

4/22-28 #10 Governing Principles That We Need to See and Experience in Order to Possess Christ as the Good Land Bird's-Eye View

I "As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him" (Col. 2:6-7): A As we have received Christ, we should walk in Him; to walk in Him is to live, to act, to behave, and to have our being in Christ so that we may enjoy His riches, just as the children of Israel lived in the good land, enjoying all its rich produce. B The good land today is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit, who dwells in our spirit to be our enjoyment. C To walk according to the spirit and by the Spirit is the central and crucial point in the New Testament. Gal. 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh. II To walk in Christ, that is, to walk according to the spirit and by the Spirit as the reality of the good land, we must see that the key of the spiritual fellowship of the regenerated tripartite believers with the consummated Triune God is 1 Corinthians 6:17—"He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit": A We worship God the Spirit with our spirit. B We were regenerated of God as the Spirit to be a spirit. C The Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. D We become a dwelling place of God in our spirit, and the Spirit is the Indweller. E The Lord Jesus as the pneumatic Christ and as the life-giving Spirit is in our spirit. F If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells us. G If by the Spirit we put to death the practices of the body, we will live. H We set our mind on the spirit for life and peace. I They who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts (by the Spirit). J When we walk by the Spirit, we will by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh. K If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. L We walk (have our being) in and according to the spirit (the mingled spirit) for the fulfilling of the righteousness of the law. M By the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we live Christ and magnify Him. N We pray at every time in spirit. O We are sanctified in the Spirit. P We are renewed by the Spirit in our spirit. Q We are transformed by the Lord Spirit into the glorious image of Christ. R The Spirit as the consummated Triune God and the bride as the transformed tripartite man eventually become a spiritual couple, a mingling of divinity with humanity, to be the consummated New Jerusalem for His eternal enlargement and expression with the divine glory manifested in the glorified humanity. Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who will

take the water of life freely. III We need to see that the One in whom we need to walk is the Christ in His full ministry of three stages: A The central revelation of God is the progressive revelation of God in the Bible—the "bachelor" God, the incarnated God, the redeeming God, the compounded God, the intensified God, the indwelling God, and the incorporated God; the incorporated God is the Body-Christ that ultimately consummates in the "married" God, the ultimately incorporated God, the New Jerusalem. B The Lord's recovery is the recovery of Christ in His full ministry of three stages—incarnation, inclusion, and intensification; the Lord's recovery is God becoming the flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit to build up the church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem: 1 God becoming the flesh is the "bachelor" God becoming the incarnated God and the redeeming God. 2 The flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit is the compounded God becoming the intensified God to be the indwelling God. 3 The built-up church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem is the incorporated God, the Body-Christ, that consummates the New Jerusalem, the ultimate union, mingling, and incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with the processed and consummated tripartite church. IV The Lord's present recovery is the recovery of the Body-Christ ("the Christ") in the church life; the Body-Christ is the incorporated God; thus, to walk in Christ is to walk in Him as the Body-Christ, who is the incorporated God. A First Corinthians 12:12 says, "Even as the Body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ"; "the Christ" in this verse is not the individual Christ but the corporate Christ, Christ incorporated with all His members. B This is the corporate "Me" that the apostle Paul saw in his vanquishing conversation to Christ; he saw that the Lord Jesus and His believers are one great person—the wonderful "Me". Acts 9:3 And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? 5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute. C We need to see that the Christ in whom we need to walk today is not only the individual Christ but also the wonderful "Me," the Body-Christ, who is the incorporated God. D To receive and to walk in Christ is to receive and to

