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The Christian Life—Week 1

LIVING CHRIST BEING A MINGLED LIVING

Philippians 1:21 says, "To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." **To say that we must live Christ is easy, and to understand this simple phrase is also easy, but for us to actually live Christ involves a great deal.** To live Christ means that when Christ lives, we who believe into Him and who are now in Him also live. Christ lives, and we also live (John 14:19). This means that **we live in Christ's living and that He lives in our living.** If we live in His living, His living will be in our living also. This is the mingled living of two lives. God and man live together. This mingled living is illustrated by the grafting of two trees. When a branch is grafted into another tree, the two live together as one. On the one hand, they are two, but on the other hand, they are one. They are one, yet their two natures remain distinct, and a third nature is not produced.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE—LIVING CHRIST

In 1935 as a young co-worker, I stayed together with another co-worker who was a few years older than I. During our stay together, I committed many small offenses toward him, so I apologized to him quite often each day. After a number of days when I went to apologize to him again, he said, "To apologize is good, but not to offend is better." This disappointed me very much because I could not stop making offenses. One of my frequent offenses was to spill a few drops of water on his bed as I brought water from the restroom into our bedroom to wash myself. Actually, this was a very small thing, but according to my conscience, I had committed an offense, so I had to apologize. I practiced this according to the instruction I had received about keeping a conscience without offense toward God and man (Acts 24:16). I tried very much to practice this, but it was rather difficult. If I had been careless, I could have spilled a little water on the brother's bed without being bothered, but that kind of careless living or behavior kills our fellowship with the Lord. Although I exercised to keep my conscience void of offense, I had not been fully helped to live Christ.

Through many years of experience I have learned that **the Christian life is more positive than merely keeping our conscience void of offenses.** We Christians should keep a clean conscience, but **the main point of our Christian life is to live Christ.** To live Christ should be our goal. Whether our conscience is clean or not is secondary. **Living Christ should be primary.** All the troubles in our Christian life come because of our not living Christ.

To merely keep our conscience clean is to be in the realm of morality and ethics. The practice of keeping my conscience clean was a help, but it also **became a snare.** As I look back on those early experiences, I now realize that morality and ethics are not the Christian life. Today I would never stress only the matter of keeping your conscience without offense; rather, I would charge you to forget about all the other things and live Christ. **To me, to live is Christ. To live is not ethics or morality but Christ.**

To a banker, to live is his money and the current interest rate. The interest rate is always on his mind, and he is always looking at the newspaper to find out what the current interest rate is. To a stockbroker, to live is the stock market. To the young, ambitious college students, to live is to get the highest degree in the best field. As a trainee in the training, you may think that to live is the training. Actually, **our living should be Christ** (Excerpts from The Experience and Growth in Life, CWWL, 1989, vol. 3, chapter 5).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Meeting Grp 1 in person; Grp 2 by Zoom
2. Church in Winnipeg Conference on Nov 16-17
Registration due Nov 3
3. Love Feast on Nov 10
4. Sisters' Mtg on Nov 10
5. Church Pursuit on Nov 11

Conferences and Trainings Information:

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.10-11, Taipei, Taiwan
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.12-14, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 24-27, Bellevue, WA
4. Summer Training—July 1-6, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Oct.4-6, Warsaw, Poland
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.28-Dec.1, Atlanta, GA
7. Winter Training—Dec.23-28, Anaheim, CA

Prayer Burdens

1. Lord Jesus, we love You. We give You our entire being – body, soul, and spirit. Occupy us and reveal to us the deep and hidden things of God. May our Christian life be a life of living You by simply loving You.
2. Lord, we want to do all things in You, not just to live in Your presence but also in Your person. Cause us to look in the index of Your eye to know Your inward thoughts and feelings.
3. Be our diligence that we would keep the oneness of the Spirit. Day by day, we give ourselves to be transformed, to inherit all Your virtues for the sake of keeping the oneness.
4. Govern us to live with the highest standard and principles. We want to grow up into You as the Head in all things, to learn You as the reality is in Jesus.
5. Lord, empty us from vessel to vessel until all the “lees” are gone. Work on us that we would not remain the same. Change our “taste” and “smell” by learning to accept Your discipline and have the fruit of peace within.
6. Lord, save us from darkness and self-love. Grant us the revelation to see Your hand working to break our outer man so our inner man may be released and expressed. Find a way through us and strengthen us with power through Your Spirit into our inner man.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the first Lord's Table Meeting in Urk, The Netherlands on December 1st. Pray for the leading brothers in their being a pattern and in their shepherding of the saints according to God, and for all the saints in their experiencing, enjoying, and expressing Christ for His testimony.

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1. Pray for the propagation work in Saskatchewan. Strengthen the saints in Foam Lake, Yorkton and Stenen. Encourage them and supply them that there would be a lampstand in Yorkton for Your testimony. Remember Bro. Isaac, Bro. Charles, and Bro. William.
2. Pray for our contacts: Adam Chornenki, Iris and her daughter, and the Bible recipients: Christine, Ruby, Zahra and Jocelyne. Pray that they continually attend the small group/Bible study regularly.
3. Pray for the continuing of the Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading. Remember Bro. Nathan, Sis. Cassie and our new ones: Sis. Doris Di, Sis. Julie Cao, and Sis. Tina Huang.
4. Special petition and prayer for Sister Diana Ballao and the upcoming delivery of the twin boys. Pray for her parents—Alfonso and Renita Pagunsan. Open their hearts even now to receive the high gospel. Pray for their household salvation.
5. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers:
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina) - PR Application
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children) - PR Application
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children) - PR Application
 - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarette and her family) - PR Application

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Wednesdays 8:00-9:00PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Fridays 7:00-8:00 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM

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