

Overview:

The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose. In the church as the one new man, Christ is all and in all. We need to practice the church life in the consciousness of the one new man. In the practice of the economy of God, it is crucial that all social ranks and differences among races and nations are swallowed up. In order to practice the church life in the consciousness of the one new man, we need to live in the inward parts of Christ Jesus and take Christ's inward parts as our own.

I . The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose—a universal, corporate God-man :

A. God's intention in His creation of man was to have a corporate man to express Him and to represent Him; eventually, the church as the one new man is the corporate man in God's intention, and this new man will fulfill the twofold purpose of expressing God and dealing with God's enemy.

B. The one new man equals the Body of Christ; Christ and we together form a universal man.

C. The one new man was created by Christ on the cross with two kinds of materials—the redeemed created man and the divine element; on the cross Christ put these materials together to produce a new man :

1. In the creating of the new man, first our natural man was crucified by Christ, and then through the crossing out of the old man, Christ imparted the divine element into us, causing us to become a new entity.**2.** The phrase in Himself in Ephesians 2:15 indicates that Christ was not only the Creator of the one new man but also the sphere in which and the essence with which the one new man was created.¶

D. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man :**1.** What the Lord has been doing—and what He is now doing—in His recovery is bringing forth the one new man with Himself as the life and the person for God's expression.**2.** The one new man will usher in the kingdom of God and will bring Christ, the King, back to the earth.

E. In the church as the one new man, Christ is all and in all :

1. There is no natural person in the one new man, and there is no possibility, no room, for any natural person :**a.** Although many different kinds of people make up the one new man, all are part of Christ; there are no longer the natural persons.**b.** In the one new man there is only one person—the all-inclusive Christ.**2.** The one new man comes into being as we are saturated, filled, and permeated with Christ and replaced by Him through an organic process:**a.** The new man is Christ in all the saints, permeating us and replacing us until all natural distinctions have been removed and everyone is constituted of Christ.**b.** The all-inclusive Christ must be wrought into us organically until He replaces our natural being with Himself.¶

3. In the one new man Christ is all the members and is in all the members :**a.** The Christ who dwells in us is the constituent of the one new man.**b.** Because Christ is all the members of the new man, there is no room in the new man for any race, nationality, culture, or social status.

II . We need to practice the church life in the consciousness of the one new man :

A. In Colossians 4:7-17 we have a practical illustration of the revelation of the one new man and of the consciousness of the one new man :¶

1. Both the saints in Colossae and Paul and those with him were members of the one new man in actuality and had the consciousness of the one new man.**2.** Paul's word regarding the reading of letters proves that there was no difference between the church in Laodicea and the church in Colossae; his word implies fellowship, oneness, harmony, and intimate contact. **3.** In spite of all the differences among nationalities, races, and classes, there was on earth in a practical way the one new man created in Christ Jesus; there were not merely local churches in various cities—there was the one new man in a real and practical way.

B. If we are conscious of the one new man, we will realize that all the local churches in the different countries are one new man.

C. The Epistle to Philemon should be regarded as a continuation of Colossians 4 and considered as an illustration of the believers' equal status in the new man :¶

1. The case of Onesimus and Philemon illustrates that in the new man all the believers have an equal status.**2.** The distinction of social rank and status among the believers has been nullified because the believers have been constituted with the all-inclusive Christ, who is their life.**3.** In the practice of the economy of God, it is crucial that all social ranks and differences among races and nations are swallowed up.**4.** If we see that the believers have an equal status in the new man, there will be no problems among us concerning social rank, nationality, or race.**5.** The equal status of the believers is a matter of love, which comes out of faith; in the new man the believers love one another in faith.

III . In order to practice the church life in the consciousness of the one new man, we need to live in the inward parts of Christ Jesus and take Christ's inward parts as our own—:

A. The inward parts signify inward affection, tenderheartedness, and compassions.

B. As a man, Christ had the human inward parts with their various functions, and Christ's experiences in His inward parts were His experiences in His mind, emotion, will, soul, heart, and spirit, including His love, desire, feeling, thought, decision, motive, and intention.¶

C. Paul was a person who continually experienced Christ in His inward parts :**1.** Paul was one with Christ even in His inward parts—in His affection, tender mercy, and sympathy.**2.** Paul did not keep his own inward parts but took Christ's inward parts as his :**a.** He took not only Christ's mind but also His entire inward being.**b.** Paul's inner being was changed, rearranged, and remodeled.**c.** Paul's inward being was reconstituted with the inward parts of Christ.**3.** What was in Christ as truth—as honesty, faithfulness, and trustworthiness—was also in Paul.**4.** Paul's love for the saints was not his love but the love in Christ, which is Christ's love; thus, Paul loved the saints not by his natural love but by the love of Christ.

