

## Week Seven

### **Our Need to Labor on the All-inclusive Christ to Have the Produce to Exhibit Christ in the Church and to Have a Surplus of Christ to Bring to the Church Meetings for the Corporate Worship of God Our Father**

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Deut. 8:7-10; 12:6-7, 11-12, 18; 16:15-17; Eph. 3:8; John 4:23-24

## Outline

### §Day 1

- I. **As believers in Christ who have been led by Christ into Himself as the good land typified by the land of Canaan, we need to labor on Christ—1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 1:12:**
  - A. **After the people of Israel entered into and possessed the land of Canaan and received their allotted portion, they labored on the land—Deut. 8:7-10; 12:6-7, 11-12, 18:**
    1. Whether or not they were willing to labor on the land was a serious matter; they had to labor on and cultivate the land.
    2. This is a picture of how we need to labor diligently on Christ so that we may enjoy His all-inclusive riches—Eph. 3:8; 1:7; 2:7; 1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 3:10.
  - B. **The life we live after entering into Christ as the good land is a life of laboring on Christ—Col. 1:12; Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 15:10:**
    1. As the Lord's people who are living in the all-inclusive Christ, we need to labor on Christ, seeking Christ and enjoying Christ in every situation—Col. 1:12; 3:1, 4, 10-11.
    2. We are in a very rich land, but if we do not labor on it, there is no produce for us to experience and enjoy—Eph. 1:7; 2:7; 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:58.

## **§Day 2**

- C. Although we need to labor on Christ as the land to produce Christ, we need to realize that it is not we who produce Christ but Christ who produces Himself in us through our labor—Phil. 2:13; Eph. 3:17; Col. 3:15-16:**
1. We all need to labor on Christ and let Christ give us much produce; then we will have rich experiences of Christ—Eph. 3:8; Phil. 4:19.
  2. The harvest of Christ is the Christ on whom we have labored and have reaped to be our harvest—3:10.
- D. Every morning we need to pray, asking the Lord for the day's portion of grace and consecrating ourselves to the Lord for the purpose of experiencing and enjoying Him by laboring on Him—Rom. 12:1-2; 15:16.**
- E. Throughout the day we need to maintain our fellowship with the Lord and thereby contact Him, labor on Him, apply Him, experience Him, and enjoy Him—John 15:4-5, 11; 16:22; 1 Pet. 1:8.**

## **§Day 3**

- F. Exercising our spirit is the key to laboring on Christ, experiencing Christ, and producing Christ—1 Tim. 4:7:**
1. The way to labor on Christ is to exercise our spirit to contact the Spirit, the reality of the all-inclusive Christ as the good land—Gal. 3:14.
  2. Throughout the day, in every situation and in all our circumstances, we should exercise our spirit to contact the Lord and experience Him—1 Tim. 4:7; Rom. 8:4; 1 Cor. 6:17; Phil. 4:11-13.
- G. We labor on Christ as the good land by exercising our heart to have faith in the Lord and to love the Lord and by exercising our spirit to contact the Lord and to receive the dispensing of the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, the reality of Christ as the good land—2 Cor. 3:16; 13:14; Gal. 3:14.**

## **§Day 4**

**II. If we faithfully labor on the all-inclusive Christ, we will have the riches of Christ as the produce to exhibit Christ in the church—Eph. 3:8; 1 Cor. 14:26:**

**A. The proper life of Christians is to labor on Christ every day and thus have the rich surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ—v. 26:**

1. We come together in the church meetings to have an exhibition of Christ—Col. 1:18, 27.
2. Through our daily experiences of the riches of Christ, these riches will become an exhibition of the produce of Christ—Eph. 3:8, 17-18; Col. 2:6, 9-10, 17.
3. Our meetings should always be an exhibition to show forth what Christ is, what Christ has, and what Christ does—Heb. 1:3; 2:9, 14; 1 John 3:8; 4:9, 15; Acts 2:24, 32-33; Rev. 1:17b-18.

