on your behalf they also long after you on account of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

2 Cor. 12:9

9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

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Not I but the grace of God equals no longer I...but...Christ in Galatians 2:20. The grace that motivated the apostle and operated in him was not some matter or some thing but a living person, the resurrected Christ, the embodiment of God the Father who became the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, who dwelt in the apostle as his everything. (1 Cor. 15:10, footnote 2)

The ministers of the new covenant...worked together with God by a life (not by any gift) that was all-sufficient and all-mature, able to fit all situations, that is, able to endure any kind of treatment, to accept any kind of environment, to work in any kind of condition, and to take any kind of opportunity, for the carrying out of their ministry. (2 Cor. 6:1, footnote 1)

There are three major types in the Bible portraying the way by which God fulfills His purpose. These types are the good land of Canaan, the temple, and the bride...The all-inclusive type of Christ [is] the good land. We have to see how Christ as the grace of God is the very good land for us to enter into, to enjoy, to experience, to partake of, and to possess.

In 1 Corinthians Paul likened the Corinthians to the children of Israel. They had left Egypt by experiencing Christ as the Passover (5:7), and they were wandering in the wilderness, experiencing Christ as the heavenly manna and as the spiritual rock that flowed out the living water (10:3-4). But there is no reference in 1 Corinthians to the good land of Canaan, which the children of Israel eventually entered into and possessed. Where is the record of entering into the good land? It is in 2 Corinthians. Although the term of the good land is not used in this book, spiritually speaking, we can see the good land in 2 Corinthians. The good land in this book is Christ Himself as the very embodiment of the processed Triune God given to us as the divine grace for our enjoyment.

In this book we see some persons who possessed Christ as their God-given portion. These persons entered into the land promised and given by God, and they were enjoying this land, which is Christ Himself. In this book Christ is the grace. In 13:14 Paul says, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." According to the proper sequence, the love of God should be first. Here the grace of the Lord is mentioned first because 2 Corinthians is on the grace of Christ (1:12; 4:15; 6:1; 8:1, 9; 9:8, 14; 12:9). The grace of the Lord is the central thought, the subject, of this book. In 12:9 the Lord told Paul that His grace was sufficient for him.

The term *grace* is quite familiar to us, but we may have a very shallow understanding of this term. Many Christians consider that grace is unmerited favor, something given to us by the Lord freely...But we must [also] see that the New Testament shows us that grace is nothing less than Christ Himself (1 Cor. 15:10; cf. Gal. 2:20-21) as the very embodiment of the processed Triune God for our enjoyment...The purpose of the work of Christ was so that He could come into us. His dying on the cross was not the purpose but the means to fulfill the purpose of Him coming into us for our enjoyment in order that we may enjoy Him as our life, our life supply, our strength, and our everything. Grace is Christ coming into us as our full enjoyment.

The greatest grace is not that we receive something but that there is Someone within us energizing us and enabling us to give something to others. Grace is not something received outwardly but Someone within, energizing, enabling, and strengthening us to do something for the Lord. (*CWWL*, 1967, vol. 2, "An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit," pp. 197-199)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1967, vol. 2, "An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit," ch. 10

Tuesday 7/16

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;

Col 2:6-7

6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

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

Heb. 10:5-10

5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight.

7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God."

8 Saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in" (which are offered according to the law),

9 He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second,

10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

1 Cor. 1:9

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

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God the Father has qualified us by the redemption of God the Son and through the sanctification of God the Spirit for a share of the all-inclusive Christ, the very embodiment of the processed Triune God, as the allotted portion of the saints [illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan]. (Col. 1:12, footnote 1)

The good land is a type of the all-inclusive Christ (see footnote 1 on Deut. 8:7). God's food is the riches of Christ, typified by the produce of the good land, and this produce comes through our labor. We need to labor on Christ and experience Christ. Then Christ will be the produce not only for our satisfaction but also for God's satisfaction. (Num. 18:28, footnote 1)

You who are students must realize and experience even while studying that you are working upon

Christ...You who are truck drivers must realize that truck driving is not your real occupation; your real business is Christ; you must be working on Him continually. You who are housewives must know that your real work is not caring for your home and your family, but Christ! Are you working on Christ all the time? Are you seeking to enjoy Him and experience Him in every situation?

The life after the possession of the good land is a life of laboring upon Christ. It is a life of making Christ our industry and producing Him in mass production. We are working for "Christ Incorporated," and day by day we are producing Christ...We are Christ growers and Christ producers. We are working diligently day and night on the farm of Christ. Yet we are working happily, and our work is such a rest to us.