D. To live Christ requires that we remain in the inward parts of Christ :**1.** Paul experienced the inward parts of Christ; he was one with Christ in His inward parts in longing after the saints.**2.** Paul did not live a life in his natural inner being; he lived a life in the inward parts of Christ.**3.** If we would be those who are in Christ, we must be in His inward parts, in His tender and delicate feelings.**4.** To live Christ is to abide in His inward parts and there to enjoy Him.

E. Paul took the inward parts of Christ Jesus as his own inward parts in caring for the church as the Body of Christ and the one new man :**1.** Paul cared for the church by taking Christ's feeling as his own feeling; Christ's feeling for the church became Paul's feeling for the church.**2.** Like Paul, we should take Christ's feeling as our own feeling; this is most necessary for our living corporately in the one new man and practicing the church life in the consciousness of the one new man.

F. In the book of Philemon, we have a picture of the church life as the one new man lived in the inward parts of Christ Jesus :**1.** Paul's inward affection and compassions went with Onesimus to Philemon.**2.** If we live in the inward parts of Christ Jesus, we will practice the church life in the consciousness of the one new man.**3.** Since we are parts of the corporate one new man, we need to have the consciousness of the new man by living in the inward parts of Christ Jesus, thereby practicing a church life in the consciousness of the new man by living in the inward parts of Christ Jesus.

Day1: *Eph. 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,*
16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Day2: *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,

23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind 24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Eph. 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Day3: *Eph. 3:10* In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church, *11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12* In whom we have boldness and access in confidence through faith in Him.

Col. 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Day4: *Philem. 7* For I had much joy and encouragement over your love, because the inward parts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

1 Cor. 16:24 My love in Christ Jesus be with you all.

Philem. 10 I entreat you concerning my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds, Onesimus, *11* Who formerly was useless to you but now is useful both to you and to me.

12 Him I have sent back to you—him, that is, my very heart—

13 Whom I intended to keep with myself that on your behalf he might minister to me in the bonds of the gospel. *14* But without your mind I did not want to do anything, that your goodness would not be as of necessity, but voluntary. *15* For perhaps for this reason he was separated from you for but an hour, that you might fully have him forever,

17 If then you hold me as a partner, receive him as myself.

18 And if he has wronged you in anything or owes anything, charge that to my account.

19 I, Paul, have written with my own hand: I will repay; not to say to you that you owe me even your own self besides.

Day5: *Philem. 5* Hearing of your love and the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and to all the saints,

16 No longer as a slave, but above a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Day6: *Philem. 12* Him I have sent back to you—him, that is, my very heart—

20 Yes, brother, may I have profit from you in the Lord; refresh my inward parts in Christ.

Phil. 1:8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus.

Experience① : Being renewed in the spirit of your mind day by day

The renewing makes us all into the new man. In this renewing we put off the old social life and put on the church life. This is putting off the old man and putting on the new man. The Lord today is doing this work on the earth, and this is the goal of the Lord's recovery today. All those who love Him, pursue Him, and follow Him on the entire earth today must be renewed in the spirit of their mind to become the one new man, taking Him as their person and living by Him. This is what the Lord wants today. All the fullness of God is embodied in Christ, and this Christ is wrought into our being to be our righteousness, our holiness, our love, and our light. This is the new man with the new man's expression. Such a new man with such an expression will usher in the kingdom of God and will bring Christ, the King, back to this earth. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to become such a new man, which is the very expression of God.

The issue of our experience and enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ is the church as the new man. Hence, the new man comes out of our enjoyment of Christ as the fullness of God. As we enjoy Christ daily, He is wrought into us, constituted into our very being. In this way, Christ becomes our constituent. Day by day, Christ is being constituted into us. Eventually, we all shall be thoroughly constituted of Him. As a result of being constituted of Christ, we become the new man. In this new man there is no place for any natural person; there is room only for Christ. Christ is all and in all in the new man. To repeat, in the new man Christ is all the members and is in all the members.

