

The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ – Week 1
The Intrinsic Essence of the Church for It's Organic Existence

May 31 – June 6, 2021

Morning Watch

Monday 5/31

Related Verses

1 John 1:2

2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);

1 John 5:1

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten of God, and everyone who loves Him who has begotten loves him also who has been begotten of Him.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Romans 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:10-11

10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Suggested Reading

When we speak of the essence of anything, we are referring to its most intrinsic part. Regarding the church, the most important positive factor is its intrinsic essence....When some speak of the church, they mean a physical building....Others...pay too much attention to the outward aspects of the church, such as its organization....Throughout the past nineteen centuries...Christians have been fighting one

another...because [they] have turned from the intrinsic essence of the church to something outward.

There are four intrinsic matters of the church. The first of these is the essence of the church, [followed by] the growth of the church,...the building up of the church,...[and] its fellowship.

The divine life—God's life, the eternal life, the uncreated life, the indestructible life—is the very essence of the church, and this divine life generates the church (1 John 1:2; 5:1). Of course, we cannot see this divine life, just as we are not able to see the structural steel in this meeting hall. This is because the steel is covered by stones and wood, yet the steel is the very essence of this building's structure. (*CWWL, 1989*, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," pp. 267-269)

The essence of the church is the divine life, and the divine life is Christ as the very embodiment of the processed Triune God (John 14:6; Col. 2:9)...God passed through all these processes [from incarnation to ascension] to become someone who can carry out the dispensing. This is why we say that the church is the organism of the processed and dispensing Triune God....We should not forget that without God being processed, there is no ground for Him to dispense Himself into us.

Because He is the dispensing God, He is able to regenerate us, and this regenerating life is the divine life....The divine life is the dispensing God, who is the very essence of the church....We Christians love one another because we have the same essence. It does not matter whether we are American, European, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, white, black, yellow, brown, or red. As long as we are real Christians, we have a loving essence within us. When we turn away from this intrinsic essence to touch other things, we begin to fight one another....In order to solve the problems between Christians, we must come to the intrinsic matters of the church: first, the intrinsic essence; second, the intrinsic growth; third, the intrinsic building up; and fourth, the intrinsic fellowship.

The intrinsic essence of the church is the divine life that the processed Triune God has dispensed and is now dispensing into us. The divine life generates us by the

regeneration of the Spirit in our spirit. The divine Spirit begets the human spirit (John 3:3, 5-6). How wonderful it is that these two spirits are mingled as one (1 Cor. 6:17)!...The Spirit is mingled with our spirit as one spirit. The Spirit becomes one with man, and this regenerated man becomes one with God. Is this not wonderful? Within us is a part that is mingled with God. God is so high, yet He has become one with us....I hope that all the new believers could have this kind of uplifted understanding regarding regeneration. As soon as we were saved, we became mingled with God. (*CWWL, 1989*, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," pp. 269-271)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1989*, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," ch. 1

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 1 – Sections: The Pillar And Base Of The Truth; Two Aspects Of The Church; The Need To Emphasize The Truth; Truth As The Shining Of The Light; Preserved By The Foundation Of Life

Tuesday 6/1

Related Verses

Genesis 2:22

22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.

John 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

John 3:29-30

29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

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Ephesians 1:4-6

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

5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;

John 12:24

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

1 Peter 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Romans 8:29

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Romans 12:5

5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Suggested Reading

When we are regenerated, we are made the children of God as the bride of Christ, who is the Bridegroom, for His increase, as typified by Eve as the counterpart to Adam (John 1:12-13; 3:29-30; Gen. 2:21-23). Regeneration makes the believers the children of God.

