

**HWMR: KNOWING, EXPERIENCING, AND ENJOYING CHRIST AS REVEALED IN  
PHILIPPIANS, (Week 6)**

*Scripture Reading: Phil. 3:10-14; Rom. 6:3-5; 8:11; Rev. 1:17b-18*

**ATTAINING TO THE OUT-RESURRECTION**

Philippians 3:10	To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
Philippians 3:11	If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
Philippians 3:12	Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:13	Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,
Philippians 3:14	I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.
Romans 6:3	Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
Romans 6:4	We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
Romans 6:5	For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
Romans 8:11	And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
Revelation 1:17	And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead; and He placed His right hand on me, saying, Do not fear; I am the First and the Last
Revelation 1:18	And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

**Day 1**

*Philippians 3:11 - If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.*

*Revelation 20:6 - Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.*

**I. “The out-resurrection” refers to the **outstanding resurrection**, the extra-resurrection, which will be a **prize to the overcoming saints**—Phil. 3:11; Rev. 20:4, 6:**

- A. All believers who are **dead in Christ** will participate in the **resurrection** from the dead at the Lord’s coming back—1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52.
- B. The Lord’s overcomers will enjoy an **extra, outstanding portion** of that resurrection, a resurrection in which they will receive the reward of the kingdom; this is what the apostle Paul sought after—Phil. 3:11; Heb. 11:35, 26.

**II. For Paul, to live was **Christ as the out-resurrection**—Phil. 1:21a; 3:11:**

- A. The **Christ** who lived in Paul is the One who, in His own person, is the **reality of the out-resurrection**—John 11:25; Rev. 1:17b-18; 2:8.

- B. The out-resurrection is actually the **dear, precious, excellent person of Christ**, the One who, through crucifixion and resurrection, has passed out of the old creation and has entered into God—John 14:3, 20; Heb. 6:19-20.
- C. In order to attain to the out-resurrection, we need to know Christ in the **power of His resurrection**, know Him in the **fellowship of His sufferings**, and know Him by being **conformed to His death**—Phil. 3:10-11.
- D. In verses 13 and 14 we see that Paul did not account of himself to have laid hold of the out-resurrection already; he **pursued** toward the goal of the out-resurrection for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus had called him upward.

In 3:10 Paul uses the expression “being conformed to His death.” This expression indicates that Paul desired to **take Christ’s death as the mold of his life**. Christ’s death is a mold to which we are conformed in much the same way that dough is put in a cake mold and conformed to it. Paul continually lived a **crucified life**, a life under the cross, just as Christ did in His human living. Through such a life, the resurrection power is experienced and expressed. The mold of Christ’s death refers to the continual putting to death of His human life that He might live by the life of God. Our life should be conformed to such a mold—dying to our human life in order to live the divine life. Being conformed to the death of Christ is the **condition for knowing and experiencing Him**, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings.

To arrive at the out-resurrection means that our entire being has been **gradually and continually resurrected**. God first resurrected our deadened spirit. Then from our spirit He proceeds to resurrect our soul and our mortal body, until our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—is fully resurrected out of our old being by His life and with His life. This is a process in life through which we must pass and a race for us to run **until we arrive at the out-resurrection as the prize**. Hence, the out-resurrection should be the goal and destination of our Christian life. We can only reach this goal by being **conformed to the death of Christ**, by **living a crucified life**. In the death of Christ we are processed in resurrection from the old creation to the new.

Eventually, this process of the breaking of the outer man will result in **full conformity** to the death of Christ. In this way the death of Christ becomes a **model, or pattern, for our breaking**. Then in our daily life we shall be able to apply Christ to our every need. If we need power, He will become power to us. If we need patience, He Himself will be our patience. This is to know Christ, to experience Him, and to enjoy Him. (*Life-Study of Philippians, chapter 22*)

## Day 2

*Philippians 3:10* - To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

*Romans 6:4-5* - We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life. For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