For Junior/Senior High Students

In everything in your school life, experience to "be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (Eph 4:23). Originally, the mind, the major part of the soul, and the spirit are different each other. But Paul here uses the expression, "the spirit of your mind", to join the mind and the spirit. This is about the mind being set on the spirit and being ruled by the spirit. In order for you to live a blessed Christian life, it is very crucial for you to train to set your mind on the spirit and have the spirit of your mind. To have the spirit of your mind, train yourself about the followings:

1. You need to exercise your spirit and be burning in your spirit. Your spirit needs to become the strongest part among the body, the soul and the spirit. If your spirit is weak and your soul is strong, then your soul shall quench your spirit.
2. In the various situations, you need to learn not to let your mind think alone but to set your mind on the spirit to think with the Lord and to study with the Lord. Christ lives in you and is the bountiful supply for you, but if you do not set your mind on the spirit, the riches of Christ cannot come out of your spirit to your school life.
3. You should pray the following prayer frequently.

Prayer 1: "Oh, Lord Jesus. I love you. While I study, let me learn to study with the Lord by setting my mind on the spirit. I should not study by myself alone. Let me experience you as my wisdom, power, endurance, and memory. Let me become a student with your testimony."

Prayer 2: "Oh, Lord Jesus. In my relationship with my teacher and in my relationship with my classmates, I want to experience the uplifted humanity of Christ. My humanity is unbalanced and is biased so that I cannot maintain good relationship with various types of people. Let me eat you every day to partake your humanity. Amen!"

Experience② : Practicing the Church Life in the Consciousness of the One New Man

In the practice of the economy of God, it is crucial that all social ranks and differences among races and nations are swallowed up.

As long as we see that the believers have an equal status in the new man, there will be no problems among us concerning social rank, nationality, or race. We shall have no problems with different peoples. Those who discriminate among people in any way do not practice the proper church life. If we would have the genuine church life, we must receive all the saints regardless of race, nationality, or social rank.

Since we are the members of the Body of Christ, we should have a feeling for the Body. First, we must take the feeling of the Head as our own feeling....Paul took the inward parts of Christ Jesus as his own inward parts in caring for the church [Phil. 1:8]. This also means that he took care of the Body of Christ by taking Christ's feeling as his own feeling. Christ's feeling became his feeling for the Body. We all should be like Paul, taking the feeling of the Head as our own feeling. This is most necessary for our living the Body life. Furthermore, we should not only take the feeling of the Head as our feeling, but also do so in the principle of caring for the Body. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:25b-26 that "the members would have the same care for one another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it." In order for us to have the Body life, we must care for our fellow members and must be full of feeling for the Body.

For working young saints

If you are Japanese, then you have been growing up in Japanese culture, and if you are Chinese, then you have been growing up in Chinese culture. You need to know that among the developed countries of the world, Japan has a unique environment that people in Japan are mostly Japanese. For example, in New York, not only English-speaking Caucasians, but Caucasians who speak Spanish, yellow races of Asia, and black people from Africa are mixed together. Looking worldwide, Japan is a unique country with a very small foreign population. For Japanese who grew up in such condition, prejudice against foreigners is deeply rooted within their minds. Actually, this is a big hindrance to the building of the church.

Praise the Lord. The church in Kobe is having more than one third of the saints that are Chinese-speaking, and more than 10% are Korean-speaking, and African saints. The Japanese speaking brothers and sisters are over 50% of the total number of saints. This kind of church life is a church life of one new man, and it helps the newly saved ones to go into the new church life and save them from the Japanese particularism. You should hope to have more Japanese saved and at the same time that people like Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Nepali who are living in Japan can be saved and come into the church life.

The Japanese government is actively accepting educated foreigners and foreigners with credentials as one of the means to solve the social problem of population declination. This maybe the human history for Japan externally, but there is the existing divine movement internally. God is trying to build the church as one new man in this kind of environment. You need to become a business person with such discernment. By doing that you can be a person with discernment and can be excellent in promoting your projects. Amen!

補充 114 霊と命——霊の中で主に向かって歌う

1. れいもて主に向かって、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、
また感じょうのなかにてさがせども見いだせず。
3. いまやれいにもどって、キリストいのちとし、
イエスをしょくすをまなび、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。

中補 116 在灵里向主歌唱

1. 我们要在灵里向主歌唱，我们要从里面向主唱，
我们要阿利路亚向主唱，我们相调为一向主唱！
2. 我们曾多年在宗教里面，我们曾多年在心思里，
我们曾多年在情感里面，一直追求却在黑暗里。
3. 今我们操练灵里接触主，今我们操练取用基督，
今我们操练吃喝主耶稣，脱离挣扎奋斗的痛苦。
4. 阿利路亚！圣灵里的生命，阿利路亚！里面的新样。
当我们从心思中转入灵，祂一切丰富我们全享。

HYMNS 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.