Individually, we are children of God, but corporately we are one entity, the bride of Christ. In the first part of John 3 the Lord Jesus spoke concerning regeneration. Later in the same chapter John the Baptist referred to the regenerated ones in totality as the one bride of Christ (vv. 29-30)...When the Lord Jesus was put to death,...He did not remain in death; He resurrected. In His resurrection He brought many saved ones with Him and brought them forth to become parts of Him. When all these parts are put together, they become a bride as His counterpart. (*CWWL*, 1989, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as

the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," p. 271)

The church is the bride of Christ, and according to typology, this bride is typified by Eve, who was Adam's counterpart. Eve was first a part of Adam. While Adam was sleeping, God opened his side and took out a rib. Then God built that rib into a woman by the name of Eve and brought her to Adam to be his counterpart (Gen. 2:21-23)...When he saw Eve, he declared, "This time this is bone of my bones / And flesh of my flesh" (v. 23). Eve is a picture of the church. The church came out of Christ as a part of Christ. The intrinsic essence of the church is the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Christ. He is the essence of the church because the church was His part. The church is not only composed of children born of God, but the church is also the bride, the counterpart of Christ, a part of Christ as Christ's increase.

Before Eve came into existence, she was a rib of Adam, a part of Adam. According to this revelation, we can say that before the church came into existence, she was a part of Christ....This is why every believer is a member of the Body of Christ. Just as the members of our physical body are parts of us, the members of Christ are parts of Christ. The divine life, the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Christ Himself, is the essence of the church.

Christ became the essence of the church through the release of the divine life....If the divine life had only remained in His Divine Being, concealed in His human body, it could have never been our life. For this life to be yours and mine, it had to be released. The divine life was released by Christ as the one grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying there for His multiplication (John 12:24)...With His death the divine life was released from one grain into many grains.

This released divine life has been imparted into us, the believers of Christ. This took place at the time Christ was resurrected. His resurrection included us (Eph. 2:6). We all were resurrected in Him, with Him, and by Him....In His resurrection He became the firstborn Son with many brothers. Now He is our big Brother, and we are the many sons of God. The divine life imparted into us in Christ's resurrection is the intrinsic essence of the church, the organic Body of Christ. (*CWWL*, 1989, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," pp. 271-273)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Exodus*, msg. 23; *CWWN*, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," chs. 2-3

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 1 – Sections: Every Church A Police Station And Every Saint A Policeman; The Full Knowledge Of The Truth; Deprived Of The Truth

Wednesday 6/2

Related Verses

John 15:1

1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

John 15:4-5

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.

John 15:8

8 In this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and so you will become My disciples.

John 15:16

16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

Romans 11:17

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree,

Ephesians 1:17

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

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Ephesians 3:19

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Revelation 1:11

11 Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

Suggested Reading

The many brothers of Christ are His many branches grafted into Him, the true vine in the universe, to bear much fruit for His enlargement in His spreading so that they might express the Triune God as His organism (John 15:1, 5, 16, 8). This universal vine tree is our essence. God is our essence, Christ is our essence, and the vine tree is also our essence. The vine tree with its branches, the intrinsic and organic spreading of Christ, becomes Christ's enlargement....The vine of which I am a part is so long that it encircles the whole earth. This is the real great vine, which is the essence of the church. As the branches of the true vine, we are the multiplication of Christ, the duplication of Christ, the spreading of Christ, and the enlargement of Christ. This multiplication, duplication, spreading, and enlargement, the true vine with its branches, is the organism of the Triune God. (*CWWL, 1989, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," pp. 273-274*)

This organism of the Triune God is the organic Body of Christ constituted with His many brothers as the many members of His organic Body (Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:5). The intrinsic essence of the church as the organic Body of Christ is the Triune God....Our oneness is not in agreeing with one another's doctrines. Our oneness is the processed and dispensing Triune God....If we have any problems with one another, it is because we have departed from the

intrinsic essence, the processed and dispensing Triune God. If we stay with Him, forgetting all the different doctrines, there will be no problems.

The church exists in the universe as the one universal church of God for His universal expression, the fullness of God (1 Cor. 10:32; 12:28; Eph. 3:19b). Even the existence of the church is organic. Where the Triune God is, this living, organic church is, because this church is now one with the processed and dispensing Triune God. The church and the processed and dispensing Triune God are not two entities; they have become one entity. It is impossible for such a church to be divided.

