

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying
Message Fourteen : Christ as the Emancipator and as the One
Who Makes Us More Than Conquerors

I. Overview:

The enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8 ushers us into the reality of the Body of Christ in Romans 12; this law operates within us as we live in the Body. The Triune God has been processed to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a "scientific" law, an automatic principle. While we remain in the touch with the Lord, staying in contact with the Lord, the law of the Spirit of life works automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly. The whole key to our living and serving in the Body of Christ is the law of the Spirit of life, which operates within us. We can love God and be constrained, restricted, motivated, compelled, impelled, and propelled by the love of Christ to more than conquer in all things. Because of God's unchanging love for us and the fact that Christ has accomplished everything on our behalf, neither tribulation nor persecution can suppress or defeat us; rather, in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us. In God's salvation the love of God has become the love of Christ, which does many marvelous things for us through the grace of Christ until God's complete salvation is accomplished in us.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Explain Christ being the Emancipator.

Romans 7:22—8:4 reveals Christ as the Emancipator who by the law of the Spirit of life delivers the wretched man from the law of sin and of death. In 7:24, Paul cries pitifully, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?" The answer to Paul's question is presented in chapter 8:2, that he experienced freedom from the law of sin and of death by the law of the Spirit of life.

B. Expound that the law of the Spirit of life is the biggest discovery in God's economy.

Since God as the processed God who became the indwelling Spirit has been installed into our being, He works within us not by activities but by law. You must realize that this is one of the biggest discoveries, even recoveries, in God's economy. Through all the centuries few Christians have seen that God is working in His chosen and redeemed people not by activity but by law.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the center of the new covenant being the inner law of life.

This law is not an outward law but an inward law. In its essence, this law refers to the divine life, and the divine life is the life-giving Spirit, the all-inclusive Christ, and the processed and consummated God. These three are one. This law is the divine life, and the divine life is the processed and consummated Triune God.

B. Expound that the inner law functions.

The function of the inner law refers to the divine capacity. In this law there is the divine capacity, and the divine capacity is almighty. This divine capacity can do everything in us for the fulfillment of God's purpose. According to its life, the law of the new covenant is the Triune God, and according to its function, it is the divine capacity. The divine capacity of the inner law of life can live God.

Day 3 —

A. Explain the law of the Spirit of life having been installed, only needing our switching on.

In a physical building, many systems, for example, heat, light, sound, video, and so on, have been installed. Now they simply need our switching on. This illustrates the law of the Spirit of life. When we fulfill the requirement, this law works. What are the requirements? Walk according to the spirit; set your mind on the spiritual things; be led by the Spirit.

B. Expound that we should exercise to walk according to the spirit.

As we walk according to the spirit, surely we would spontaneously set our mind on the spirit. We would think about Him. We would meditate the spiritual things. And the best means is to pray-read. Whenever we pray-read the Bible, our mind is set on the spirit. It will then be so spontaneous for you to put to death every practice of your body. When you walk according to the spirit and you set your mind on the spirit, every time the practice of the body comes up, you will spontaneously kill it.

Day 4 —

A. Explain who being freed by the law of the Spirit of life.

How does the law of the Spirit of life operate. The law of the Spirit of life does not free everyone. Many Christians today have not been freed. The law of the Spirit of life only frees the believers who fulfill all the doings in Romans chapter 8.

B. Expound that we have to cry, "Abba, Father!"

We have the spirit of sonship in which we cry, "Abba, Father!" To cry is to switch on. All of us need to learn to cry. This is not a bad cry; this is a sweet and kind cry. Today's Christians are dead because they are too silent. We all have to learn to cry. Are you weak? You need to cry.

Day 5 —

A. Explain in Jeremiah 32:40-44, "He would make an eternal covenant with them."

Jehovah said that He would make an eternal covenant with them that He will not turn away from them. He will do them good. He will plant them in the holy land, and fields will be bought there. This eternal covenant is the new covenant. It is by this covenant that God will not turn away from us and will plant us in Christ, our good land, and Christ in all His aspects will be bought by us.

B. State the words in 2 Corinthians 5:14, and how to do it.

The constraining love of Christ in 2 Corinthians 5:14 is the love which was manifested on the cross through His death for us. The Greek word rendered "constrains" means "to press on from all sides, to hold to one end, to forcibly limit, to confine to one object within certain bounds, to shut up to one line and purpose". In such a way the apostles were constrained by the love of Christ to live to Him.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the words in Romans 8:37, and the experience in our daily living.

The love of God is the source of His eternal salvation. This love is in Christ and has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Nothing can separate us from this love of God. In God's salvation this love to us has become the love of Christ, which does many marvelous things for us through the grace of Christ until God's complete salvation is accomplished in us.

B. Explain in Romans 8:3, Paul pointing out the inseparable love of God.

We are God's beloved ones, and nothing can separate us from His love. Once God loves us, He loves us forever with an eternal, inseparable love. Therefore, God's salvation is secured by His love. This means that our eternal security is the love of God. We may be assured that nothing will separate us from the love of God.

III. Conclusion:

The way to overcome the law of sin and death is not by determination or struggle, but by constantly calling on the Lord and telling Him every day, "Lord, I love You. I give myself to you." We just have to stay in Christ, give ourselves to Him, give in Him, and enjoy Him. In this way, He receives our cooperation and acts naturally and gently within us as the law of the Spirit of life. In this way, we have peace, joy, and victory. God's salvation in Christ has saved us to the such extent. In one side of God's pleasure, we enjoy the source of our salvation, which is God's inseparable love in Christ; which no human being can be separated from. The other side of God's life, through the conformation of the Lord's Spirit, reaches the ultimate goal of salvation by entering into God's glory and being glorified with God.