

## #7: Chosen to Be Holy with a Holy Living 2018/10/1-7 to Express the Holy God and Become the Holy City

(Crystallization—study of Leviticus 2)

I. We were chosen in Christ to be holy in eternity past; we are being sanctified, saturated with Christ as “the Spirit, the Holy,” to be holy in this age; and we will be consummated to be the holy city in the next age and for eternity future:

Eph. 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

1Thes. 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A) Holy means not only sanctified, separated unto God, but also different, distinct, from everything that is common; only God is different, distinct, from all things; hence, He is holy, and holiness is His nature:

① He chose us that we should be holy, and He makes us holy by imparting Himself, the Holy One, into our being, that our whole being may be permeated and saturated with His holy nature; for us, God’s chosen ones, to be holy is to partake of God’s divine nature and to have our whole being permeated with God Himself.

② This is different from mere sinless perfection or sinless purity; this makes our being holy in God’s nature and character, just like God Himself.

B) The Father chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love:

① God’s chosen ones should be saturated only with God Himself, having no foreign particles, such as the fallen natural human element, the flesh, the self, or worldly things; this is to be without blemish, without any mixture, without any element other than God’s holy nature.

② We do not become Christ’s bride by self-correction but by being saturated with God; this is the holiness, the sanctification, revealed in the Bible.

③ The church, after being thoroughly washed by the water in the word, will be sanctified in such a way as to be saturated and beautified with Christ organically so that she may be His glorious church, His holy bride.

Eph. 5:27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

④ In Ephesians 1:4 love refers to the love with

which God loves His chosen ones and His chosen ones love Him; it is in this love, in such a love, that God’s chosen ones become holy and without blemish before Him:

a. First, God loved us; then this divine love inspires us to love Him in return (Hymns, #546, #547).

b. In such a condition and atmosphere of love, we are saturated with God to be holy and without blemish, just as He is.

C) To be holy is first to be separated to God; second, to be taken over by God; third, to be possessed by God; and fourth, to be saturated with God and one with God.

D) Eventually, the issue of this is the New Jerusalem, a holy entity belonging to God, possessed by God, saturated with God, and one with God.

Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

II. Leviticus 18—20 is on the holy living of God’s holy people and corresponds to Ephesians 4:17—5:14, which charges the holy people of God to put off the old man and put on the new man, living a life that is holy, as God is holy, for His expression:

A) In Ephesians 4:17–32 there are three significant verses that show the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity as the base for living a holy life for the church life:

① The first is verse 18, which speaks of being alienated from the life of God; the life of God is for supplying His children with His divine riches in His divine dispensing.

Eph. 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

② The second is verse 21, which speaks of the reality in Jesus; the reality in Jesus is the practicality of the life of God that took place in Jesus while He lived on earth; it is the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels:

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

a. In the daily life of Jesus, as recorded in the four Gospels, there was something very real, and that real thing was just God’s divine life realized and practiced as the reality in Jesus’ humanity.

b. This reality in Jesus is for infusing the believers with Christ’s godly living in His humanity, in His divine dispensing.

③ The third is verse 30, which admonishes us to not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom we were sealed unto the day of redemption:

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.

a. The sealing Spirit is also the sealing ink, and the contents, elements, and essence of this sealing ink are the divine life plus Jesus' practical humanity; this sealing remains wet forever to saturate, permeate, and soak us with the Triune God.

b. The life of God, the reality in Jesus, and the sealing of the Holy Spirit are the three sources of the divine dispensing for our holy living to express the holy God:

① The Father's life must become the truth in our daily living, which truth is the reality in Jesus; this truth as the practicality of the life of the Father becomes the sealing ink, which is the Holy Spirit.

② While the sealing ink seals, it saturates, permeates, and soaks us with the divine life in the practicality of Jesus' daily life, making us a "Xerox copy" of Jesus' life, which is the practicality of the Father's life.

B) The Israelites' not living in the manner of the Egyptians, among whom they once lived, signifies that the believers should put off, as regards their former old way of living, the old man.

Eph. 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

C) The Israelites' not living in the manner of the Canaanites, to whose land they were to be brought, signifies that, after being saved, the believers should not be conformed to the living and conduct of the worldly people.

Eph. 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

D) The Israelites' living a holy life according to God's holiness signifies that the believers should put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

E) "Because the land has become defiled, I visited its iniquity upon it, and the land vomited out its inhabitants":

① The good land, signifying the all-inclusive Christ, is the supply for the existence and living of God's people and is also for their enjoyment.

② The good land vomiting out the defiled and

unholy people signifies that the all-inclusive Christ as our dwelling place and everything we need for our enjoyment will vomit us out of Himself and not allow us to enjoy Him any longer if we are not proper in relation to Him.

Rev. 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spew you out of My mouth.

F) Being holy because God is holy signifies walking according to God's holiness, living a holy life.