The church is spreading in many localities on the earth as many local churches to be His local expressions (Rev. 1:4a, 11). Universally, the church exists in the universe. Locally, this church is expressed in many localities as local churches. To say that all the local expressions should be different from one another is a wrong teaching. This kind of erroneous teaching comes from not seeing that the churches are organic, with an intrinsic essence....In the time of Peter and Paul every local church had the same one intrinsic essence. All the local churches on the earth today also have only one intrinsic essence, so the church cannot be divided, or split.

Not only the universal church but also the local churches are one. They are intrinsically one in the processed and dispensing Triune God. To solve our problems today, we must come back to the intrinsic essence of the church. If today we all limit ourselves to the one intrinsic essence of the church, every problem will be solved. To talk about whether all the churches are one or separate is to talk in darkness. This is talk without a vision of the intrinsic essence of the church. This chapter should be used by the Lord to "open the window" for us to look into and see the very intrinsic essence of the church and all the churches. (*CWWL, 1989, vol. 4, "The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God," pp. 274-275*)

Further Reading: Watchman Nee, *Two Principles of Living*

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 1 – Sections: Misaiming Concerning The Truth; Opposing

The Truth; Turning From The Truth; Walking In The Truth; Two Functions Of The Truth

Thursday 6/3

Related Verses

1 Corinthians 12:28

28 And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

Ephesians 4:3-6

3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:

4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

6 One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Acts 5:42

42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and announcing the gospel of Jesus as the Christ.

1 Timothy 1:3-4

3 Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things

4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

Philippians 2:2

2 Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing,

Philippians 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,

7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

Suggested Reading

First, God placed the apostles, who are universal in function [1 Cor. 12:28]. Second, He placed the prophets, who are not just universal in function, because prophets were a part of the church in Antioch (Acts 13:1). Third, He placed teachers, who were also present locally in Antioch (v. 1). *Helps* refers to the serving ones, the deacons, who help the saints in a local church, and *administrations* refers to the management of the elders in a local church [1 Cor. 12:28]....Paul puts apostles (who are universal), prophets and teachers (who are both universal and local), and deacons and elders (who are local) all together.

In the eyes of God, the universal church and all the local churches are just “the church.” The processed and now-dispensing Triune God is one, and He is the very essence of the church. Therefore, this church, in both its universal and local aspects, is one church. When we come back to the intrinsic essence of the church, we will not talk wrongly about the differences of the churches. All the churches are the unique, one organism of the processed and dispensing Triune God. (*CWWL, 1989*, vol. 4, “The Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ to Be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God,” pp. 275-276)

[The] oneness in seven aspects: teaching, practice, thinking, speaking, essence, appearance, and expression...[is] not a doctrinal oneness but a oneness in our practice. There are another seven items concerning our oneness in doctrine: one God, one Lord, one Spirit, one church, one recovery, one testimony, and one work. The first three “ones” are the Triune God. Nearly all of us would agree with the seven aspects of oneness on the doctrinal side....We have to admit to there being one God, one Lord, one Spirit, one church, one testimony, and one recovery. Also, it is impossible for us to have more than one work.

We do have problems concerning the sevenfoldness of the practical oneness....The Bible tells us that we need to be one in teaching, practice, speaking, and even thinking. Some may feel that this is too much and that this is the controlling of people's thinking....None of us should follow the recovery blindly, foolishly, or ignorantly. We

need a sober consideration of the truth in the Bible....The recovery does not practice many speakings...[but] allows only one kind of speaking. I have a question as to whether or not we in the recovery are really one in speaking.

The last three items that we need to be one in practically are related to the golden lampstands in Revelation 1:11-12....The pure gold is the unique substance of the lampstands. Within one substance there can be only one essence. All the lampstands should furthermore be one in appearance....The lampstands all have one substance, which is gold, and they all have one form, one shape. The seven lampstands are identical in appearance. If you do not number them, it is impossible to tell them apart. They all look exactly the same.

