

EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1)

KEY STATEMENTS

Christ came to minister as a
Physician to heal, recover,
enliven, and save us
that we might be reconstituted to be His new and heavenly
citizens, with whom He could establish His heavenly
kingdom
on this corrupted earth.

We need to know, experience, and testify
that the kingdom of God is the power to subdue
rebellion and is the transfiguration of the Lord
Jesus.

Christ as the Word of God speaks
for God through His becoming
the ladder
that brings heaven (God) to earth
(man) and joins earth (man) to
heaven (God) as one for
God's building.

Even as the Divine Trinity is the
framework of the entire New
Testament,
so the Divine Trinity is the structure of the book of
Acts; chapter after chapter of Acts
unveils the operation of the Divine Trinity
for the carrying out of God's New Testament economy.

HWMR: EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (Week 9)

Scripture Reading: John 11:25; 12:23-24; Luke 12:49-50; 2 Cor. 1:8-9; 4:16; Exo. 25:31-40; Num. 17:8

Christ as the Resurrection and the Grain of Wheat

John 11:25	Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;
John 12:23	And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
John 12:24	Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Luke 12:49	For I have not spoken from Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He Himself has given Me commandment, what to say and what to speak.
Luke 12:50	And I know that His commandment is eternal life. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.
2 Corinthians 1:8	For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living.
2 Corinthians 1:9	Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;
2 Corinthians 4:16	Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
Exodus 25:31	And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand with its base and its shaft shall be made of beaten work; its cups, its calyxes, and its blossom buds shall be of one piece with it.
Exodus 25:32	And there shall be six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand out of one of its sides, and three branches of the lampstand out of its other side;
Exodus 25:33	Three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a calyx and a blossom bud; and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, a calyx and a blossom bud — so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.
Exodus 25:34	And there shall be on the lampstand four cups made like almond blossoms, its calyxes and its blossom buds;
Exodus 25:35	And a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, and a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, and a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the lampstand.
Exodus 25:36	Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it one beaten work of pure gold.
Exodus 25:37	And you shall make its lamps, seven; and set up its lamps to give light to the area in front of it.
Exodus 25:38	And its tongs and its firepans shall be of pure gold.
Exodus 25:39	It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.
Exodus 25:40	And see that you make them according to their pattern, which was shown to you in the mountain.
Numbers 17:8	And on the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and there was the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi: it had budded; it even put forth buds and produced blossoms and bore ripe almonds.

Day 1

John 16:13-15 - But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; for this reason I have said that He receives of Mine and will declare it to you.

I. We can experience, enjoy, and express Christ as the resurrection—John 11:25:

❖ The Spirit of Reality of the Triune God

- The **Body of Christ** is the **church** today, and all of its **reality** is the **Spirit of the reality** of the consummated Triune God.
- The reality of all that the Triune God **is**, **has**, and **can do** is simply this **Spirit of reality**.
- This Spirit of reality makes everything of the processed Triune God a **reality in the Body of Christ**.
- The **church** therefore **possesses** the reality of the divine attributes, such as righteousness, holiness, life, light, power, and grace.
- The Spirit with the **resurrection of Christ** works in us to enable us to love and forgive others.

❖ Our Whole Person Being Turned to and Set on the Joined Spirit and Living According to It

- This **Spirit** now dwells in our **regenerated spirit** and is joined to our spirit as **one spirit**.
- We must therefore **exercise** to turn our whole being to this **joined spirit** and set our mind on it.
- We should also **live** and **walk** according to this **joined spirit**.
 - We must **speak**, **do things**, **treat others**, and **deal with matters** according to this **joined spirit**.
- When we live in this joined spirit, we will be able to **live out the Body of Christ** and become His **corporate expression**

(A Thorough View of the Body of Christ, chapter 2)

Day 2

Numbers 17:8 - And on the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and there was the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi: it had budded; it even put forth buds and produced blossoms and bore ripe almonds.

Matthew 19:26 - And looking upon them, Jesus said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

❖ Resurrection Being the Basis for God's Authority

- A **rod** is a piece of wood. It is a branch that has been stripped of its leaves and roots. It once was living but now has become **dead**.
- All twelve rods were leafless, rootless, dry, and dead. Whichever one **budded** was the one that was **chosen** by God.
 - Here we see that **resurrection** is the basis of **God's selection**. It is also the basis of authority.

❖ The Budding of the Rod Being a Humbling Experience

- God caused Aaron's rod to **bud**, **blossom**, and **bear** ripe almonds.
 - Here was a dead rod, yet God put the power of life into it.

- What did it mean for Aaron's rod to bud?
 - First, a budding rod **humbles** the owner of the rod.
 - Second, it **shuts up the mouth** of the owners of the other rods.

❖ Resurrection Being the Eternal Principle of Service

- The principle to **every service** lies in the budding rod.
- God returned all the eleven rods to the leaders, but kept Aaron's rod inside the ark as an **eternal memorial**.
 - This means that resurrection is an **eternal principle** in our service to God.
- A servant of the Lord is one who has **died** and **resurrected**.
- Resurrection means that everything is **of God** and not of us.
- It means that **God alone is able** and that **we are not able**.
- Resurrection means that everything is **done by God, not by ourselves**.

