

I The vine typifies the sacrificing Christ, the Christ who sacrificed everything of Himself, and out of His sacrifice He produced new wine to cheer God and man: [Deut. 8:8](#) A land of wheat and barley and vines...; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey. [Judg. 9:13](#) But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees? [Psa. 104:14](#) He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, / And herbage for man's use, / That he may bring forth food from the earth: [15](#) ... Oil that makes *his* face shine, / And bread that sustains man's heart. **A** Christ is the wind producer, sacrificing Himself to produce wine to cheer God and others. **B** As the vine, Christ produces happiness for God and happiness for others.

II IF we contact the Christ typified by the vine and experience His sacrificing life, He will energize us to live a life of sacrifice, producing wine to make others and God happy: [Rom. 12:1](#) I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, *which is* your reasonable service. [Eph. 5:2](#) And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. [John 15:4](#) Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. [5](#) I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. **A** Under the Lord's sovereignty, we may be put into situations where we need to sacrifice ourselves to make others happy: **1** If in the midst of such a situation we contact the Lord, we will experience Him as the wine-producing vine, as the One who gives cheer to God and to others. **2** The issue of experiencing Christ as the vine is that in Him, by Him, with Him, and through Him we become a vine that produces something to cheer God and man. **B** If we experience Christ in this aspect of His all-inclusiveness, we will have much wine to drink, and we will be "drunken" and "mad" with Christ, filled with joy in the Lord. **C** In ourselves we are not able to live a life of sacrifice, for our life is a natural life, a selfish life.

III By experiencing Christ as the wine-producing vine and by being filled with Him as the new wine, we may become a drink offering in Him and with Him: [Gen. 35:14](#) And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. **A** A drink offering typifies Christ as the One poured out as the real wine before God for His

satisfaction: **1** The drink offering was in addition to the basic offerings, and it was poured out on one of the basic offerings. **2** The wine of the drink offering was poured out for God's satisfaction; it was poured out for God to drink: **a** Christ poured out His being unto God. **b** Christ is the heavenly, spiritual wine poured out to God for His pleasure; He poured Himself out as wine to make God happy. **B** The drink offering typifies not only Christ Himself but also the Christ who saturates us with Himself as heavenly wine until He and we become one to be poured out for God's enjoyment and satisfaction and for God's building: [Phil. 2:17](#) But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all. **1** The drink offering is a type of Christ as the heavenly wine who is enjoyed by the offerer, filling him and causing him to become wine to God. [Eph. 5:2](#) And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. **2** Jacob poured out a drink offering on the pillar at Bethel, indicating that the drink offering is for God's building. [2 Cor. 12:15](#) But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?

IV The apostle Paul became a drink offering that was poured out upon the sacrifice and service of the saints' faith: [2 Tim. 4:6](#) For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand. **A** The wine of the drink offering in Philippians 2:17 and 2 Timothy 4:6 is the Christ (wine) of Matthew 9:17 who had saturated Paul and had made him wine. [Matt. 9:17](#) Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved. **B** Paul became a drink offering for the church; this indicates that the drink offering is not only for the worship of God but especially for God's building. **C** Based upon the principle that the drink offering required a basic offering, Paul regarded the sacrifice and service of the believers' faith as the basic offering upon which he could pour out himself as a drink offering: **1** Faith here includes all that the believers have experienced and enjoyed of Christ; ultimately, it includes what the believers themselves are. **2** The basic offering upon which Paul could pour himself out as a drink offering was the faith of the believers in Philippi: **a** It is the believers' faith, not the believers themselves, that is a sacrifice. **b** Faith, the word, and the Spirit are one. [Rom. 10:17](#) So faith *comes* out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. **3** Faith in Philippians 2:17 is the sum

total of our experience, enjoyment, and gain of Christ: **a** Our experience, enjoyment, and gain of Christ become a sweet sacrifice offered to God. **b** Through the enjoyment of Christ, we experience Christ, gain Christ, and possess Christ, and our being is constituted of Christ; in this way our faith becomes a sacrifice, which can be offered to God and upon which the drink offering can be poured.

CP1 If you experience and enjoy Christ as the vine, you can sacrifice yourself and make the others and God happy

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Several years ago when I was in Taipei, Taiwan, a good number of brothers and sisters came and stayed with us to receive some spiritual help. One sister among them was always murmuring, always complaining. When she took a bath, the water was not hot enough; when she ate a meal,

the food was too cold. All day long it was, "Why this?" and "Why that?"...No one was happy with her because she simply had not learned to sacrifice herself. She had never learned how to apply the sacrificing Christ to her situation. She herself was not a happy person, and she did not make anyone else happy. She was short of wine. She had no experience of Christ as the wine producer, sacrificing Himself to produce wine for others and for God.

A branch of a vine cannot live by itself, for it will wither and die apart from the vine...What we are, what we have, and what we do must be in the Lord and by the Lord in us. Therefore, it is crucial for us to abide in the Lord and for the Lord to abide in us.

Application to young people, college students, new ones

Testimony I am a mother of two children. My husband's work is very busy and I am also working and living a life of housework and childcare, so when I had time, my body was tired and I wanted to take a break. But I have experienced that when I come into contact with Christ, the Vine, through prayer to the Lord and pray- reading of His Word, His life of sacrifice grew in me and His life energized me.