The churches are different from one another in negative things, but the lampstands in Revelation 1, among whom Christ as the Head was walking, are altogether identical. They all look the same. They are uniquely one in their essence, in their appearance, in their form, and in their expression. (*CWWL, 1986*, vol. 1, “Elders’ Training, Book 7: One Accord for the Lord’s Move,” pp. 97-100)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1986*, vol. 1, “Elders’ Training, Book 7: One Accord for the Lord’s Move,” chs. 3-4

Corporate Reading of “Truth Messages” Chapter 2 – Sections: The Definition Of The Truth; The Word, The Truth, And The Light; Truth—The Shining Of The Light; A Vision Televised Into Our Being

Friday 6/4

Related Verses

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Romans 8:4

4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

Romans 8:6

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Mark 12:30

30 And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength."

Song of Songs 1:4

4 Draw me; we will run after you-The king has brought me into his chambers-We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.

Suggested Reading

We should not think, “The old serpent seduced Eve, but I am not like Eve; I am like Adam. Satan could seduce Eve, but he will not be able to deceive me.” In 2 Corinthians 11:2 Paul likened us all to Eve,...to pure virgins. From the standpoint of being God's creatures, brothers are males; however, from the standpoint of being the Lord's lovers and seekers, everyone is a female....Satan is truly cunning; we should not believe that he will let us freely enjoy Christ and eat the fruit of the tree of life. I am afraid that even after eating from the tree of life, many saints will be deceived to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In 2 Corinthians 11 we see that we are pure virgins....This is a matter of love....With regard to being virgins, we must have a proper love toward Him in order

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to enjoy Him in a proper way. Whenever our love toward Him is not proper, everything is finished, just as a normal relationship between a husband and wife is lost when a wife does not love her husband. A proper relationship does not depend upon the cleverness or capabilities of a wife, but on her love. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 141-142*)

We need to be watchful in regard to our love....The love between us and the Lord depends on our thoughts, just as the love between a husband and wife depends on having proper thoughts about one another. If a wife is not proper in her thoughts concerning her husband, there will be a serious problem. If she has been deceived by her friends or influenced by her relatives, her thoughts about her husband will be corrupted. As a result, her love for her husband will be in trouble....Love is a feeling that is very tender and delicate. Our thoughts toward the Lord should also be proper.

Our thoughts must be preserved and not corrupted. According to 2 Corinthians, the first sign of a problem with our thoughts is that we become hardened....When a person has a strong thought concerning something apart from the Lord, his thoughts can become hardened. Once a person is hardened in his thoughts, there will be a veil between him and the Lord, and he will be unable to know the Lord.

Saints who have hardened thoughts need the Lord's mercy to become softened. This was the problem that the Jews had with the Lord. Even though they had the Bible and knew about God to a certain extent, their thoughts were hardened and became unbreakable. Even the Lord Jesus had no way to deal with this problem when He came; they would not receive Him. It can be the same with us today. We may pray-read the Lord's Word, and we may have the Lord's Spirit in our spirit, but if our thoughts are hardened, the Lord will not have a way in us.

The second symptom of problems with man's thoughts is being blinded by Satan. A man's thoughts are like his eyes; everything that comes into him must first pass through his thoughts, just as physical scenery must first pass through one's eyes. If our thoughts are blinded by Satan, there will be a veil on our thoughts. It is harder to deal with a veil than with hardened thoughts.

The apostle said that our thoughts can be blinded by the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4). If we have singleness

toward God, our thoughts will not be blinded. When we are single toward God, our thoughts will be transparent. As soon as we seek things other than God, the god of this age will cause our thoughts to be blinded....Even though we are saved, we will fall into a condition of being blinded in our thoughts if we do not seek after God in a pure way. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 142-144*)

Further Reading: *CWWN*, vol. 8, pp. 25-35; *CWWL*, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 139-146

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 2 – Sections: Heavenly Light Shining On The Written Word; The Shortage Of The Truth; Practicing The Truth

Saturday 6/5

Related Verses

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds,
5 As we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ.

