

# WEEK 3 — OUTLINE

## Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit for the Body Life

Scripture Reading: Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17a; Phil. 1:21a; Rom. 8:4; 12:4-5

« DAY 1 & DAY 2 »

### I. We need to live Christ in and for the church life (Gal. 1:2, 15-16; 2:20; 4:19):

A. *The central thought of the Bible is that God desires us to live Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ (Phil. 1:21a; Eph. 4:12, 16):*

1. The main point of our Christian life is to live Christ.
2. The climax, the highest point, of the divine revelation in the entire Bible is to live Christ.

B. *In the New Testament there are four main verses that reveal the matter of living Christ (John 6:57; 14:19; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21a).*

C. *The Christian life is the life in which the believers of Christ live Him (v. 21a).*

D. *Our primary concern should not be anything outward but whether we are living the self or living Christ (Gal. 2:20):*

1. We are often distracted by outward things, such as our work or the problems in the local churches.
2. Actually, such problems are mainly due to a lack of living Christ.
3. When we are living Christ, we are best able to care for the church.

E. *If we would live Christ, we must take Him as our person and be*

*one person with Him (Eph. 3:17a; Gal. 2:20):*

1. He and we must be one in a practical way (1 Cor. 6:17).
2. To live Christ is to live a person; we should live a life that is Christ Himself.

*F. We should focus our whole attention on living Christ and care only to live Christ, not allowing anything to distract us from the direct, personal experience of Christ (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:9-12).*

*G. Living Christ requires that we love Him to the uttermost (Mark 12:30):*

1. Part of the secret of living Christ is telling the Lord again and again that we love Him (1 Cor. 2:9).
2. If we do not love the Lord, we cannot live Him.

*H. To live Christ means that when Christ lives, we who believe into Him and who are in Him also live (John 14:19):*

1. We live in Christ's living, and He lives in our living.
2. If we live in His living, His living will also be in our living (Gal. 2:20).

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## **II. The practical way to live Christ is to walk according to the spirit (Phil. 1:21a; Rom. 8:4):**

- A. We need to pay our full attention to walking according to the spirit in order to live Christ.*
- B. The word walk in Romans 8:4 denotes the general walk in our living, including how we think, speak, act, and move.*
- C. The spirit in verse 4 is the regenerated human spirit indwelt by and mingled with the Spirit; this corresponds to 1 Corinthians 6:17:*

1. Christ as the Spirit is in our spirit, and we are one spirit with Him (v. 17).
2. Therefore, we have a mingled spirit—our human spirit mingled with the divine Spirit.

*D. Ultimately, the Bible requires only one thing of us—that we walk according to the mingled spirit (Rom. 8:4):*

1. The key to everything is found in the wonderful Spirit who is in our regenerated spirit and who has become one spirit with our spirit (John 3:6).
2. To walk in the spirit is to do everything in our daily life according to the spirit (Rom. 8:4).
3. To live in the spirit is to let Christ fill and saturate us until He permeates our whole being and is thereby expressed through us (Eph. 3:17a).
4. The mutual abiding in John 15:4-5 is the practice of walking according to the spirit.
5. When we walk according to the spirit, we spontaneously bear the cross (Matt. 16:24).
6. All the things that happen to us test whether we are walking according to the spirit or the flesh (Rom. 8:4-5).
7. The best way to silence Satan is to walk according to the spirit (Rev. 12:11).

*E. We need a clear view from the heavens to see that what the Lord wants is a group of people who walk according to the spirit.*

*F. The primary concern of the leading ones should be to help the saints to live Christ by walking according to the spirit in their daily life (Rom. 8:4).*

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*G. When we are not walking according to the spirit in our daily life, we are walking according to the flesh (vv. 5-6):*

1. According to Romans 8, anything that is not according to the spirit is according to the flesh.
2. There are only two sources and two conditions of our daily living—the spirit and the flesh.

*H. Other aspects of our Christian life, such as preaching the gospel, should be the result of walking according to the spirit (v. 4):*

1. If we practice to continually walk according to the spirit throughout the day, everything else will spontaneously issue forth.
2. Our gospel preaching and shepherding should be the issue of our walking according to the spirit (Matt. 24:14; John 21:15-17).

