

# Church in Regina

## The Christian Life—Week 2

### Partaking of the Riches of Christ as the Cultivated Olive Tree

In this chapter we will consider two points in Romans 11 that are important for our experience. The first point is seen in verse 17. This verse speaks of the Gentiles being grafted in among the Jews and becoming fellow partakers of the root of fatness of the olive tree. The word **root** in this verse refers to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who are the root of Israel as God's cultivated olive tree. According to Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:15, the real Israel... and **Christ** are one entity in the matter of being God's son. Thus, **fatness in Romans 11:17 is a reference to the riches of Christ.**

The **fatness** of a tree is the **sap**, the **life-juice**, of the tree. Practically, today the fatness of the olive tree, that is, the riches of Christ, is **the life-giving Spirit**, whom Christ became in His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:45). **The life-giving Spirit is the life-juice of the heavenly olive tree. If we desire** to partake of the riches of Christ as the fatness of the heavenly olive tree, **we need to contact the life-giving Spirit** as the life-juice of Christ.

### Being Grafted into Christ

Romans 11:17 tells us that, as branches, we have been grafted into Christ as the olive tree. **Our being grafted into Christ is a matter of the spirit.** To be grafted into Christ is **not to be taught** by Christ **but to be joined** to Christ organically. If we are merely taught by Christ, we will not have any relationship with Him in life. In order for us to be grafted into Christ, He must be the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17), and we must have a spirit (Job 32:8; Zech. 12:1; 1 Cor. 2:11a). Otherwise, there is no way for us to be grafted into Christ. Our being grafted into Christ is a fact, a reality, in the spirit, that is, in the mingling of the divine Spirit with the human spirit. Today Christ is the life-giving Spirit, and we have a human spirit as the organ for us to receive Christ. Hence, **our being grafted into Christ is a matter of our being joined to Christ in our spirit...**

### The Need to Exercise Our Spirit

Because the grafting with Christ has taken place in our spirit, **we need to exercise our spirit continually.** If we exercise our mind and neglect our spirit, in a practical sense, we will be cut off from Christ. **The best way for us to exercise our spirit is to call on the Lord, saying, "O Lord, O Lord..."** In all kinds of circumstances we need to say, "O Lord." If we will do this, we will enjoy the fatness of the olive tree. When we open our mouth to say, "O Lord," we exercise our spirit, and we immediately partake of the Lord as the life-giving Spirit... **There is no need for us to compose a long prayer.** We only need to say these two simple words: "O Lord." To call on the Lord in this way is spiritual breathing (Lam. 3:55-56).

Another way for us **to enjoy** the riches of Christ is **to read the Word of God.** When we read the Bible, we should say Amen to every word. By doing this, we exercise our spirit, we contact the Lord, we enjoy Him, and we partake of the all-inclusive Spirit as the fatness...

### Being Grafted into Christ Contrary to Our Nature

...Romans 11:24 says, "If you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree!" This verse says that **we were grafted into the cultivated olive tree "contrary to nature..."** The nature of the cultivated olive tree that we have been grafted into is contrary to our nature, that is, **contrary to our self...**The Lord's grafting is contrary to our pride, and it is also contrary to our natural humility.

Everything of our old nature is contrary to the Lord's nature. Whatever we are and whatever we have in our nature contradict the Lord's nature. These two natures do not correspond with one another. Our nature is the sinful nature, and the Lord's nature is the divine, heavenly, spiritual, and holy nature.

May the Holy Spirit reveal to us more and more that partaking of the riches of Christ as the fatness of the root of God's cultivated olive tree is **altogether in the mingled spirit**, and our being grafted into Christ is contrary to our nature (Excerpts from The CWWL, 1968, vol. 1, p.47).

#### Local Announcements:

1. Combined Prayer Meeting at South Leisure Centre—Nov 12
2. Sisters' Mtg—Nov 10
3. Church Pursuit—Nov 11 at 4pm at Ballao Home
4. Brothers' Mtg—Nov 24
5. Thanksgiving Conference—Nov. 28—Dec. 1

#### 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. Thank You, Lord for such a union in life. You are not only our Creator our true Vine. Thank You, Lord we are the branches grafted into You. Keep us enjoying the fatness of the cultivated tree that our poorer life would be subdued and Your life would be expressed.
2. Lord, on the cross You were cut that we may be joined to You. In the same way, we were also cut that we may be united to You in resurrection. Grow in us continually, that all of Your life become our history. May we live each day in the reality of all You have accomplished for us.
3. You are the life-giving Spirit growing together with us that we would be in the likeness of Your resurrection. We open to You and allow You to live in us and share a grafted life with You.
4. Lord, apart from You we cannot live to God. Deal with our old "I" that the new "I" may live. Have mercy on us that we would no longer live by our flesh but by our mingled spirit, truly grafted with You.
5. We allow You, who indwells us, to spread to our mind, so that in our mingled spirit we can be nourished and renewed by Your resurrection life. Cause us to reign in life daily in small things and in big things.
6. Lord, swallow up our lower human life with Your higher divine life. Only with Your life can the negative elements in us be killed. Saturate and transform our whole being to such an extent that we spontaneously live the grafted life unto maturity.

## 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. 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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