Consider the people of Israel after they occupied the good land and all their enemies were subdued...They simply labored on the land. They tilled the ground, sowed the seed, watered the plants, nurtured the vines, and pruned the trees. These were all necessary tasks for the enjoyment of that piece of land. It is a picture of how we must work diligently upon Christ that we may enjoy His all-inclusive riches. This is our business. Christ is our industry. We must work on Christ to produce His riches. We have seen how rich that good land is in so many aspects, but without laboring upon it, how could its riches be brought forth and abundantly produced?

Christ is rich beyond measure, but the church today is groveling in poverty. Why? It is because the Lord's children today are indolent. They will not exert themselves to labor upon Christ...King Solomon [wrote], "How long, sluggard, will you lie there? / When will you arise from your sleep? / A little sleep, a little slumber, / A little folding of the hands to rest, / And your poverty will come upon you like a robber" (Prov. 6:9-11). How is it that America today is so rich? God indeed gave America an exceedingly rich land. But this is not the whole story. Many Americans have worked diligently upon this land to produce its riches, to bring forth its abundant wealth. We have to work; we cannot be lazy...Most Christians today...are too busy with their worldly industries, and they are too lazy in working upon Christ.

We must till our spiritual ground; we must sow the spiritual seed; we must water the spiritual plants—all the

time. We cannot rely upon others to do it for us; we must do it ourselves, or it will never be done. Sisters, have you pray-read the Word this morning? Brothers, how many times have you contacted the Lord today? This is the situation. We do not cultivate Christ. We have a very rich land, but we do not work on it, so there is no produce. We are indeed rich in resource but poor in produce. (*The All-inclusive Christ*, pp. 173-174)

Further Reading: *The All-inclusive Christ*, ch. 15

Wednesday 7/17

Related Verses**Phil. 3:13-14**

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

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

2 Cor. 2:10

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

Matt. 14:22-23

22 And immediately He compelled the disciples to step into the boat and to go before Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.

23 And after He sent the crowds away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone.

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.

Exo. 33:11

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

Psa. 119:147-148

147 I anticipated the dawn and cried out; I hoped in Your words.

148 My eyes anticipated the night watches, That I might muse upon Your word.

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What must we do to work on Christ daily?...You must consecrate yourself sincerely to the Lord for the simple purpose of enjoying and experiencing Him—nothing more. From the moment you awake in the morning you need to say, “Lord, here I am. I give myself to enjoy You. Grant me through the entire day, from this moment on, to experience and apply You in every situation. I am not asking for anything tomorrow. I am asking for grace to enjoy You today. Show me how to till the ground, sow the seed, and water the plants of the Lord.” Moment by moment through the whole day you will maintain your communion with the Lord. You will live practically in the Lord, laboring upon Him, applying Him, and enjoying Him. If you do this, consider how fruitful and how beautiful your “farm” will be. The farm of Christ in your daily life will be full of produce. When the Lord’s Day comes and you go to worship the Lord with the saints, you will be able to say, “I am going now to see my God; I am going to worship my Lord. I will not go with empty hands but with hands full of Christ. I have a surplus, and in my right hand is the best part reserved for my dear Lord.” (*The All-inclusive Christ*, p. 176)

Second Corinthians 2:10 mentions “the person of Christ.”...Paul said, “Whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ.” Paul forgave a brother in the person of Christ. This Greek word means the face, the part around the eyes, which is the index of all the inward thoughts and feelings to signify the presentation of the whole person. The part of the face around the eyes is the index of all the inward thoughts and feelings, signifying what a person is thinking and how he feels within. Paul forgave that brother in the person of Christ, according to the index of His whole person expressed in His eyes. Paul lived not only in the presence of the Lord but also in the index of the inward feelings and thoughts of Christ. This is so deep, so tender, and so delicate.

I cannot fully express the feeling I had within when I discovered the meaning of this word *person*. I bowed

before the Lord and said, “Lord, for all these years I have never realized that I have to live not merely in Your presence but in Your person in such a tender way.” It is not just to live in His presence but even more to live in His person...Paul was such a person, behaving himself all the time in the index of the Lord’s eyes, the index of His inward feelings and thoughts, in His person.