*I. Our primary concern should not be how to do things but to see that God wants a people who live Christ by walking according to the spirit (Rom. 8:4).*

*J. In order to exhibit Christ in the meetings, we must gain Christ in our daily life by walking according to the spirit (1 Cor. 14:26; Phil. 3:8, 12; Rom. 8:4).*

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*K. The leading ones primarily need to walk according to the spirit in their daily life and help other saints to enter into this kind of living (v. 4; Phil. 3:17; Heb. 13:7):*

1. The leading ones need to enter into the actual practice of walking according to the spirit.
2. They need to help others to balance their corporate enjoyment of the Lord with a personal daily life of walking according to the spirit (Phil. 3:17).

*L. Unceasing prayer is the way to walk according to the spirit (1 Thes. 5:17):*

1. The way to walk according to the spirit is to pray unceasingly, just as we breathe

unceasingly; our walking according to the spirit is our spiritual breathing.

2. We can walk according to the spirit by consistent, unceasing, moment-by-moment prayer (Luke 18:1).

## « DAY 6 »

### **III. The more we walk according to the spirit, the more the Triune God will live in us so that we may live Him for the Body life (Rom. 8:4; 12:4-5):**

*A. When we walk according to the spirit daily and moment by moment, the Triune God as the Spirit will have the opportunity to make His home in us, settle down in us, and take possession of and occupy our entire being (Eph. 3:17a):*

1. We need to live the Triune God by allowing Him to indwell us, make His home in us, and take full possession of our being by our walking according to the mingled spirit (Gal. 4:19; Rom. 8:4).
2. All we need to do is to live the Triune God; everything else will be a spontaneous issue of our living the Triune God (John 14:19-20; 15:4-5).

*B. Romans 8 reveals that the Triune God lives in us so that we may live Him; this should be the focus of our Christian life.*

*C. The Body of Christ in Romans 12 issues from the experience of walking according to the spirit in Romans 8:*

1. All the members of the Body of Christ should be persons who walk according to the spirit (12:4-5; 8:4).
2. In principle, if we do not walk according to the spirit, we cannot practically have the Body of Christ; the Body life is annulled by a fleshly walk.
3. All the believers are members of the Body, but the practicality of the Body depends on the believers' walk.

4. If we truly walk according to the spirit, we will spontaneously be in the Body life (v. 4; 12:4-5).
- D. We need to see one thing—that the goal of the Lord’s recovery is to recover Christ, who is the embodiment of the Triune God to be our life and who is the Spirit to live within us and make us His living members so that His Body will be built up (Col. 2:9; 3:4; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:16).*

# « WEEK 3 — DAY 1 »

## Morning Nourishment

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Paul's life was to live Christ. If we would live Christ, we must take Him as our person and be one person with Him. He and we must be one in a practical way. In Galatians 2:20 Paul declares, "It is Christ who lives in me." For Paul, this was not a mere doctrine; it was a fact. It should also be real to us that Christ lives in us. Furthermore, we should abide in Him and allow Him to abide in us.

To live Christ is not merely to have a holy life or to live holiness. To live Christ is to live a person. We should simply live Christ. We should live a life that is Christ Himself. In our Christian life, quite often we are still the ones living our natural life. We are not living Christ. To live Christ is to let Christ Himself live from within us.

In order to live Christ, we must take Him as our person and as our life. Every morning we should pray, "Lord, I thank You for another day to practice living You. Lord, in myself I cannot do this. I ask You to remind me to live You and grant me the grace that I need for this."...We should not care for holiness, spirituality, or victory as things in themselves, and we should not care for our natural virtues or attributes. Instead, we should focus our whole attention on living Christ and care only to live Christ so that He might be magnified in us. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3482-3483)

## Today's Reading

The central thought of the Bible is that God desires us to live Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ. The main point of our Christian life is to live

Christ. To live Christ should be our primary goal; all the troubles in our Christian life come because of our not living Christ. We need to practice to live Christ, realizing that He is the life-giving Spirit in our spirit, until we live Christ habitually.