When the brothers and sisters from Yilan, Taiwan came to Kobe for blending, we heard the testimony of brother and sister Hou, who had no children but borrowed children from other districts to practice the children's small group, and we decided to do the same in our home. I am now practicing the children's small group at home every Friday night. I prepare a simple meal, sing children's hymns, and read stories about character. I often prayed with my children to invite their friends to Children's small Group. I also sang children's hymns with my children at home. The atmosphere in the house has changed, the children became more interested in their friends, and the children are very happy because their friends came to their house and preached the gospel to them. The children love to come to my house and their mothers are happy too. Hallelujah, thank the Lord. I dwell in the Lord and He dwells in me. I cannot be a sacrifice in my natural life, but the life of Sacrifice of Christ lives in me, energizing me to sacrifice my break time for the sake of those

around me, energizing them and making them happy.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, If I don't learn to apply Christ who became sacrifice to my situation, I will become a grumble-filled person. Only the life of Christ is the life of sacrifice. Christ, who is the life of sacrifice, lives in me and energizes me to be able to sacrifice myself. In an environment where I am tempted to complain, let me apply Christ and produce wine to make people and God happy.

CP2 By experiencing Christ as the life of sacrifice, we can be saturated by Christ, and become wine to cheer God and man.

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saturated with Christ as wine. **b** In Bethel, in God's house, the church as the Body of Christ, we eventually need to be poured out as a drink offering. [2 Cor. 12:15](#) But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?

Jacob twice set up a pillar in Bethel. The first time he did not pour a drink offering upon the pillar; he simply poured oil upon it. The reason Jacob poured oil but not wine upon the pillar the first time was that in the Bible oil does not require very much experience on our part, but wine depends upon our experience....In chapter 28 he could not pour out the drink offering. But twenty years later, after he had been touched by the Lord and had been somewhat transformed, he returned to Bethel. Because he had had some experience, he had wine to pour out upon the pillar as a drink offering to the Lord.

Application to businesspersons, graduate students

Testimony I have employed more than 20 saints over a period of approximately 10 years since I was 44 years old. I fellowshiped with my wife and took their spiritual welfare into consideration when I employed them. Some of them were excellent; others, although they tried their best, were clearly inferior to their colleagues. HR of the company has repeatedly requested that these people be laid off. I prayed with the brothers and sisters that this HR claim would be removed, but we could not do so. There I found that the Lord was not working for them to stay, so I changed direction and helped them to change jobs. At that time, I decided to leave the company, thinking, "If I am going to let them leave the company, for whatever reason, I must also leave." But then one relatively small department of the company heard that I was leaving and requested that I come to their department. I prayed and replied that if I could take 5 of my staff (4 were brothers and sisters) with me, I could go. That request was accepted, so I was transferred to that department and stayed in the company.

After that, I had various experiences of being oppressed. Often Satan used their failures to attack them, but because I defended them, HR has attacked me many times. The drink offering

is mainly for the building of God. I prayed as follows, "Oh Lord Jesus, You loved me and You were oppressed and poured out on the cross for me. It is for my sins to be forgiven and for me to receive God's life and function for the building. Thank the Lord. Now I rejoice to be sacrificed, oppressed, and poured out for the saints, for the building of the church." I prayed in this way, based on the truth of the Bible in the suffering, but each time I prayed, I was anointed inside.

I was able to endure the experience of being oppressed in the Lord in my business life because I had the burden of being a pattern for businesspersons to follow for the building of the church. I always thought about being an overcoming businessperson for the building, to encourage the brothers and sisters of businesspersons. I believe the Lord heard my prayer and request and blessed me. The more I was oppressed by the company, the more the church grew in number and was built up.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, I can be a person filled and saturated by Christ by experiencing Him as the offering. If I experience Christ as the offering, He becomes wine in me, and I can be filled with the joy that makes me forget myself. Ultimately, I can be saturated by Christ, the heavenly wine, and become one with the wine, even the wine that cheers God and man for the building of the church.

神戸に在る召会 交わりと報告事項

- 1. リジョイスガーデンブレンディング:3/20(水・祝)**
各集会所9:15出発してください。
下山は15:00です。
昼食はBBQです。
交通費:500円(中学生未満250円)
食事:大人1000円、中・高生700円、小学生500円
- 2. ホームページ(HP)の利用促進:**
HPには、毎週の「朝ごとの食物」のプリント(適用を含む)とその音声、毎週の「聖書の真理と適用」の動画、詩歌などがあります。HPにもっとアクセスして、これらを利用してください。
- 3. Zoom等の集会:**
Zoom等で主日集会に参加する人は、神を礼拝する敬虔な態度が必要ですので、特別な理由がない限りカメラを開けてください。家から参加する時も、自分を聖別して参加してください。
- 4. ブレンディング訪問者スケジュール:**
3/15-21 程瑋倫B
3/17-20 ショーンB・ミシェルS
3/19-20 姜偉娜S(タイのバンコクから)
- 5. 台湾全時間訓練生との福音開展:**
4/1(月)～5/5(主)まで滞在し、共に福音開展に取り組みます。
4/2(火)19:30-21:00@魚崎で、キックオフミーティングを行います。
- 6. Youtube福音集会録画担当按配:**
3/17 YP
3/24 六甲
3/31 合同@魚崎3/20(水・祝)
- 7. 土曜7:55-20:25預言準備集会担当按配:**
3/23 魚崎・六アイ
3/30 夙川