Paul looked at the index of the Lord’s eyes, and he knew that he had to forgive that brother. He forgave him not according to his feeling, not according to his thought, but according to the feeling, the thought, of the Indweller within him. He was behaving himself in the person of Christ. When he forgave, he forgave in the person of Christ. He wanted to let the Corinthians know that he did not forgive according to himself or according to his flesh but in the person of Christ. This is what it means to live by Christ. The apostle Paul had been reduced to such an extent that he never behaved himself in his person. He behaved himself in the person of Christ, in the face, in the thought, in the expression of the feeling of Christ. To live in the person of Christ is so tender and so deep. Paul was a person reduced to nothing except taking Christ as his person. He behaved himself in the person of Christ. (*CWWL*, 1967, vol. 2, “An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit,” pp. 158-159)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1967, vol. 2, “An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit,” ch. 4

Thursday 7/18

Related Verses

Col. 3:16

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.

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.

Deut. 12:1, 8

1 These are the statutes and the judgments that you shall be certain to do in the land which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.

8 You shall not do according to all that we do here today, each man doing all that is right in his own eyes;

Deut. 14:22-23

22 You must give a tenth of all the produce of your seed, which the field brings forth, year by year.

23 And you shall eat before Jehovah your God, in the place where He will choose to cause His name to dwell, the tithe of your grain, of your new wine, and of your fresh oil and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear Jehovah your God always.

Col. 3:17

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.

1 Cor. 14:12, 15, 31

12 So also you, since you are zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church.

15 What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray also with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing also with the mind.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

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To be the speaking ones in our meetings, we must...accumulate the experiences of Christ...day after day. Paul was pursuing Christ [cf. Phil. 3:8-10, 12-14]...Because he sought after Christ in such a way, he accumulated the experiences of Christ continually...This is why Paul had so much to say about Christ. Many times when we come to the meetings, we do not have much experience of Christ as a base, or a foundation, for our speaking. We are short of experiences. We can speak the word, but our speaking of the word needs a backing, and this backing is our real experience of Christ. (*CWWL*, 1988, vol. 1, “Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” p. 184)

We also must keep a rich storage of the Lord’s word (Col. 3:16; John 15:7; 1 John 2:14). If we would just practice to pray-read two to four verses from the Word every morning, and we do this week after week and month after month, we will gain a rich storage of the living word. The word will not be just in our memory,

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but it will be something stored within us...The riches of Christ are embodied in the holy Word. This is what makes the Bible different from all the other books.

We should always have something to speak in all the meetings as a freewill offering to God and to the audience (1 Cor. 14:26 and footnote 1). In all our meetings we should not speak merely out of being forced or compelled to speak. Our speaking should be an offering of our free will to God for His glory and satisfaction and to the attendants for their enlightening, nourishing, and building up. (*CWWL, 1988, vol. 1, "Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,"* pp. 185, 188)

[First Corinthians 14:26] indicates that when we come to the church meeting, we should have something of the Lord to share with others, whether a psalm to praise the Lord, a teaching (of the teacher) to minister the riches of Christ to edify and nourish others, a revelation (of the prophet, v. 30) to give visions of God's eternal purpose concerning Christ as God's mystery and the church as Christ's mystery, a tongue as a sign to the unbelievers (v. 22) that they may know and accept Christ, or an interpretation to make a tongue concerning Christ and His Body understandable. Before coming to the meeting, we should prepare ourselves for the meeting with such things from the Lord and of the Lord, either through our experience of Him or through our enjoyment of His word and fellowship with Him in prayer. After coming into the meeting, we should not wait for an inspiration; there is no need to wait. We should exercise our spirit and use our trained mind to function in presenting what we have prepared to the Lord for His glory and satisfaction and to the attendants for their benefit—their enlightenment, nourishment, and building up.

[In] the Feast of Tabernacles in ancient times, the children of Israel brought the produce of the good land, which they had reaped from their labor on the land, to the feast and offered it to the Lord for His enjoyment and for mutual participation in fellowship with the Lord and with one another. We must labor on Christ, our good land, that we may reap some produce of His riches to bring to the church meeting and offer. Thus, the meeting will be an exhibition of Christ in His riches and will be a mutual

enjoyment of Christ shared by all the attendants before God and with God for the building up of the saints and the church. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians, second edition, p. 562*)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1988, vol. 1, "Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,"* chs. 3-4; *Life-study of 1 Corinthians, msgs. 63-64*

Friday 7/19

Related Verses

Deut. 12:5-7, 11, 13-14, 18

5 But to the place which Jehovah your God will choose out of all your tribes to put His name, to His habitation, shall you seek, and there shall you go.

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;

7 And there you shall eat before Jehovah your God, and you and your households shall rejoice in all your undertakings, in which Jehovah your God has blessed you.

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.

13 Be careful that you do not offer up your burnt offerings in every place that you see;

14 But in the place which Jehovah will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer up your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you.