The climax, the highest point, of the divine revelation in the entire Bible is to live Christ. In order to live Christ, we must practice being one spirit with Him, and in order to practice being one spirit with Him, we must exercise our spirit to pray unceasingly. If we pray unceasingly from our spirit, "Lord, live in me; Lord, live through me," we will build up a habit of not living our self but Christ; then we will live Christ habitually. The habit of living Christ is the habit of prayer. Apart from unceasingly praying, we cannot live Christ. It is only by such continual prayer, such breathing prayer, that we can live Christ spontaneously. In order to have such a prayer life, we must watch and pray, praying at every time in spirit, watching unto prayer in all petition, and persevering in prayer (Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2). Moreover, the foundation for us to pray is our love for the Lord. Because we love the Lord and seek Him, we like to contact Him, pray to Him, and call upon Him. Part of the secret of living Christ is telling the Lord again and again that we love Him.

Living Christ requires that we love Him to the uttermost. As we are engaged in our daily activities, our living should not be those activities but Christ. Our mind should be concentrated on Christ, but the concentration of our mind on Christ depends upon our love for Christ. This is the reason that the New Testament charges us to love Christ (Mark 12:30; Rev. 2:4-5; John 14:23; 21:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:8). If we do not love Christ, we cannot live Him; loving Him is the best way to concentrate our entire being on Him....We need Christ to captivate us to an extent that even in our dreams we would live Christ. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3485-3486)

Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 346; CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 2, "The Christian Life," ch. 1; Life-study of Philipians, msg. 6

## << WEEK 3 — DAY 2 >>

### Morning Nourishment

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

14:19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.

In the New Testament there are four main verses—two in the Gospels and two in the Epistles—that reveal the matter of living Christ...John 6:57...is the first verse in the New Testament that directly touches the matter of living Christ. The second verse is...John 14:19...The phrase because I live means that Christ lives in resurrection. Yet a little while indicates His death and that He will live again in His resurrection. The clause because I live, you also shall live indicates that because He lives in resurrection, we also shall live with Him and by Him. In the New Testament John 6:57 and 14:19 are the most basic verses in unveiling to us how we can live because of Christ and with Christ. The third verse, perhaps the best in the Epistles concerning our living because of Christ and with Christ, is Galatians 2:20. It says, “I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith.” The fourth verse is Philippians 1:21, which says, “To me, to live is Christ.” (CWWL, 1989, vol. 3, “The Experience and Growth in Life,” p. 17)

### Today's Reading

The Christian life is the life in which the believers of Christ live Christ and magnify Him [Phil. 1:20b-21a].

It is also the life in which the Christians live Christ and magnify Him corporately in their locality as a local church to be a local expression of Christ as a part of the universal Body of Christ. (CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 2, “The Christian Life,” pp. 349, 357)

We need to humble ourselves to see that there is a shortage in our daily life of

a practical living according to the vision that we have seen in Paul's Epistles....We are often distracted by outward things, such as our work or the problems in the local churches. Actually, such problems are mainly due to a lack of living Christ.

Our daily walk does not adequately correspond to our vision concerning the central lane of Paul's completing ministry....What the Lord wants in His recovery is not our building of halls but our living of Christ. Our primary concern should not be anything outward but whether we are living the self or living Christ.

We should not be satisfied with merely knowing the truth; we must also seek to experience it. Our living should not remain the same after listening to many messages....We need to consider whether we are daily practicing to walk according to the spirit [Rom. 8:4]. To walk according to the spirit is to live Christ. The Lord wants a people who have such a walk and such a living.

Through the years the churches have had some growth in life, yet our living of Christ is not adequate. Moreover, our growth is slow because our living is short. Our growth may be helped or frustrated by our living.

As leading ones, we know from our experience that when we are living Christ, we are best able to care for the church. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," pp. 384-385)

Philippians 1:21 says, "To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." To say that we must live Christ is easy, and to understand this simple phrase is also easy, but for us to actually live Christ involves a great deal. To live Christ means that when Christ lives, we who believe into Him and who are now in Him also live. Christ lives, and we also live (John 14:19). This means that we live in Christ's living and that He lives in our living. If we live in His living, His living will be in our living also. This is the mingled living of two lives. God and man live together. (CWWL, 1989, vol. 3, "The Experience and Growth in Life," pp. 29-30)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1989, vol. 3, "The Experience and Growth in Life," chs. 3, 5-6; CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," ch. 1

# « WEEK 3 — DAY 3 »

## Morning Nourishment

Rom. 8:4-6 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

In the past few years we have seen the matter of living Christ (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20). Recently, based on Romans 8:4, we have seen the matter of walking according to the spirit, which is the practical way to live Christ. We are often distracted from walking according to the spirit...We need to pay our full attention to walking according to the spirit in order to live Christ.