(Authority and Submission, chapter 15)

Day 3

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 - For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living. Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

❖ The God of Resurrection

- Why do we stress the distinction between the **living God** and the **God of resurrection**?
 - It is because while the **living God** can perform many acts on man's behalf, the nature of the living God **cannot blend** with the nature of man.
 - When, the **God of resurrection** works, His very nature is **wrought** into the nature of man.
- What is the significance of suffering?
 - It is this, that the devastation it brings to the old creation provides an **opportunity** for the God of resurrection to **impart** Himself into His creatures so that they **emerge** from the death process with a divine element in their constitution.
- Through a process of **outward decay**, an **inward process** is taking place that is **adding a new constituent** to our lives.
- You must give your **consent to God** when He seeks to lead you through devastating processes.
- He invariably chooses the lot of each one with this goal in view—an **increase of the divine content in our life**.

(The Living God and the God of Resurrection, chapter 3)

Day 4

2 Corinthians 4:16 - Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Colossians 2:19 - And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

❖ **Being Renewed by Increasing with the Increase of God**

- **Colossians 2:19** says that we need to **grow** with the growth of God, or **increase** with the increase of God.
- When we have God in us to the fullest, we will have the **full growth**.
- When God is **increasing** within us, His new element is being **added** into us.
- As we are **contacting** God, God infuses Himself as the divine element into our being.
- God desires to add Himself into our being, but He does not increase in us when we **do not** contact Him.
 - Our **calling** on the Lord is our spiritual breathing. We have to contact God by **praying** to Him and calling on Him.
- God's intention is for us to be **renewed** day by day.
- **Daily we need to contact God**, open ourselves up to Him, and let Him come into us to be a new addition into us day by day.

✚ Moment by moment we have to receive God so that He can be added into us, and we have to reject ourselves to receive the death of Christ so that we can cooperate with the Lord within us. Then we will enjoy not only the renewing capacity but also the renewing result, which is a metabolic change in our behavior, in our character, in our disposition, and even in our habit.

(Life-Study of John, chapter 16)

Day 5

John 12:23-24 - And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

II. We can experience, enjoy, and express Christ as the grain of wheat—John 12:24:

❖ **His Humanity Through His Incarnation Becoming a Shell to Conceal the Glory of His Divinity**

- **John 1:14** tells us that the very God became **flesh**.
 - This flesh, this humanity, became a **shell** to conceal the glory of Christ's divinity.
- Because the divine glory was concealed within the shell of His flesh, it was necessary for Him to be **glorified**.

❖ **Longing to be Baptized with the Baptism of His Death for the Release of the Glory of His Divinity**

- The Lord was **constrained** in His flesh, which He had put upon Himself in His **incarnation**.
- His incarnation caused His divine glory to be concealed in His flesh, but through His **death** His glory was **released** for the producing in His **resurrection** of the many grains, which become His **increase** as the expression of His glory.

(The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory, chapter 1)

❖ **The Consummated Triune God and the Regenerated Believers Becoming an Incorporation in the Resurrection of Christ**

- Christ's glorification produced an issue—an **incorporation**.
- God's intention is to **incorporate Himself** with all the believers of Christ into one incorporation.
- The three of the Divine Trinity are an incorporation by **coinhering** mutually and by **working together** as one.
- God's intention is that **all the believers** of Christ would be **incorporated** into His incorporation to be an enlarged incorporation.

(The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory, chapter 3)

Day 6

John 14:23 - Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

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.

❖ **Built Up by the Constant Visitation to the Redeemed Elect of the Father and the Son with the Spirit**

- The Father's house is built up by the **constant visitation** to the redeemed elect of the Father and the Son with the Spirit who indwells the redeemed elect to be the **mutual dwelling place** of the consummated Triune God and His redeemed elect.
- We may be at home, at school, or at work, but wherever we may be, the Father and the Son come to **visit us** to do a building work in us, making an **abode** that will be a **mutual dwelling place** for the Triune God and for us.

❖ **The Second Aspect of the Incorporation of the Consummated God with the Regenerated Believers Being the True Vine**

- In **John 15** the Lord said, "I am the true vine".
 - Only one **vine** is uniquely true. This is **Christ** spreading around the globe.
- The **true vine** is a sign of the **all-inclusive Christ** as the organism of the processed and consummated Triune God.
 - Its **branches** are the **believers of Christ**, who by nature were branches of the wild olive tree and have been grafted into the cultivated olive tree through their believing into Christ
 - Its **grafted branches** have been **regenerated** with the divine life, brought into the life union with the crucified and resurrected Christ, and incorporated with the processed and consummated Triune God.

❖ **A New Child, A New Man**

- A **new child**, a **new man**, was born by the consummated Spirit.
- This new man was created by Christ on the cross by **abolishing in His flesh** the law of the commandments in ordinances.
- While Christ was **dying** on the cross, He was **creating** this new man
- Our putting on the new man by being renewed in the spirit of our mind will eventually consummate the Body of Christ, and this Body of Christ, which is the church, will consummate the **New Jerusalem**.

(The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory, chapter 5)