walk in the Body-Christ, because Christ today is a corporate Body; Christ is no longer only the individual Christ but also the corporate Christ, the Head with the Body; it makes a great difference in our Christian life for us to walk in the corporate Christ. **E** The Lord's recovery is the recovery of "Christification," a recovery purely and wholly of the person of Christ to gain the reality of the Body-Christ in the church life. **F** Today the Lord is building the Body-Christ in the church life; in the Body-Christ, Christ is wrought into all His members, and all His members are wrought into Him by the growth in life and transformation in life for the expression of Christ. **V** In order to possess and walk in the all-inclusive Christ as the reality of the good land, we need to see that the presence of the Lord means everything to us in both our life in the Lord and our work in the Lord; in Exodus 33:12-17 Moses bargained with God for His presence to go with him and with God's people; God responded by saying, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest": [Exo. 33:14-15](#) And He said, My presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest. And he said to Him, if Your presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. **A** The Lord lives in us, and He will go wherever we go, but is His presence going with us? Many times the Lord may help us, but He may not be happy with us; we need to be governed by the direct, firsthand presence of the Lord. **B** The presence, the smile of the Lord, is the governing principle for us to enter into and possess Christ as the reality of the good land; God's presence is the way, the "map," that shows His people the way they should take. **C** According to the picture in Exodus, the presence of the Lord went before them "by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might go by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night departed from before the people": [Exo. 13:21](#) And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might go by day and by night. **1** In typology the cloud signifies the Spirit, and the fire, for enlightening, signifies the Word of God; hence, the instant, living leading from the presence of God comes through either the Spirit or the Word. **2** The two pillars symbolize God Himself, for He is both the Spirit and the Word; furthermore, the Word is also the Spirit. **3** Thus, God, the Word, and the Spirit are one to lead and guide us continually, whether by day or by night; in the Christian life there is no difference between day and night, for the light from the pillar of fire causes the night to become day. **D** Exodus also shows us that Christ as the Angel of God was

the One who was leading the people; when the Angel of God moved, the pillar moved also, showing that the Angel and the pillar were one; Christ and the leading Spirit cannot be separated; furthermore, whenever those who follow the Lord face opposition, the guiding light spontaneously becomes the protecting light; however, to the opposers the protecting light becomes darkness. **V** In order to possess and walk in the all-inclusive Christ as the reality of the good land, we need to live and serve in the reality of the priesthood by having much and thorough prayer in our life and service: [Col. 4:2](#) Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, **A** Whether the church is living and fresh and enriched depends on this one thing—that we are being filled continuously with the Spirit; in order to be filled continuously with the Spirit, we need to be those who are willing, empty, and praying. **B** The wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and skill for the noble work of building up the church must be God Himself as the Spirit to us; only the Spirit of God can build His own dwelling place through us. [Exo. 31:3](#) And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom and with understanding and with knowledge and with all *kinds of workmanship*, **C** If all the saints in all the churches persevere in prayer, the recovery will be greatly enriched and uplifted; furthermore, the saints will enjoy the Lord, His presence, and His instant and constant anointing; all day long they will enjoy the smile of the Lord's face, and the living person of Christ will become their experience and enjoyment.

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According to the context [of Galatians 5], the Spirit [v. 16] must be the Holy Spirit, who dwells in and mingles with our regenerated spirit. To walk by the Spirit is to have our walk regulated by the Holy Spirit from within our spirit, ...in contrast to having our walk regulated by the law in the realm of our flesh. The

Greek word [for walk] denotes the general walk in our living...The requirements that we must fulfill in order that the law of the Spirit of life (which has already been installed in us) may work are ① to walk according to the spirit; ② to mind the things of the Spirit—to set the mind on the spirit; ③ to put to death by the Spirit the practices of the body; ④ to be led by the Spirit as sons of God; ⑤ to cry to the Father in the spirit of sonship; ⑥ to witness that we are the children of God; and ⑦ to groan for the full sonship, the redemption of our body.

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Application to business persons, graduate students

Testimony I testify that ① walking according to the spirit, ② remaining in the presence of God, and ③ serving in the priesthood are all related and strengthen each other, especially ③ the service in the coordination of the Body, which is for the goal of the building up of the Body, strengthens ① "walking according to the spirit" and ② "remaining in the presence of God" and thus as a result, strengthens ③ "the service for the building". I have learned from reading the Life Studies of 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians that the believers' experiences of Christ were for the building up of the church. I felt the need to become a pattern, especially as I began working as a businessperson. The problem was that, because of the small number of the patterns, working brothers and sisters did not know how, in practice, to experience Christ in their workplaces and in their church life. Especially in Japan, where the Christian population is extremely small, I was so aware of the lack of strong testimonies like those of the saints of the churches in Taiwan.