When we face serious problems, we often pray desperately to seek the Lord's leading. Before we give a message, it is easy to pray. However, walking according to the spirit is different from praying in difficult situations or before spiritual activities. To walk according to the spirit is to do everything in our daily life according to the spirit. We need to walk according to the spirit moment by moment not only in big things but also in small things, such as writing a letter or talking with our family at the dinner table. If we cannot do or say something according to the spirit, we should not do or say it. We must admit that we are short of such a living. To pray only during the meetings or when we face a great problem is not to walk according to the spirit. Our walking according to the spirit in our daily living should be like our breathing. If we do not live Christ or walk according to the spirit, our spiritual activities may be a performance. We should not act one way in the meetings and another way in our daily life. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," pp. 387-388)

## Today's Reading

Christ being the Spirit in our spirit to give us life is a wonderful and genuine teaching according to the Bible. However, we cannot stop with knowing this teaching—we need to go on. We should not merely keep this teaching in our mind in order to muse upon it. We must also experience it. Paul says in Romans 8:4, “That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.” This verse does not speak of knowing but of walking. The word walk in this verse denotes the general walk in our living, including how we speak, think, act, and move. Verse 5 refers to “those who are according to the spirit.” This indicates that we need not only to walk but also to have our entire being according to the spirit. Verse 6 reveals that we need to set our mind on the spirit.

Most Christians think that we should walk according to the teachings in the Bible. However, according to Paul’s word in Romans 8:4, we should walk according to the spirit. Bible teachers and translators are unable to say definitely whether the spirit in verse 4 is the Spirit of God or the spirit of man. The spirit in this verse is the regenerated human spirit indwelt by and mingled with the Spirit. This corresponds to 1 Corinthians 6:17, which says, “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.” We need to walk according to this mingled spirit.

Christ as the Spirit is in our spirit, and we are one spirit with Him (Rom. 8:10, 16; 1 Cor. 6:17). Therefore, we have a mingled spirit—our human spirit mingled with the divine Spirit. Everyone who is saved has a mingled spirit within. We need to walk according to this mingled spirit. Regrettably, few believers know how to walk according to the spirit. Most know only to follow outward biblical teachings, such as being humble (Matt. 18:4). However, being outwardly humble in a religious way does not please the Lord. Our humility must come from walking according to the spirit. (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, pp. 440, 457)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, “The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit,” ch. 2; CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, pp. 437-443

## « WEEK 3 — DAY 4 »

### Morning Nourishment

Rom. 8:7-9 Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be. And those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

When we are not walking according to the spirit in our daily life, we are walking according to the flesh. According to Romans 8:4-9, anything that is not according to the spirit is according to the flesh. There are only two sources and two conditions of our living—the spirit and the flesh. Outward behavior, such as whether we are loving or hating others or praising or criticizing others, does not determine whether we are living according to the spirit or the flesh. Even our love is according to the flesh if it is not according to the spirit. We may rarely speak negatively, but even our positive speech that is not according to the spirit is still according to the flesh.

Perhaps it is difficult to know the spirit, but it is easy to know what is not the spirit....In order to be able to live according to the spirit, it is sufficient for us to know when our speech and actions are not according to the spirit. However, we do not practice such a life. During the meetings we may conduct ourselves according to the spirit, but after the meetings we often feel free to speak and do things according to the flesh. It is not sufficient merely to live morally or ethically or even to decide what to do based on the Spirit's leading, for we may be led by the Spirit to do something but then do it according to the flesh. We need to do everything according to the spirit, thinking, speaking, and acting moment by moment according to the spirit. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," p. 388)

### Today's Reading

Other aspects of the Christian life, such as preaching the gospel, should be the

result of our living Christ. If all the saints live Christ by walking according to the spirit, there will be a great increase in the church. Much gospel preaching will spontaneously issue from our walking according to the spirit. Several years ago I proposed that the saints in a certain locality go out at least once a week to contact others. Everyone listened and agreed, but eventually no one practiced it. I found that it does not work to charge the saints to go out regularly to preach the gospel. However, if the elders in a locality take the lead to walk according to the spirit, and they minister such a life to the other saints, the saints in that locality will also walk according to the spirit and regularly preach the gospel.