18 But you shall eat them before Jehovah your God in the place which Jehovah your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male servant and female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God in all your undertakings.

Deut. 16:16

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;

John 4:24

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

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The children of Israel were not allowed to worship God and enjoy the offerings they presented to God in the place of their choice (Deut. 12:8, 13, 17). They were to worship God in the place of His choice, the place where His name, His habitation, and His altar were (vv. 5-6), by bringing their tithes, offerings, and sacrifices to Him there...To fulfill these requirements was to have a unique center of worship, as Jerusalem would be later (2 Chron. 6:5-6; John 4:20), for the keeping of the oneness among God's people, thus avoiding the division caused by man's preferences. (Deut. 12:5, footnote 1)

The revelation in the New Testament concerning the worship of God corresponds to the revelation in Deuteronomy 12 in at least four ways: First, the people of God should always be one; there should be no divisions among them (Psa. 133; John 17:11, 21-23...). Second, the unique name into which God's people should gather is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 1:12 and footnotes), the reality of which name is the Spirit (v. 3). To be designated by any other name is to be denominated, divided; this is spiritual fornication (see footnote 3 on Rev. 3:8). Third, in the New Testament God's habitation, His dwelling place, is particularly located in our spirit, that is, in our mingled spirit, our human spirit regenerated and indwelt by the divine Spirit (John 3:6b; Rom. 8:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Eph. 2:22). In our meeting for the worship of God, we must exercise our spirit and do everything in our spirit (John 4:24; 1 Cor. 14:15). Fourth, in our worship of God we must have the genuine application of the cross of Christ, signified by the altar, by rejecting the flesh, the self, and the natural life and worshipping God with Christ and Christ alone

(Matt. 16:24; Gal. 2:20). Hence, the meeting of God's people for the worship of God should be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the mingled spirit as the place of God's habitation, in the place where the cross is, and with the enjoyment of Christ as the reality of the tithes, the offerings, and the sacrifices (see footnote 4 on John 4:24). This is the oneness of God's people, and this is the proper ground for the worship of God. (Deut. 12:5, footnote 1)

In Psalm 73:17 through 28 we see that the psalmist obtained the solution [to his question concerning the prosperity of the wicked] in the sanctuary of God. "Until I went into the sanctuary of God; / Then I perceived their end."...To go into the sanctuary of God, we need to turn to our spirit and then go to the meetings of the church. Once we are in the sanctuary,...we will have another view, a particular perception, of the situation concerning the wicked. (Life-study of the Psalms, p. 354)

When we come into that land which is the all-inclusive Christ, we can no longer do what is right in our own eyes. We cannot meet with the Lord's children for corporate worship in the places we choose. We must go to the place which the Lord has chosen, to that one center, that one ground of unity.

In Christianity today everyone acts as if he has the right to choose according to his own desire. The saying is popular and current, "Attend the church of your choice." I would like to shout at the top of my voice to all the Lord's children, "You have no choice!" On one hand, you have full liberty to enjoy Christ by yourself wherever you are, but when you gather with the Lord's children to worship Him you have lost your liberty. The place where the Lord's children gather must be the very place appointed by the Lord Himself. (*The All-inclusive Christ*, p. 181)

Further Reading: *Life-study of the Psalms*, msg. 30; *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, "The Divine and Mystical Realm," ch. 6; *Life-study of Deuteronomy*, msgs. 10-11

Saturday 7/20

Related Verses

Eph. 2:21-22

21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

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

Eph. 1:22-23

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Psa. 26:8

8 O Jehovah, I love the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory abides.

Psa. 29:9

9 The voice of Jehovah causes the hinds to calve And strips the forests bare; And in His temple all say, Glory!

Psa. 27:4-6

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.

5 For He will conceal me in His shelter In the day of trouble;
He will hide me in the hiding place of His tent;
He will raise me up upon a rock.

6 And now my head is lifted up Above my enemies who surround me.
And I will offer in His tent Sacrifices of shouts of joy: I will sing and psalm to Jehovah.

Psa. 36:8-9

8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.

9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

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The Holy Land typifies Christ as the portion allotted by God to the believers...; the holy city signifies...the kingdom of God in Christ (Psa. 48:1-2); and the holy temple signifies...God's house, the church, on the earth (Eph. 2:21; 1 Tim. 3:15). These are the three crucial things regarding God's economy. (1 Kings 8:48, footnote 1)

When we enjoy Christ in a corporate way to a certain extent, God, in a certain and real sense, will be localized. He will have a definite address on this earth...The home of God is the very place where "Christ Incorporated" is...First Corinthians 14 tells us that when Christians come together in the proper way, people will come in and bow down, acknowledging that God is truly among them. In other words, they will confess that it is the habitation of God...This habitation, this home of God,...is built of Christ mingled and blended with so many believers...He is the all-inclusive land to them. Christ is what they eat, Christ is what they drink—Christ is everything to them.

