

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE ONE WITH THE KEY OF DAVID (ISA.22:22; REV 3:7)

Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life —Week 2

Our Habit of Being Independent

The problem with doing all things in Him is **not only a matter of intention** but also **a matter of habit**. We were born with a fallen nature, and we do not like to do things by others. This is even true of little children. The little ones may not want their mothers to feed them. They prefer to eat by themselves. They want to be free, liberated, and even wild. In this country the young people are anxious to be eighteen years of age, for then they can fly away from the cage of their family. To many, to be free means to be wild. This illustrates the fact that **by nature not one of us likes to do things by others**. Because we are used to going our own way, it is often troublesome to have Christ living in us.

When I preached the gospel more than forty-five years ago, I told people that we Christians had the most happy life. I asked the unbelievers to join us in this happy life. But later I no longer had the boldness to preach this way, for I learned that as a Christian my life is a life of troubles. I have Someone in me who is always giving me difficulty because He wants to do things differently from the way I would like to do them. Even if I should want to give up being a Christian, He would not let me go. **Our problem is that we do not like to do things in Him.**

The secret of the Christian life is that another One, Christ, lives in us. Christ is in us, and we must also be in Him. But we do not like to live in Him and with Him, nor do we like doing things by Him. By birth we have the habit of being independent, and we all have our preferences. But every preference is a suffering, a loss, a failure, a defeat. The reason we do not have a victorious Christian life is that we are not faithful to live by Christ and to do things absolutely in Him.

Doing All Things by Christ and in Christ

If you love the Lord, you need to practice doing everything in Him. You need to check whether you are doing things by yourself or by Him. This is the way to gain Christ and to eat Him. To eat properly we should take in one bite at a time. This means that every day, from morning until evening, we should practice living by Christ in all things. We need to do everything with Him. We should be able to say, "From today onward, I will quit doing things by myself. I do not want to live by myself any longer. From now on I will live by Him and do everything in Him." If you do this, what a difference there will be in your daily living!

To Live Being Christ

The issue of practicing the secret of doing everything in Christ is that for us to live is Christ. Because we do all things in Christ, for us to live is Christ. The more we do things in Christ, the more we gain of Christ. This is a genuine, absolute enjoyment. However, not many Christians practice the secret of doing all things in Him. Rather, they like to attend meetings and hear messages. But **the only way to live is to live by doing everything in Christ.** This is the unique way to magnify Christ. In order to magnify Christ, we need to live by Christ and do everything in Christ. We can do all things in Him who empowers us. For example, as long as we are in the car, everything is all right, for the car with the driver can take us where we need to go. As we are riding along in the car, we can enjoy a pleasant time of sightseeing. **Learn to be quiet in Christ; He never makes a mistake.** Sometimes it may seem that He has made a mistake, but actually this is so that you may have a longer ride, enjoy more sightseeing, and learn more lessons. The Christian life surely is a wonderful life.

As long as we do things in Christ, we will experience Him, enjoy Him, and accumulate Him. This is the way to become rich in Christ and to have many rich experiences of Christ. If we all are rich in Christ, the meetings will be full of Christ. This is the Lord's recovery. For the recovery we need to have a rich life in Christ in order to enrich all the meetings. This is the responsibility not only of the elders but of all the saints, even the youngest and newest ones. **We all need to practice living by Christ and doing all things in Christ. This is the secret that we all need to learn today** (Excerpts from *The Experience of Christ*, CWWL, 1978, vol. 1).

Announcements:

- ◆ Church Pursuit—September 4
- ◆ Brothers' Meeting—September 6
- ◆ Bible Distribution—September 15
- ◆ Welcome Dinner for College Students—September 22

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table & Prophesying, Lord's Day, 10:00-12:00PM
- ◆ Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00PM
- ◆ YP & College Meetings, Fridays, 6:45-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group, Fridays & Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, may we learn the secret of doing all things in You as the empowering One. Whatever our environment we may be in, may we be initiated into You, so we can take You as life, live You, magnify You, gain You, and have the church life.
2. Lord, we take You, the Spirit of reality, as our guide. Bring us into all the reality of the actual condition of Your life, so we can do everything in God, with God, and for God. We want to learn You according to Your example.
3. Lord, thank You for revealing the secret in Philippians 4 to us. Cause us to do all things in You as the One who empowers us. May we be those who desire to be found in You by others! We want to live You as our human virtues so that You may be magnified.
4. Lord, cause us to be in the fellowship with God. Infuse into us through our fellowship with You the peace of God. Cause us to live a life free of anxiety so that we can fulfill our destiny to gain You, live You, and magnify You!
5. Lord, may we learn to pray to fellowship with You. May we pray genuine words from the heart so that we can truly contact You. Lord, we bring everything to You and pour our hearts to You. Cause us to stay open and speak to You as our spiritual rock.
6. Lord, thank You for making all things work together for good that we may be conformed to Your image. We want to continue praying sincere prayers, which are pleasant prayers to God. May we find everything in You and not be distracted from absolutely enjoying You.

North America/Other Burdens

1. University Training in Glasgow, Scotland on September 8-13. Please pray that the Lord will gain many university students in Europe to pursue Him and gain Him for His Body.
2. Special Prayer for Bro. Michael Stewart and his family. Bro. Michael has recently been diagnosed with malignant brain tumor. Please pray for their whole family to be strengthened, that the Lord's perfect will be done, and that He would get the glory.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for our Chinese-speaking saints. Raise up shepherd-teachers to help them in the pursuit of the truth and to fully enter into the practice of the church life.
2. Pray for the University of Regina. Pray for the Bible Distribution and the start of the campus term. That the campus work is not only the work of the college students but the entire church.

Promoting the Life-Studies — The Word of God's Grace

We can testify that, by the Lord's mercy, the word of God's grace can be found in the Life-study Messages. Recently a young brother charged the young people in the Lord's recovery to become constituted of all the riches of the Life-studies. I agree with this brother's word. If the young people are constituted in this way, in the recovery there will be a great dispensational transfer. I would encourage the young people to take the time over the next several years to become constituted of all the Life-study Messages. If the young people are saturated with these messages in the coming years, saturated with the word concerning God's New Testament economy, many will be useful in serving the Lord full time. They will be able to go to other cities and countries and convey to others God's New Testament economy. This will cause the situation among today's Christians to be transformed. In this way the riches in the Life-studies will become known to the entire Christian community. However, the main thing is that among us many living vessels are raised up and constituted of God's New Testament economy.

We should not think that only the young people need to be constituted of the Life-study Messages. Even those who are much older still have the time to be constituted of these messages and then have years to serve the Lord by carrying out God's New Testament economy throughout the earth." (Life-study of Acts, p. 477).

Events, Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference
February 17-19, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

March ITERO
March 24-26, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

Memorial Day Conference
May 26-29, 2023, Chicago, IL USA

July Semiannual Training
July 3-8 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

October ITERO
October 5-7, 2023, Manila, Philippines

Thanksgiving Conference
November 23-26, 2023, Dallas, TX USA

Dec. Semiannual Training
December 25-30, 2023, Anaheim CA USA