Our primary concern should not be how to do things such as preaching the gospel and shepherding the new believers. Instead, we need to see that God wants a people who live Christ by walking according to the spirit. If we practice to continually walk according to the spirit throughout the day, everything else will spontaneously issue forth from such a living....Our gospel preaching and shepherding should not be activities but should be the issue of a daily life of walking according to the spirit....All such aspects of the Christian life should be part of our living. For instance, a daily life of walking according to the spirit will issue in our functioning with a released spirit in the meetings. If we do not live Christ in our daily life, we will have no surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings. In order to exhibit Christ, we must gain Christ in our daily life by walking according to the spirit. If the saints are living Christ, they will spontaneously function in the meetings.

We need a clear view from the heavens to see that what the Lord wants is a group of people who walk according to the spirit. The Lord's desire is not for many co-workers, elders, or activities, or much organization. As leading ones, we primarily need to walk according to the spirit in our daily life and help other saints to enter into this kind of living. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," pp. 388-390)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1979, vol. 1, "Life Messages, Volume 2," chs. 62-64; CWWL, 1993, vol. 1, "The Move of God in Man," ch. 3

# « WEEK 3 — DAY 5 »

## Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking in the Spirit of God says, Jesus is accursed; and no one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.

1 Thes. 5:17 Unceasingly pray.

When we walk according to the spirit daily and moment by moment, the Triune God as the Spirit will have the opportunity to make His home in our entire being. This is our greatest need.

The corporate aspect of the Christian life is certainly helpful, but what we often lack is a daily life of walking according to the spirit. The saints in a local church may experience a high corporate life for a time, but if they do not enter into the practice of walking according to the spirit, their enjoyment will eventually diminish. Many of us have experienced a high corporate life in the past. Today we need to enter into the actual practice of walking according to the spirit, and as leading ones, we need to help others to balance their corporate enjoyment of the Lord with a personal daily life of walking according to the spirit. Whether or not there is a high atmosphere of corporate enjoyment in our locality, we need to personally walk according to the spirit. Corporate exercise of the spirit helps our walking according to the spirit but cannot replace it. Our walking according to the spirit is our spiritual breathing, which is what enables us to endure. To stop breathing is an indication of death. We need to pay our full attention to walking according to the spirit, because our breathing is what matters. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, “The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit,” pp. 390-391)

## Today’s Reading

Many saints need to practice walking according to the spirit in order to become less dependent on corporate help. The Lord may place us in an environment in which we do not have much opportunity to meet with others. The apostle John

did not receive corporate help when he was in exile on the island of Patmos, but he was still in spirit (Rev. 1:10). We need to practice to be in spirit when we are alone. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, “The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit,” p. 391)

The way to walk according to the spirit is to pray. When we pray in sincerity, we are in the spirit. The kind of prayer that we need to practice in order to walk according to the spirit is not the prayer that we have by setting aside a particular time and place to devote to prayer. If we pray only in this way, it is easy to come out of the spirit when our time of prayer is over. We need to pray unceasingly (1 Thes. 5:17), just as we breathe unceasingly. Unceasing prayer keeps us in our spirit.

The way to love the Lord and satisfy His desire to have a free way and all the ground within us is to pray unceasingly. We do not need to always pray for specific things. Instead, we need to practice unceasing prayer by calling on the Lord’s name no matter what else we are doing. We should not call on the name of the Lord lightly or loosely. We need to call with some consideration, speaking to the Lord about what we are doing and thinking. Whenever we call on the Lord’s name, we are in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3).

We need to continually walk and have our being according to the mingled spirit so that the indwelling Christ as the life-giving Spirit may have the opportunity to impart the riches of His life into every part of our being. In this way we will be transformed by being replaced with Christ. We can walk according to the spirit by constant, unceasing, moment-by-moment prayer. Before we do or say anything, we need to pray. Then we will be according to the spirit, and this will open the way for the Lord to impart Himself into us, spreading from our spirit into every part of our being and thereby transforming us as His life replaces our old life. In this way we will be replaced, transformed, and reconstituted with Christ to become His bride. (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, pp. 457-458, 443)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, pp. 455-460