**B. We meet to exhibit not only the Christ given to us by God but also the Christ we have produced, the Christ on whom we have labored and whom we have experienced; this is the Christ whom we come together to exhibit—Col. 1:12-13; Phil. 3:10.**

**C. If we continually labor on Christ, we will have the rich surplus of Christ to bring to meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ—1 Cor. 1:24, 30; 10:3-4; 14:26.**

## **§Day 5**

**D. Whenever we come together, regardless of the kind of meeting we are having, we should come with the Christ experienced by us as the surplus to be offered to God and exhibited to the whole universe and to the enemy, putting him to shame—John 4:23-24; Eph. 3:10, 17; 4:15:**

1. Then our meetings will be enriched and strengthened because they are full of Christ—Col. 3:4, 10-11.
2. Such a church life is an exhibition of Christ, an expression of Christ—Eph.

3:21.

3. We need to bring the surplus of Christ to every meeting to exhibit Christ—v. 8.
  4. We need to enjoy Christ in our daily life and come together to exhibit Him—1 Pet. 1:8.
- E. To have proper Christian meetings, we need to contact the Lord daily in our personal life and then come to the meetings with the realization and understanding that we are coming to exhibit Christ and share Christ with others—1 Cor. 14:26.**
- F. "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"—Hymns, #864, stanza 1 and chorus.**

## **§Day 6**

**III. We need to labor on the all-inclusive Christ in order to have a surplus of Christ to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God our Father—John 4:23-24; Eph. 3:21:**

- A. The experience of the children of Israel is a picture of a proper Christian meeting—Deut. 12:6; 16:15-16:**
1. God commanded them to not be empty-handed when they came together to worship Him; they had to come with their hands full of the produce of their labor—Exo. 23:15; Deut. 12:11; 16:16.
  2. When they came to worship in the place designated by God, they worshipped God by offering to Him the top surplus of their labor on the land—vv. 15, 17.
- B. For our worship of Him, the Father requires that we come to Him with a harvest of Christ; thus, we need to come to the church meetings with the riches of Christ—John 4:23-24; Eph. 3:8.**
- C. Daily, we should labor on Christ to have a harvest of Christ's**

**riches to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God the Father—Deut. 12:6; 1 Cor. 14:26; John 4:23-24; Deut. 16:15-17.**

**D. A life in the all-inclusive Christ as the good land is a life of laboring on Christ, producing Christ, enjoying Christ, sharing Christ with others, and offering Christ to God the Father that He may enjoy Christ with us—John 4:23-24; 1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 3:21; Rev. 5:13:**

1. This kind of enjoyment and sharing is an exhibiting of Christ to the entire universe—19:7.
2. This is a worship to God the Father and a shame to the enemy—John 4:23-24.

**E. It is crucial that we diligently labor on Christ to have our hands full of Christ and then come to the church meetings to enjoy this rich and glorious Christ with God's children and with God the Father Himself—1 Cor. 10:31; 14:26; John 4:23-24; Rom. 15:6.**

**F. Whenever we come to the Lord's table meeting to remember the Lord and worship the Father, we must come with the riches of Christ produced by our daily laboring on Christ—Deut. 16:15-17:**

1. To worship God with Christ is to worship Him collectively with all the children of God by enjoying Christ with one another and with God—1 Cor. 14:26.
2. We need to produce enough of Christ so that there will be a surplus to share with others and to offer the best part of the produce to God the Father for His joy, delight, and satisfaction—Deut. 15:11; 18:3-4; 12:11.

## WEEK 7—DAY 1

### Morning Nourishment

Col. 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light.

Deut. 12:6-7 And there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes...; and there you shall eat before Jehovah your God, and you... shall rejoice in all your undertakings, in which Jehovah your God has blessed you.

Our need is to learn how to enjoy and experience Christ. God has placed us in Christ. The children of Israel entered into the land of Canaan and were each allotted a portion of the land. Whether or not they were willing to labor on the land was a serious matter. If an Israelite was lazy and did not rise early to diligently labor, his plot of land would be desolate, and he would not have a harvest at the end of the year. When it was time for the Feast of Pentecost or the Feast of Tabernacles, others would go to worship God with bundles of produce, but he would be empty-handed. Not only would he be without offerings to present to God, but he would also starve. What a pitiful sight that would be! Similarly, as believers, we each have a portion of Christ.... If we do not draw near to the Lord in the morning and we do not talk with Him, enjoy Him, or experience Him during the day, we will be very poor. However, if we are diligent to fellowship with the Lord by enjoying Him in the morning and experiencing Him during the day and especially during difficult times, we will have the element of Christ within us. (CWWL, 1970, vol. 3, "Being Delivered from Religious Rituals and Walking according to the Spirit," p. 369)

### Today's Reading

We who are the Lord's people living in the all-inclusive Christ should have one industry—Christ. Christ is our industry. We must labor on Him.

