

Crystallization-Study – Song of Songs

Living in Ascension

Four Conditions in Which Christ is Enjoyed by Us

- The **death, resurrection, ascension**, and **Spirit of Christ** are actually Christ Himself. They are the four **conditions** in which Christ is **enjoyed** by us.
 - To **die** with Christ is to enjoy Christ in His death.
 - Most Christians know that Christ died for us objectively on the cross, but we have to die with Christ **subjectively** in order to enjoy Him.
 - To be **resurrected** with Him is to enjoy the life-giving Christ.
 - To **live** in ascension is to enjoy Christ in the condition of ascension.
 - We need to live in ascension as God's new creation in resurrection.
 - Christ is not only in the **conditions** of His death, resurrection, and ascension but also in the **condition** of the life-giving Spirit.
 - He is the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit of Jesus Christ to us.

Determining to Stay in Christ's Sweet Death and Fragrant Resurrection

- After the lover of Christ has **experienced** Christ in His sweet death and His fragrant resurrection, she determines to **stay** in the sweet death of Christ (mountain of myrrh) and His fragrant resurrection (hill of frankincense) until her Beloved comes back when the day dawns and the shadows flee away.
 - We cannot experience Christ's death and resurrection as something separate and apart from Christ.
 - God in His economy **does not want** us to experience something of Christ. Instead, He determined that we have to enjoy Christ Himself **in many things**.

The Call to Live in Ascension

- In **Song of Songs 4:8** the Beloved calls the lover to be **with Him in His ascension** instead of **remaining** on the mountain of myrrh and on the hill of frankincense.
 - Lebanon signifies **ascension**.
 - In Christ's ascension there are the positive peaks of reality, victory, and the destruction of the enemy.
 - Amana means "**truth, reality**"

- This is the truth, the reality of the consummated Triune God; the all-inclusive Christ with His complete redemption; and the all-inclusive, compound, life-giving, sevenfold intensified Spirit.
- Senir means “**soft armor**”
 - Signifies that the war is over and victory has been gained.
 - We do not need to wear the hard armor to fight. Satan is the defeated foe.
 - We do not need to fight, because he has been defeated already.
- Hermon means “**destruction**”
 - In ascension the enemy is destroyed.
- With Christ, Satan is a **defeated** foe, but with us he is still a **troublesome** one.
 - Christ calls us to **look from the heavenlies**, signified by the lions’ dens and the leopards’ mountains. This is the **reality** of living in the ascension of Christ.

Knowing Christ in His Death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Spirit

- For us to experience Christ we must see that the **death, resurrection, ascension, and Spirit of Christ** are **one group**.
- We **put to death** the activities of the body not by ourselves but **by the Spirit**.
 - We **crucify ourselves** by the Spirit.
 - Today, the Spirit is in our spirit.
- To know Christ in His death, His resurrection, His ascension, and His bountiful Spirit, we need to see that **these four things are one**.
 - **Death** is a **condition** in which Christ **died for us and with us**, and **resurrection** is a **condition** in which Christ was resurrected by God from the dead to **release the divine life**.
 - We cannot separate Christ from His ascension or from the life-giving Spirit. We can **live in ascension** by **living in the pneumatic Christ**, the Christ who is the Spirit in our spirit.

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