# « WEEK 3 — DAY 6 »

## Morning Nourishment

Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

12:4-5 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

We need to live Christ for His magnification by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ [Phil. 1:19]...The Spirit has a rich provision to supply us in full to live Christ for His magnification. The bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ contains all that the processed and consummated Triune God—embodied in the all-inclusive Christ who is realized as the all-inclusive Spirit—is, has, has accomplished, obtained, attained, and will do. This bountiful supply of the Spirit is the unsearchable riches of Christ to meet in time the need of the seekers of Christ. When we truly seek after Christ, we will receive this bountiful supply. It is by such a bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ that the seekers of Christ, as His overcomers in the consummation of this age, live Him for His magnification in the New Testament economy of God for the producing and building up of the organic Body of Christ as the counterpart of the consummated Triune God, which will consummate in the New Jerusalem as His eternal enlargement and expression for eternity. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3486-3487)

## Today's Reading

Because the Triune God lives in us, we can live Him. This needs to be our daily experience. Thus, the focus and central teaching of the Bible is that the Triune God desires to live in His redeemed and regenerated people so that they may live Him.

We simply need to consider whether we are living ourselves or living God. If the leading brothers see this focus of the Bible and begin to live God, many other saints will be brought into this kind of living, and there will be a wonderful and

spontaneous issue.

We need to live the Triune God by allowing Him to indwell us, make His home in us, and take full possession of our being and by walking according to the mingled spirit. When we see, appreciate, and practice this, the law of the Spirit of life will operate within us, our mind will spontaneously be set on the things of Christ, and our natural being with its strengths, habits, and practices will spontaneously be put to death. This is Romans 8—the Triune God living in us and our living the Triune God.

The Body of Christ in Romans 12 issues from the experience of walking according to the spirit in Romans 8. According to Paul's view of God's economy, all the members of the Body of Christ should be persons who walk according to the spirit. In principle, if we do not walk according to the spirit, we cannot practically have the Body of Christ. All the believers are members of the Body of Christ, but the practicality of the Body depends on the believers' walk. If the believers walk according to the flesh, although they are still members of the Body of Christ, there will be no Body in their experience. The Body life is annulled by a fleshly walk. There are millions of believers today, but there is very little of the Body life among them, because few walk according to the spirit.

We must reject all the false replacements of the one thing that is real and that counts—the Triune God living in us so that we may live Him....Nothing matters or will last other than the Triune God living in us and our living Him. We must refuse hierarchy, self-assumed authority, and human organization and care only for God's desire and the focus of His revelation in the Bible.

We all have to see one thing—that the goal of the Lord's recovery is to recover Christ, who is the embodiment of the Triune God to be our life and who is the Spirit to live within us and make us His living members so that His Body will be built up on the earth. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," pp. 394, 397-398, 417, 409-410)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "The Importance of Living Christ by Walking according to the Spirit," chs. 3-5, 7

# WEEK 3 — HYMN

## Oh, what a life! Oh, what a peace

Experience of Christ — As Life

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, C, D7, G, Am, D, G, D/A, A7, D. The lyrics are: "1. Oh, what a life! Oh, what a peace! The Christ who's all with - in me lives." The second staff continues the melody with chords: D, D7, G/D, D7, G, D, C, G/B, C, G/D, D7, G. The lyrics are: "With Him I have been cru - ci - fied; This glo - rious fact to me He gives." The third staff continues with chords: G, D7, G, C, A7/C#, D, G, C, D7, G. The lyrics are: "Now it's no long - er I that live, But Christ the Lord with - in me lives. Now". The fourth staff concludes with chords: G, D, D7, G, C, G/B, C, G/D, D7, G. The lyrics are: "it's no long - er I that live, But Christ the Lord with - in me lives." The score ends with a double bar line.

2. Oh, what a joy! Oh, what a rest!  
Christ now is being formed in me.  
His very nature and life divine  
In my whole being inwrought shall be.  
All that I am came to an end,  
And all of Christ is all to me.
3. Oh, what a thought! Oh, what a boast!  
Christ shall in me be magnified.  
In nothing shall I be ashamed,  
For He in all shall be applied.  
In woe or blessing, death or life,  
Through me shall Christ be testified.
4. Oh, what a prize! Oh, what a gain!  
Christ is the goal toward which I press.  
Nothing I treasure, nor aught desire,  
But Christ of all-inclusiveness.  
My hope, my glory, and my crown  
Is Christ, the One of peerlessness.

*(Repeat the last two lines of each stanza)*