You who are students must realize and experience even while studying that you are working on 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 on Christ....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. What did they do? 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 on 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 on it, how could its riches be brought forth and abundantly produced? To have this rich Christ is one thing, but to continually labor on Him is another.

We must till our spiritual ground; we must sow the spiritual seed; we must water the spiritual plants—all the time.... 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. (CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 342-344)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1970, vol. 3, "Being Delivered from Religious Rituals and Walking according to the Spirit," chs. 7, 13

## WEEK 7—DAY 2

### Morning Nourishment

Rom. 15:16 That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

[In the Old Testament] God invited all His people to come together, yet God did not cook.... He had given them the food by sending the sunshine, the air, and the rain year round.... All the things were sent, but they needed to cooperate with God to have the produce. Then the produce became the tithes, and the tithes were brought to answer God's invitation. Everyone was invited to God's home. Everybody came home to feed the Father and to satisfy Him. What a happy time this was!

When we come together, we should come with Christ in this way.... How much Christ you bring to the meeting depends upon how much Christ you produce, how much Christ you have grown.... Actually, it is not that you produce Christ but that Christ produces Christ Himself through your labor. The poor thing today is that the Christians as God's redeemed people all come together empty-handed. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "Experiencing Christ as the Offerings for the Church Meetings," p. 510)

### Today's Reading

Meeting is the proper church life....Without this kind of meeting, we do not have the practical church life. What we have might be just a kind of organization with certain communal activities. But the proper church life should be a meeting life. Before coming to the meeting we must be laboring on Christ. We must reap Christ. We must have gathered some amount of Christ so that when we come to meet, we come filled with Christ. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "Experiencing Christ as the Offerings for the Church Meetings,"

pp. 510-511)

Every morning you need to pray, “Lord, I consecrate myself once more to You, not to work for You but to enjoy You.” 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 on 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.” When you come to the meeting, ...you can have a little fellowship... [with a saint and since] you have been abundantly satisfied with [Christ], ...you have something over to share with the brothers and sisters. When the meeting begins, you are well prepared to offer your prayers and praises to the Lord from your reserve for Him. This is the best of your surplus, and with the saints you joyfully render it to the Lord for His enjoyment and satisfaction. You have reaped enough of Christ for yourself, for the needy ones, and for the Lord. You have furthermore put aside a considerable portion that will stand you in good stead in future days. (CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, “The All-inclusive Christ,” pp. 345-346)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, “Experiencing Christ as the Offerings for the Church Meetings,” chs. 4-5; CWWL, 1977, vol. 1, “The Kernel of the Bible,” chs. 4-5, 7

## WEEK 7—DAY 3

### Morning Nourishment

1 Tim. 4:7 But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness.

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.

1 Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

The exercise of our spirit is one of the items of the Lord's recovery in these last days. To worship in the human spirit has been much neglected by today's Christianity. Many today have forgotten about the exercise of the human spirit and instead exercise their mind. Therefore, in order to be trained in a proper way in the Lord's service in the church life, the first matter is that we must learn to exercise our spirit....To exercise our mind in the service is like using our hands to play soccer.

We need to learn to exercise our spirit in our daily life. The Epistles tell us that we must walk according to the spirit (Rom. 8:4-6).... If we are exercised to walk according to the spirit, our spirit will be active when we come to the meetings. We will know how to exercise our spirit. Even in our home, in dealing with our family, we must learn how to exercise our spirit, to do and speak things not by our mind, emotions, desires, or likes but by the inner feeling, the consciousness of the spirit. We must learn how to exercise according to the deepest feeling in our spirit. Then we will be used to exercising our spirit, so whenever we come to the meeting, we will be ready. (CWWL, 1964, vol. 4, "Serving in the Meetings and in the Gospel," p. 80)

### Today's Reading

We must learn how to discern our spirit and to exercise it all the time. Then whenever we come together, we will know how to use our spirit. Our spirit will be on the alert, ready, active, and living....The church life is a life

in the human spirit with the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit today indwells our spirit, so we must know how to exercise our spirit. This is one aspect of the principle of the New Testament worship.