A Christian is something of Christ. This morning he eats a little of Christ, and this evening he eats a little of Christ. Day by day he eats Christ and drinks Christ. Christ is gradually digested by him and mingled with him so that he and Christ become one. Then when he comes together with other Christians who have done the same thing, he brings Christ and they too bring Christ...Wherever they go, they cannot help but bring Christ. When they meet together, they offer Christ to God, they enjoy Christ together, and they exhibit Christ. Whenever they speak, Christ comes out. Everything is Christ. This is the habitation of God; this is the home of God...The habitation of God is the temple of God. And if we have the temple of God, we have the presence of God and the service of God.

But this temple of God needs enlargement...It is enlarged by Christ as the authority of God...This is exceedingly real. When you and I enjoy Christ together in the way that we have shown, the reality of the authority of Christ is among us. In such an enjoyment and out of such an enjoyment, we will be very submissive to God and to one another. We will be full of submission. Can you believe that after enjoying Christ in such a way we could quarrel with each other? Can you believe that in such an enjoyment we could hate one another? It is impossible. Is it possible for us to be formed as an army to fight the enemy and yet within the army to be fighting with each other?...Without submission there is no army...If there is submission among us, the authority of Christ is among us. It is the

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authority of Christ that enlarges the habitation of God, the temple of God.

The land is Christ Himself, and the temple and the city are the fullness of Christ. Christ is the Head, and the fullness of Christ is the Body, the church...This is what God is seeking today. May we be faithful to Him and learn by His grace how to enjoy Christ, how to experience Christ, and how to apply Christ to our daily lives. Then we will continually grow in our experience and enjoyment of Him until that time when with the saints we enter the good land, labor upon it, and the temple and the city come into being. (*The All-inclusive Christ*, pp. 191-194)

The way to be incorporated into this unique incorporation is to enjoy Christ, to eat Him, to partake of Him. This is why the New Testament stresses the matter of eating. The Lord said, "I am the bread of life...He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me" (John 6:48, 57). When we eat Him, we live by Him in this great incorporation, which today is the corporate Body of Christ and which eventually consummates the New Jerusalem. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory," p. 347)

Further Reading: *The All-inclusive Christ*, ch. 16; *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory," chs. 3-5

Lord's Day 7/21

Related Verses

Gen. 2:10-15

10 And a river went forth from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four branches.

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that goes around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that goes around the whole land of Cush.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one that goes east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 And Jehovah God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and to keep it.

1 Cor. 3:12

12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,

Rev. 21:9-10, 19

9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *The All-inclusive Christ*, ch. 16

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 8:1-6

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 39

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: Solid Food and the Word of Righteousness
Scripture: Heb. 5:11-6:9

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 29, 58-60

Supplemental Reading: *Everyone Speaking the Word of God*, ch. 4

Questions:

1. What is the difference between milk and solid food?
2. What is the word of righteousness and why is it for the full-grown and not the infant?
3. In Heb. 5:14, what does it mean to have our "faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil?"
4. Based on Heb. 5:11-14, what are a couple of possible reasons that we are inexperienced in the word of righteousness?

Hymn: #1168

1 Laboring on Jesus, the good land so real,
Plowing and planting and watering the field.
He yields the produce of reality,
God reaps a harvest of Jesus in me.

O Jesus! You're God's good land
For me to labor on!
I'll bit by bit possess You
Until the whole is won!
With Canaan is God's purpose,
The labor He will bless;
Lord Jesus, here I gain Yourself,
Your Person to possess.

2 Laboring on Jesus! My heart has been set,
Labor's begun, and I have no regret,
For with my labor God's sending the rain,
And all my labor on Christ yields much gain.

3 Laboring on Jesus this practical way—
Praying His Word in the spirit each day,
Foll'wing His living anointing within,
Built up with others, the church life to win.

4 Laboring on Jesus yields reality,
Meetings of fullness for all men to see;
There God and man are indeed satisfied,
And there God's presence cannot be denied.

5 Labor on Jesus to have Him increased!
Then seek God's dwelling and come to the feast!
There bring and offer your surplus to God,
There eat the riches, rejoice in the Lord!