## Day 3

*1 Corinthians 9:24-26* - Do you not know that those who run on a racecourse all run, but one receives the prize? Run in this way, that you may lay hold. And everyone who contends exercises self-control in all things; they then, that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible. I therefore run in this way, not as though without a clear aim; I box in this way, not as though beating the air;

**III. Our Christian life has a goal, and this goal is the out-resurrection, the extraordinary resurrection—v. 11:**

- A. Paul **aspired to be conformed to Christ's death** so that, by any means, he might arrive at the out-resurrection from the dead—v. 10.
- B. The **Christ** whom we should live is Himself the **out-resurrection**—1:21a; 3:11; John 11:25.
- C. We all are **on the way** to the out-resurrection; the out-resurrection should be the **goal and destination** of our Christian life—Phil. 3:11-15.
- D. The way toward the out-resurrection is the **process of resurrection**—Rom. 8:11:
  - 1. This process began on the day that we were baptized and will conclude when we arrive at the outstanding resurrection—6:3-5.
  - 2. As we **move toward the goal**, we are in the process of being resurrected; eventually, every part of our being will be resurrected—1 Thes. 5:23.
  - 3. We will **continue** in this process until we arrive at the goal of the out-resurrection—Phil. 3:11.
- E. To attain to the out-resurrection is to arrive at the out-resurrection; this requires us to **triumphantly run the race** for the prize—1 Cor. 9:24-26; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; Heb. 12:1-2.

**IV. The result of being conformed to Christ's death is that we may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead—Phil. 3:10-11:**

- A. **Death** is the condition for our attaining to the out-resurrection—v. 11.
- B. Arriving at the out-resurrection is the **result**, the **issue**, of **being conformed to Christ's death**—v. 10.
- C. To be conformed, molded, to the death of Christ means that we **remain always in His death**—Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:10.
- D. If we are being conformed to Christ's death, we will be in the resurrection life of Christ, and in **resurrection** we will **meet Christ, experience Christ, and enjoy Christ**—John 11:25; Eph. 3:8; Phil. 1:8, 19, 21a; 2:5-8; 3:12.
- E. If we remain in Christ's death, **allowing** ourselves to be molded into its likeness, the outcome will be that every part of our being will be gradually resurrected—vv. 10-11.

A student becomes valedictorian by doing outstanding work in his studies and by being filled with all he has learned. In order to be valedictorian, you must be the graduate most filled with learning. Likewise, in order for Paul to attain to the **out-resurrection** from the dead, he had to be **filled with Christ**. Today many young people are good at shouting and releasing the spirit. However, when the Lord Jesus comes back, what will count is **how much we have been filled with Christ**. It is possible to shout and release the spirit and yet be short of Christ. There is nothing wrong with shouting and releasing the spirit, but inwardly we need to be filled with Christ. When the Lord Jesus comes back, He will be concerned with the **degree to which we have been filled with Him**, not with how much shouting we have done. How much Christ have you obtained? How much Christ has filled your being? If you are filled with Christ, then you will be qualified for the out-resurrection.

We should not only shout in the meetings but be filled with Christ and express Christ in our daily living. God does not want shouting or release. **He wants His Son, Jesus Christ, to be wrought into our being to become our life and our living**. Christ must be our everything. The more we receive of Christ, the more qualified we will be to attain to the out-resurrection from the dead. Paul's concept in Philippians 3 is that of **gaining and obtaining Christ**. As I have pointed out, the word obtain implies both experience and enjoyment. Thus, Paul wanted to experience Christ and enjoy Christ. This means that he desired to participate in Christ, to partake of Christ, and to have Christ wrought into the fibers of his being. (*The Experience of Christ, chapter 9*)

#### Day 4

*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;

*Philippians 1:21* - For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**V. Concerning attaining to the out-resurrection, we need to ask an important question: Can we reach the goal of the **out-resurrection in this age**, or can we only run the race and hope to reach the goal in the coming age?**

- A. If we think that we must **wait** until the coming age to reach the goal of the out-resurrection but **do not arrive** at this goal **in this age**, **we will not** attain to it in the next age.
- B. We should **endeavor** to arrive at the out-resurrection during our lifetime—v. 11.

