

All-Inclusive Christ – Messages 14-16

Entering the Good Land

By Taking the Word of the Lord

- We must take the Word of the Lord.
 - The Lord has **promised** it, but we must **possess** it.
 - He has **given** it, but we must **experience** it.
 - It is our **portion**, but we must **take** it.
- We must take the Word of God and go on to possess the land.

By Realizing That We Have Been Buried

- We must realize that we have been **crucified** on the cross.
- When we received Christ as our Saviour, the church **baptized** us—we were **buried**.
- Only **resurrected** people can enter and possess the all-inclusive Christ; He is not for the **natural** man.

By Applying the Death of Christ

- Believing that we have been crucified with Christ and that we have been buried, we must **apply** this death to ourselves.
 - Therefore, we must be **circumcised**.
- We must apply His death to all our situation and moment by moment apply His death to our fleshly members and put them to death.

By Enjoying the Produce of the Land

- Immediately after **applying the death of Christ** to our members on the ground of being buried and resurrected with Him, we **enjoy** something of the life.
- Before this we were continually enjoying a **little** Christ—the **manna**. Now we are tasting the **greater**, the **richer**, the **fuller** Christ; now we are enjoying the **land**, the all-inclusive Christ.

By Fighting the Battle

- We must remember that there are **evil powers** in the heavenlies.
- We must **fight the battle** with the enemy.

How to Fight the Battle

- We go to a battle, but we go with **instruments of peace**. We go with rams' horns.
 - Ram's horns are a symbol of a fighting a warfare with peaceful weapons.
 - They are trumpets to be blown, **declaring and proclaiming the gospel of peace**.
- We fight by **proclaiming Christ**.
 - If we are going to testify the **victorious** Christ, there are many times when we must be **silent**.
 - **We must let the priesthood blow the trumpet**.
- We must remember that our enemies are not **flesh and blood**; they are not people.
 - Our enemies are the **spiritual forces**, the **principalities**, the **powers in the heavenlies**.

Life in the Land

Laboring in Christ

- The life we need to enjoy the good land is first of all a life of **laboring on Christ**.
- A life of making Christ our industry and **producing Him** in mass production.
 - Christ is our industry and we must work on Christ to produce His riches.
- Whenever we come to the meetings, whenever we come to worship the Lord, we should not come with our **hands empty**.

How to Labor on Christ

- From the moment we awake in the morning, we need to say "Lord, here I am. I give myself to enjoy You. Grant me through the entire day, from this moment on, to experience and apply You in every situation. I am not asking for anything tomorrow. I am asking for grace to enjoy You today. Show me how to till the ground, sow the seed, and water the plants of the Lord."

Exhibiting Christ

- We are meeting together to have an **exhibition of Christ**, not just the Christ whom God gave us but the Christ we have **produced**, the Christ upon whom we have **labored** and whom we have **experienced**.
 - The church life is simply this. It is all the saints enjoying Christ before God and mutually with God.

Two Ways of Enjoying Christ

- There are two ways set forth for enjoying Christ.
 - The personal, individual way.
 - The collective way.
- We as Christians may enjoy Christ **anytime and anywhere by ourselves**. But if we would enjoy Christ with the Lord's people as worship to God, we must **go to the very place chosen by God**.

The Issue of the Land – The Temple and the City

The Increasing Scale of Our Experience

- When we come to Lord and accept Him as our redeemer, the Christ we receive is whole, complete, and perfect, but as far as our **experience** of Him is concerned, we experience Him only on a small scale.
- Day by day in our **experience**, Christ is becoming **greater and greater**.

Maturity and Work

- When we are **newly saved** and **spiritually immature**, we enjoy Christ and **He does everything for us**.
- As we **gradually mature** in the Lord, we discover that we have **something to do**. We must bear some **responsibility**; we must **work**.
- The more we **work** on Christ, the more we will **produce** of Christ, the more we will **enjoy** Christ, the more we will have Christ to **share with others**, and the more we can **offer** Christ to God.
- Every time we come together to worship God in Christ, with Christ, and through Christ, we are offering Christ as the **peace offering**.

The Temple

- When we enjoy Christ in a **corporate** way, the **habitation** of God will come into being.
- If we are those who enjoy Christ as the good land to such an extent that we come together on the ground of oneness to enjoy Him mutually with God, we will be the **proper** church.
- The **real** church, the real **expression** of the Body of Christ, is a group of people **mingled** with Christ, **saturated** with Christ, **enjoying** Christ day by day, and **coming together** with

nothing but Christ. At that very moment they are the habitation of God; they are His house, His home.

The City

- The temple of God is **enlarged** by Christ as the authority of God.
 - The enlargement of the temple of God is the city of God.
 - By the authority of Christ the church is not only God's home but also His city.
- **Everything** with us must be Christ. This is the real expression of the Body of Christ. If we have such a reality, we have the land, we have the temple, and we have the city.

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