The other aspect of the New Testament worship is to worship in truthfulness, that is, in reality, in Christ....The people in the ancient times had to bring all their surplus to Jerusalem to offer it and enjoy it with one another in the presence of God. At least a part of what they offered was food to God. Not only the people of Israel enjoyed the surplus, but God also enjoyed it. This typifies that we come to the meetings to exercise our spirit to exhibit Christ. When the people of Israel came together and brought all their surplus to Jerusalem, that became a "fair," an exhibition, of the produce of the good land. Likewise, when we Christians come together, the Christian meeting is an exhibition of Christ. We exercise our spirit to exhibit Christ.

We all must learn how to exercise our spirit to minister Christ, apply Christ, and share Christ with others. This depends on our daily labor. If we do not labor on Christ and live by Christ, we will have nothing of Christ in our hand. Even if we understand how to exercise our spirit, we may have the technique but not the material. When we come to the meeting, our spirit may be positive, active, living, on the alert, and ready to exercise, but we may be poor and empty-handed, not having anything of Christ to minister. If this is so, we are worshipping in spirit but not in reality; we are in Jerusalem, but we do not have a surplus in our hands. Therefore, the church life depends on our daily exercise of the spirit and also on our daily walk in Christ. We have to labor on Christ, walk in Christ, live by Christ, and have many experiences of Christ. Then we will be rich in Christ and with Christ. When we come to the meeting, we will know how to exercise our spirit, and we will have much surplus of Christ. (CWWL, 1964, vol. 4, "Serving in the Meetings and in the Gospel," pp. 81-82)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1964, vol. 4, "Serving in the Meetings and in the Gospel," chs. 1-2; CWWL, 1977, vol. 2, "The Spirit and the Body," ch. 11

## WEEK 7—DAY 4

### Morning Nourishment

Eph. 3:8 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.

1 Cor. 14:26 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.

[In 1 Corinthians 14:26] has...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 for 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 need not wait, and should not wait, for inspiration; 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.

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. (1 Cor. 14:26, footnote 1)

### Today's Reading

In the world today there are many exhibitions and fairs.... 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. That is the Christ whom we all come together to exhibit. Brothers and sisters, 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)

Through our experiences of the riches of Christ, these riches will become an exhibition, a show, of the produce of Christ. Our meetings must always be an exhibition to show forth what Christ is, what Christ has, and what Christ does.... If we experience many items of the riches of Christ during the day, we will come to the meeting in the evening with the divine attributes that we have experienced. When we all bring something that we have experienced and put our experience of Christ’s riches together, there will be an exhibition of Christ. In this way every meeting will be a show of Christ. (CWWL, 1987, vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” p. 367)

The life of God’s people is first a life of laboring on Christ. Second, it is a life of having something of Christ to bring to the meetings to offer, to contribute. The proper life of Christians is to labor on Christ all the time. Then they will have the rich surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ. We exhibit Christ to God and to God’s enemy. The children of Israel had to come to Jerusalem three times a year for three feasts....They brought the top surplus to the Tent of Meeting for God’s worship. We also have to bring the top surplus of Christ to the church meetings for our worship to God in spirit and reality (John 4:24). (CWWL, 1965, vol. 2, “Christ as the Content of the Church and the Church as the Expression of Christ,” p. 376)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1987, vol. 3, “The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ,” ch. 10

## WEEK 7—DAY 5

### Morning Nourishment

Eph. 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ.

Whenever we come together, regardless of the kind of meeting we have, we should come with the Christ experienced by us. Sometimes we offer Him to God as the burnt offering. At other times we may offer Him as the meal offering. In the Lord's table meeting, we can offer Him as the peace offering for our fellowship with God and man in peace. At the same time, we cannot forget that we are still in the old, sinful nature and that we are sinful in our deeds. Then we can apply Him as our sin offering and trespass offering. 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. Such a church life is an exhibition of Christ, an expression of 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)