G) Leviticus 19:5 and 6 mention the peace offering, indicating that in the holy living of God's holy people, as portrayed in chapters 18—20, it is important that God's holy people have fellowship, communion, mutual enjoyment, in peace:

① The believers' enjoyment of Christ as the peace offering should be kept fresh; stale fellowship with one another and with God is not acceptable but is abhorrent to God.

② The one who participates in stale fellowship is guilty of having despised the holy things of God and will lose the fellowship among God's people.

H) "You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor shall a garment made of two kinds of material come upon you" (v. 19):

① The fact that no mixture was allowed means that God wants everything to be according to its kind, without any kind of mixture.

② Breeding cattle without mixture signifies that life is not allowed to be mixed: those living by the life of God must not live by the flesh.

③ Sowing seed without mixture signifies that the ministry of the word is not allowed to be mixed: the word of God that is ministered should not be mixed with the word of the world.

2Cor. 2:17 For we are not like the many, adulterating the word of God for profit; but as out of sincerity, but as out of God, before God we speak in Christ.

④ Making a garment without mixing materials signifies that our conduct is not allowed to be mixed: those living in the life of the New Testament should not live by the ordinances of the Old Testament, and those who belong to the Lord should not live according to the customs of the Gentiles.

III. We need to live a holy life, a life that befits our priesthood; we can be such persons only by contacting the perfect Christ, enjoying Him and experiencing Him day by day; He will make us complete, perfect, and properly balanced; then we shall have all the qualifications required for us to serve as priests in the New Testament age.

## **Experience ①: Live a school life under the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity**

In Ephesians 4:17-32 there are three significant verses that show the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity. From these three verses we see that the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the base for our daily living. The first is verse 18, which mentions being alienated from the life of God. To be alienated, or separated, from the divine life is a serious matter. The life of God is for the supplying of His children with His riches in His divine dispensing.

The second verse related to the divine dispensing is verse 21, which speaks of the reality in Jesus. The reality in Jesus is just the practicality of the life of God, that is, the practicing of the life of God that took place in Jesus while He lived on earth. In the daily life of Jesus, as recorded in the four Gospels, there was something very real, and that real thing was just God's divine life realized and practiced as the reality in Jesus' humanity. This reality in Jesus is for infusing the believers with Christ's godly living in His humanity.

The third verse concerning the divine dispensing is verse 30, which admonishes us not to grieve the Holy Spirit, in whom we were sealed. This Spirit is the sealing Spirit; He is even the sealing ink with which we have all been sealed. The contents, the elements, and the essence of the sealing ink are the divine life plus Jesus' practical humanity. This sealing can never become dry; it remains wet forever. While it is wet, it saturates, permeates, and soaks us with the Triune God.

### **For Senior and Junior High School Students**

The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the base for your daily living. There are three significant verses related to the divine dispensing.

**Eph. 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.**

**FN "the life of God":** This is the uncreated, eternal life of God, which man did not have at the time of creation. After being created, man with the created human life was placed before the tree of life that he might receive the uncreated divine life. But man fell into the vanity of his mind and became darkened in his understanding. Now, in such a fallen condition man is unable to touch the life of God until he repents (has his mind turned to God) and believes in the Lord Jesus to receive God's eternal life.

You should not live your school life according to the custom of the Gentiles, the practice of Japanese culture or such vanity as below: Not accepting people outside the group by making groups, not accepting transfer students, being occupied by a smartphone etc. If you are obsessed with such vanity, you will be darkened in your

understanding and far from the life of God.

**Prayer:** "Oh Lord Jesus. I can't be obsessed with things such as vanity and pride. If I am captured by such vanity, I will be darkened in my understanding and far from the life of God. Let me always turn to my spirit to live a school life under the divine dispensing. Amen!"

**21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus.**

**FN "the reality is in Jesus":** The reality is in Jesus refers to the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels. In the godless walk of the nations, the fallen people, there is vanity. But in the godly life of Jesus there is truth, reality. Jesus lived a life in which He did everything in God, with God, and for God. God was in His living, and He was one with God. This is what is meant by the reality is in Jesus. We, the believers, who are regenerated with Christ as our life and are taught in Him, learn from Him as the reality is in Jesus.

In the godless walk of the nations, the fallen people, there is vanity. But in the godly life of Jesus there is truth, reality. Since Jesus is now living in your spirit, please exercise your spirit, pray-read and enjoy the reality of Jesus in the four Gospels. So that you can learn from Jesus within you. For example, if you become jealous, you can pray as follows. "Oh Lord Jesus. I don't want to be motivated by vain jealousy. I confess my sin of jealousy and go back to the Lord. Please help me live a school life according to the reality in Jesus' life."

**30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.**

**FN "grieve the Holy Spirit":** To grieve the Holy Spirit is to displease Him. The Holy Spirit abides in us forever, never leaving us. Hence, He is grieved when we do not walk according to Him, that is, when we do not live according to the principle of reality with grace in the details of our daily walk.

The Holy Spirit abides in us. When you walk according to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will remain wet as the sealing ink keep sealing within you. However, He is grieved when you don't walk according the Holy Spirit. For example, even though you know that it is a custom and vanity of the Gentiles to make people separate, once you did it, the Holy Spirit will be grieved within you.

