

All-Inclusive Christ – Messages 1-3

Introduction

Christ the Reality of All

- The many **material things** we contact day by day are not the real things. They are but a **shadow**, a **figure**, of the true.
- The **real things** are nothing but **Christ Himself**.
- Christ is our light, Christ is our life, and Christ is the very land on which we are living.

The Center of God's Eternal Plan

- The **center** of God's eternal plan is the **land** with its **temple** and the **city**.
 - In Genesis 1, after the **land** came out of the **waters**, all kinds of **life** came into being.
 - After the **resurrection** of Christ, He produced **abundant life**. In the midst of this fullness of life a man was created who was the representative of God, with God's image, God's likeness, and God's authority.
- The **city** is the center of **God's authority**, God's kingdom; and the **temple** is the center of **God's house**, God's dwelling place. The kingdom of God and the house of God are the **result** of the **enjoyment** of the land.
- God's intention revealed in both the Old and New Testament is that **Christ should be the land to us**.

The Battle for the Land

- **Satan** has done his utmost and is still doing his utmost to **frustrate** the people of God from enjoying the land.
 - Because of Satan's rebellion, God had to judge the universe, and due to that judgment the earth was buried beneath the **waters** of the deep.
 - Satan deceived man and put God in a position where judgment upon the earth was again imperative. The **flood** came and covered the whole earth.
- **God's work** is always to **recover the land**. The **enemy's work** is always to **frustrate**, to **spoil**, to **hinder**, to do something to **put the land in chaos**.

The Measure of Our Experience of Christ

- We must ask ourselves not if we have Christ, but **what kind of Christ we have**.
 - Do we have Christ as a lamb, or Christ as the land?
 - We can say that we enjoy the lamb as our Passover and the Lord as our daily manna, but very few can really say that they enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the land.
- God's purpose is not just that we enjoy Christ a **little** but that He should be **the all-inclusive One** to us.
- If we are not able to **take possession** of Christ as the all-inclusive One and experience Him, there can never be the **reality of the church**.
- There can only be the real building up of the church and the real expression of the Body of Christ by **realizing and experiencing Christ as everything** to us.
- All our words must be Christ, all our food is Christ, even the things we shop must be Christ.

The Goodness of the Land

The All-Inclusive Type of Christ

- Only the land of **Canaan** is the **full type**, the all-inclusive type, of Christ.
- Christ is not only the light, the life, the food, and the living water, but **Christ is everything to us**.

The Rest for the People of God

- Rest is something **complete**, something in **full**, something **perfect**.
 - Because the land was the completion, the perfection, and the fullness, only the land was the rest to the people of God.
- Christ is our rest because Christ is everything to us.

The Spaciousness of the Land

- What is the goodness of the land? It is good first of all in **spaciousness**.
 - The land is good in the **unlimited measurement** of Christ.
- There is a limit to human goodness, but the goodness of Christ is without limit. Christ is good in His spaciousness. **With everything of Him, there is no limit and no change**.

The Resurrected and Ascended Christ

- On one side of Canaan is the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea), on the other side is the Dead sea.
 - According to the types of the Scriptures, the seas represent death.
 - Surrounding Christ was nothing but death.
 - Christ was raised up from the dead and exalted to the heavens.
- Christ is not only spacious, but He is higher than all; He is transcendent.

The Experience of the Ascended Christ

- We are in One who has ascended. When we experience Him, we too are ascended.
- Today, we can be in the heavens just by being in Christ.

Applying the Ascended Christ

- Whenever we feel depressed in spirit or in heart, it means that we are under the threatening of death, we are under the power of darkness.
- In this situation, we must contact Christ immediately. When we contact Him, we will be resurrected. We will be ascended, for the Christ whom we contact is the Christ who has ascended.
- The only way to fight the battle within us is by being in the ascended Christ.
- By experiencing Christ as the ascended One, we will be enabled to serve the Lord.
- To serve the Lord in the ascended Christ is nothing but a kind of rest.

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