In chapter 3 of Philippians, the word resurrection is used twice. The first time it refers to the **resurrection power** by which **we are conformed to the death of Christ**. Then verse 11 says, “If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.” Many translations of this verse are not adequate; the translators neglected the first part of the Greek word for resurrection because they did not have the proper light. The word resurrection is composed with a prefix and should be translated “**extra-resurrection**,” or “**out-resurrection**.” The out-resurrection is something special. Many verses in the New Testament tell us that at the coming of the Lord Jesus, all the saved persons who have died in the Lord will be resurrected. However, there is a difference in the way they will participate in that resurrection. Of all those who share in that resurrection, some will enjoy a **special resurrection, an outstanding resurrection**. This may be compared to a graduating class. Although all the students graduate, only the top ones share an outstanding graduation, an “extra-graduation.” Paul was pursuing this special resurrection.

The **out-resurrection** is nothing less than a **special portion of Christ experienced by us**. A special portion of Christ will be awarded to certain ones. This is similar to the hidden manna, which is different from the open manna. Both the open manna and the hidden manna are a type of Christ, but the hidden manna is a special portion. Christ is the resurrection in a general way, but **Christ as the out-resurrection is a special portion of Christ as a reward**. (A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church (part 2—Romans through Philemon, chapter 18))

#### Day 5

*Romans 8:11* - And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

*Galatians 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.

- C. **Romans 8:11** reveals that we can **attain to the out-resurrection in this age**:
  - 1. This verse says that if the Spirit of the **One who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in us, He who raised Christ from the dead **will also give life** to that part of our being that is dying—our mortal body.

2. *Gives life* in verse 11 does not refer to healing but to the result of our **allowing** the Spirit of God to **make His home in us** and **saturate** our entire being with the divine life.
3. The Spirit is **dwelling in us to work the out-resurrection** into our being in a real and practical way.

#### Day 6

*1 Thessalonians 5:23* - And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 8:6* - For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

#### **VI. To arrive at the out-resurrection indicates that our entire being is **gradually and continually resurrected**—1 Thes. 5:23:**

- A. God first **resurrected** our **deadened spirit**; He proceeds to resurrect our **soul** and our mortal **body** until our whole being—spirit, soul, and body—is fully resurrected out of our old being by His life and with His life—Eph. 2:5-6; Rom. 8:6, 11.
- B. This is a **process** in life through which **we must pass** and a **race that we must run until we arrive** at the out-resurrection as the prize—Phil. 3:11-14.
- C. If we are **conformed** to Christ's death, every part of our being will **be gradually resurrected**; thus, the Christian life is a process of resurrection.
- D. We can reach this goal only by **living a crucified life**—v. 11; Gal. 2:20.

#### **VII. We need to be **conformed to Christ's death** so that by any means we may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead; this is the only way for the Lord to go on in His recovery, the only way to build up His church, the only way for the bride to make herself ready, and the only way to bring the Lord back—Phil. 3:10-11; Matt. 16:18; Rev. 19:7-9a; 22:14, 20.**

Philippians 3:12 says, "Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus." In 1 Thessalonians 4 the apostle says that there is a **resurrection for every saved person**, but in Philippians 3 he says that he might not obtain the out-resurrection. He continues, "Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward" (vv. 13-14). These verses clearly show that the "**out-resurrection**" that Paul spoke of refers to a **prize**.

We need to emphasize that in order for someone to be **conformed to the mold of the Lord's death**, he must **know Christ's resurrection**. No one can be conformed to the mold of the Lord's death without having sufficient knowledge of the Lord's resurrection. The meaning of being conformed to His death is that one has **put to death all that he is, including his mind, emotion, will, preference, and opinion, thus allowing God to have a way in him**. This is the mold of the Lord's death. Being conformed to the Lord's death means that in our daily living, we pass through death. Those who are conformed to the Lord's death are those who know resurrection, and those who know resurrection are those who **know Christ**. (*Further Talks on the Knowledge of Life, chapter 21*)