## **Experience ②: Live a sacred life appropriate for priesthood**

In Leviticus 19 three illustrations of mixture are given. The first illustration is the breeding of cattle without mixture. This signifies that life is not allowed to be mixed; those living by the life of God must not live by the flesh. To live by the life of God on the one hand and by the flesh on the other hand is a mixture. Such mixture is not acceptable to God.... The second illustration in verse 19 is sowing seed without mixture. This signifies that the

ministry of the word is not allowed to be mixed. The word of God that is ministered should not be mixed with the word of the world.... The third illustration is that of making garment material without mixture. This signifies that our conduct is not allowed to be mixed. Those living in the life of the New Testament should not live by the ordinances of the customs of the Gentiles. If, as New Testament priests, we have a blemish, a defect, this will disqualify us from doing the priestly service.

If we study Leviticus 21 ...we shall be clear concerning what kind of persons we should be in order to keep our qualifications to serve God as priests. We need to live a holy life, a life that befits our priesthood, and we need to keep ourselves complete, perfect, and properly balanced. How can we be this kind of person? We can be such persons only by contacting the perfect Christ, enjoying Him and experiencing Him day by day.

### For Working Young Saints

OL: The breeding of cattle without mixture signifies that life is not allowed to be mixed. Those living by the life of God must not live by the flesh.

You are a gospel priest of the New Testament. Renew your consecration every morning and evening. Walk not in accordance with the flesh in your business life, but in accordance with the spirit. A gospel priest must not mix the spirit-following life with the flesh-following life. For example, if you follow the flesh, you may discriminate against others without justifiable cause or become discordant with others. It is because Satan works in the flesh you follow, and makes you hate and have prejudices on people. But when you follow the spirit, you can live in peace with people and have correct human relationship.

OL: Sowing seed without mixture signifies that the ministry of the word is not allowed to be mixed. The word of God that is ministered should not be mixed with the word of the world.

2 Cor. 2:17 For we are not like the many, adulterating the word of God for profit; but as out of sincerity, but as out of God, before God we speak in Christ.

FN "Adulterating the word of God for profit": The Greek word means retailing, hawking. Originally, it referred to the selling of inferior items at high prices in a tricky way by peddlers who were of low class. Many engaged in this kind of hawking, adulterating the word of God for their profit.

When you speak the word of God, do not speak for your own benefit or mix the things of this world with the word of God. In other words, do not bend and interpret the word for your own benefit. For example, do not use God's blessing for your personal business prosperity. God's blessings are all for the building of the body of Christ.

OL: Making garment material without mixture signifies

that our conduct is not allowed to be mixed. Those living in the life of the New Testament should not live by the ordinances of the customs of the Gentiles.

When going into society, there is an affirmed practice that you lie for a certain positive purpose, saying "circumstances may justify a lie". This proverb is contrasting with "stupid honesty" and it is understood to be a kind of wisdom to maintain human relations. But according to the Bible, do not mix the truth with lies. That does not mean "stupid honesty" is recommended. You need to find a way to "maintain good human relations without telling a lie" by having Christ as your wisdom.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus! I need to live a life appropriate for the gospel priest of the New Testament. I must not mix the spirit following life with the flesh following life. Not going along with the voice of Satan in the flesh but following the Lord's word in the spirit. Also, I must not mix the word of this world with the word of God. I fear the use of the word of God for my own benefit. In addition, I must not follow the customs of the Gentiles or the practices of the Japanese culture, and discriminate people or mix lies with wisdom. Lord Jesus, retain my pureness and allow me to continue to grow as a priest, I rely on the grace of the Lord. Amen!"

### 霊と命—霊の中で主に向かって歌う 補114(中補116)

- 1 れいもて主に向かつて、 うちより主にうたう。  
イエスにハレルヤうたい、 主とひとつに調和す。
- 2 としひさしくわれらは しゅう教、おもいにあり、  
また感じようのなかにて さがせども見いだせず。
- 3 いまやれいにもどつて、 キリストいのちとし、  
イエスをしよくすをまなび、 もがきより解放さる。
- 4 ハレルヤ、れいのいのち、 ハレルヤ、あたらしい。  
おもいをれいにつけて、 主の豊富を享受する。

### 1141 Experience of Christ – In Spirit

- 1 We will sing to the Lord with our spirit,  
We will sing to the Lord from within,  
We will sing hallelujah to Jesus;  
And be blent into oneness with Him.
- 2 We have been many years in religion,  
We have been many years in our mind,  
We have been many years in emotions,  
Always seeking, but never to find.
- 3 Now we're learning to turn to our spirit,  
Now we're learning to take Christ as life;  
Now we're learning to feed upon Jesus  
And be freed from all struggling and strife.
- 4 Hallelujah for life in the Spirit,  
Hallelujah for newness within.  
When we turn from our mind to our spirit,  
We enjoy all the riches of Him.