### Today's Reading

To have proper Christian meetings, we must contact the Lord daily in our private life so that we will be living Christians. Then we must come to the meetings with the realization and understanding that we are coming to exhibit Christ and to share Christ with others. When some hear this word, they may feel that since their Christian life is marked by failure, they have nothing to bring to the meetings.... Even if this is your condition, you must

realize that you can still function in the meetings. You can come to the meeting and pray, “Lord, I am so poor. I have failed You many times this week. Please forgive me and have mercy upon me....” If you come to the meeting and pray in this way, many of the saints may be deeply touched, and tears may come to their eyes. Moreover, you can also pray, “Lord, since I have nothing of You, I come to contact You in Your Body and through Your Body. I believe that You have something for me in this meeting.” You can pray in such a way, and you can also open yourself to the saints in the meeting and say, “Brothers and sisters, please pray for me. I have been trying to live the Christian life, but I have failed the Lord again and again. Please pray for me.” If you bring your failures to the meeting and open yourself to the Lord and to the Body, your failures will disappear.... If we experience Christ during the week, we can share our Christ during the meeting, and if we fail during the week, we can share our weaknesses with the saints. We must learn to allow others to bear our weaknesses. If we practice in this way, our meetings will be living, rich, edifying, strengthening, and enlightening.

There are two requirements to having a proper Christian meeting. The first requirement is that all the attendants seek and contact the Lord in their daily lives....The second requirement is that when we come together, we must forget about all regulations, forms, rituals, routines, and programs. If we have a program for our meetings, we will quench the Spirit and kill the spiritual life within us. When we come together, we must abandon all things of religion and do one thing—exhibit Christ. We do this by expressing, sharing, exalting, testifying, and preaching Christ in a living way to one another. (CWWL, 1963, vol. 4, “Contacting the Lord, Being Filled in Spirit, and Having Proper Christian Meetings for the Accomplishment of God’s Eternal Purpose,” pp. 38-40)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1987, vol. 2, “The God-ordained Way to Practice the New Testament Economy,” chs. 4, 6; CWWL, 1985, vol. 3, “The Living Needed for Building Up the Small Group Meetings,” ch. 6

## **WEEK 7—DAY 6**

### **Morning Nourishment**

John 4:23-24 ..The true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Eph. 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

We need to worship God in spirit with Christ as the reality....Whenever we come to a meeting, we should bring Christ, that is, our experiences of Christ, and our spirit must be living....We should begin to sing and to call on the Lord on our way to the meeting. Then when we sit down, our spirit will come forth in a released way. In this way, we will have the experiences of Christ as well as the release of the spirit....When our spirit is strong and our testimonies are rich, simple, and concise, the meeting will be rich, and God will be glorified. This is to worship God. (CWWL, 1970, vol. 3, "Being Delivered from Religious Rituals and Walking according to the Spirit," pp. 370-371)

### **Today's Reading**

The inward parts of the peace offering signify the inward parts, the inward being, of Christ (Phil. 1:8). [From] the four Gospels...we can realize that the Lord's thought, His desire, His intention, His love, His likes and dislikes, His emotions, and all the things within Him were very tender and very rich toward God and in the presence of God.... In the Lord's table meeting, after the remembrance of the Lord, we should offer the Lord as the peace offering to the Father. What we offer should include, or comprise, the inward parts of Christ. If in our daily walk we are really one with the Lord in our intention toward the Father, in our concept, in our thoughts, in our likes and dislikes, in our desire, in our intent, and in our purpose, then these things become our experience. Then we are really one with the Lord

in His inward parts toward the Father. If this is the case, we have the reality of the inward parts and the fat upon the inward parts of the peace offering when we come to the Lord's table meeting. (CWWL, 1979, vol. 2, "Basic Lessons on Service," pp. 69-70)

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 have to labor on Christ day by day so that we produce Him....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.... And above all, the best of the surplus must be reserved 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.

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.

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. The life in the land is a life full of the enjoyment of Christ, both personally and collectively with the Lord's people. May we be diligent to labor on Him, to have our hands filled with Him, and then come to the place that He has appointed, to the very ground of unity, to enjoy this rich and glorious Christ with God's children and with God Himself. (CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 344-345, 348, 352)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1984, vol. 5, "Guidelines for the Propagation of the Lord's Recovery," ch. 3; CWWL, 1979, vol. 2, "Basic Lessons on Service," Isn. 9

<< **WEEK 7 — HYMN** >>

**Hymns, #864 Whene'er we meet with Christ endued**

Meetings — Exhibiting Christ

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