I left full-time service at the age of 30 and began working, but I had the sense that the local churches in Japan at that time needed the pattern of serving as a businessperson rather than full-time service. I aspired to be a pattern to encourage the working brothers and sisters who

are the waist of the church life. In my life at work, I often felt weak, but I remembered to be a pattern, called on the name of the Lord, and exercised my spirit and prayed, "I must become the pattern of businesspersons for the building. I am not sure how to do this, but You know how. Supply me everything I need to become an overcoming businessperson". Many times I prayed these prayers. At one point, in the midst of my weakness, I prayed this prayer with all my faith. At first the sense of the spirit was not very strong when I prayed, but as I prayed again and again, the need and burden to "be a pattern" grew in the spirit. The Lord heard my prayer and, little by little, I then began to learn to act according to the spirit in handling things and in dealing with my boss and co-workers. Then, moving further forward, the work environment became the good land, and I learned to deal with various people, things, and matters according to the spirit. With these experiences of Christ, I encouraged the saints in the church, especially those who were working. At the same time, my salary increased because I was able to experience Christ and significantly improve my performance at the company. And I gave glory to the Lord and trained myself to give more.

If I left Him, I would be just a man of flesh, so I became cautious of leaving Him and I trained myself to immediately thank Him every time He gave me a pay raise. Otherwise, I would have cast aside the Lord's blessing, for there was a whisper inside that was high-minded and made me feel as if I were good. I prayed, "Lord Jesus, it's so easy for me to be separated from the Spirit, seduced and exalted by Satan in my soul, and become a prey of Satan the Devil. I train myself to thank You continually". [1 Pet. 5:5](#) and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. [8Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour.](#) I have found that it is important to deal with the flesh in order to walk according to the spirit.

CP2 Receiving and walking in the Body-Christ, who is the incorporated God, experiencing and enjoying the riches of Christ.

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We can gain much more of the riches of Christ when we care for both Christ and the church. Thus, we need pray, "Lord Jesus, I care for You, and I care also for Your Body, because I know that You are the Head and that the church is the Body. I cannot have the Head without the Body." We should pray, "Lord Jesus, I know that today You are no longer only the individual Christ but also the corporate Christ, the Head with the Body. You are the Body-

Christ. Therefore, Lord Jesus, I receive You as well as Your Body. I receive the Body-Christ, and I desire to walk in this Christ" ...It makes a great difference in our Christian life to walk in the corporate Christ. Most Christians today have been robbed of the riches of Christ. Most are spiritually poor and weak simply because they care only for Christ and not for the church....Many of us in the Lord's recovery can testify that since the day we came into the church and began to care for the church, there has been a great difference in our spiritual life. We have the inner sense that we are rich. Everyone in the church is a spiritual billionaire; we are all rich.

Application to young people, college students, new ones
Testimony Thank the Lord for the church life. I have been reading and pursuing spiritual books, but I often lack understanding if I just read them on my own. However, in the Saturday morning prophecy preparation meeting and the Wednesday night meeting, I can clearly understand many things by listening to Brother Yoriki's fellowship about applying the truth. When I exercise the spirit to enjoy the Lord and listen to the fellowship of brothers and sisters at the Lord's Day meetings and prayer meetings, I sometimes get solutions to some matters that have been troubling me, such as work. At the meeting, I also came up with a solution for completing the work efficiently and in a short time. In addition, I was enlightened and realized during the meeting that I had been narrow-minded in my relationships, that I had not accepted others, and that I had not been balanced in my relationships with others. While it is important to fellowship with the Lord personally, I also appreciate being reminded and helped through the members of the Body, especially through the fellowship of brothers and sisters who are burning in the spirit. I thank the Lord that He also speaks through the brothers and sisters since they are the members of the Body of Christ.