Psalms 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxious thoughts;
24 And see if there is some harmful way in me, And lead me on the eternal way.

Revelation 2:4-5

4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.
5 Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

Revelation 2:7

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Colossians 1:12-13

12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Colossians 1:18

18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Romans 12:11

11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.

Suggested Reading

The third symptom of problems with man's thoughts is rebellion. Some saints may be touched by the Lord, but inwardly they are still rebellious and unwilling to submit. They harbor various thoughts that are disobedient, stubborn, and offensive to the Lord. Hence, we have to bear the responsibility to intercede for them, because our warfare is spiritual, not fleshly. We cannot confront a brother and say, "Brother, your thoughts are rebellious." The more we chastise him in this way, the more rebellious he will become; this is unacceptable. We must pray that all his reasonings and rebellious, stubborn, and disobedient thoughts would be taken captive unto the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

Another symptom of problems with man's thoughts is corruption. Some saints do not have hardened thoughts; it seems that they receive the Lord's leading. Neither are their thoughts blinded; when we speak of spiritual things, they understand. However, there is still a danger that their thoughts can be corrupted. This symptom is very difficult and quite deceiving. Although many saints are somewhat turned toward the Lord and love Him, they are also turned toward other things. Their thoughts are not focused, pure, single, and simple. (*CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, p. 144*)

Remember that we are pure virgins....The requirement of a pure virgin is a single love, a pure love, a simple love, and even a foolish love. A wife must love her husband to the extent of being foolish; that is, no matter whether her husband is good or bad, her consideration of him is always

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good. If a wife is always criticizing her husband,...there is a problem with her love.

Although we may not criticize the Lord, Satan often seduces us with things other than the Lord....If we do not love the Lord very much or enjoy the Lord when we pray-read, it is because our thoughts are not pure or clean; our thoughts have been corrupted....If we desire to be pure virgins loving the Lord, our thoughts must contain no mixture. This requirement is strict. Our thoughts must be pure. Once our thoughts are pure, our hardened thoughts will be softened, our blinded thoughts will be unveiled, and our rebellious thoughts will be subdued....Blinded thoughts come from hardened thoughts, hardened thoughts come from rebellious thoughts, and rebellious thoughts come from impure thoughts.

Romans 8:6 says that we should set our mind on the spirit. In order for our thoughts to be rescued, our thoughts must be turned, our thoughts must be focused, our thoughts must be purified, and our thoughts must be on the proper track.

I hope we all have this prayer: "Lord, have mercy on me; I have no way to deal with my thoughts. O Lord, rescue my thoughts, gather my thoughts, focus my thoughts. Lord, rescue my thoughts so that they can focus on You. Search my thoughts and rescue my thoughts." We should spend a good amount of time to thoroughly pray about this matter.

We must allow our thoughts to be rescued, dealt with, focused, and gathered so that our thoughts can be pure. Then when we go to a meeting, we will discover that our thoughts are as transparent as crystal. Once our thoughts are pure, they will be softened, unveiled, and subdued. Then our enjoyment of Christ will be thorough and transparent. May the Lord have mercy on us. (*CWWL*, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 144-146)

Further Reading: *CWWN*, vol. 8, pp. 25-35; *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 62; *Life-study of Job*, msg. 37

Hymn #1081

1 Father God, Thou art the source of life.
We, Thy sons, are Thine expression;
In Thy name, our dear possession.
Father God, Thou art the source of life.

In Thy life, in Thy life,
We have oneness in Thy life.
In Thy life, in Thy life,
In Thy life, O Father, we are one.

2 How we thank Thee that Thy holy Word
With Thy nature, saturates us;
From the world it separates us.
Thank Thee, Father, for Thy holy Word.

Through Thy Word, through Thy Word,
We have oneness through Thy Word.
Through Thy Word, through Thy Word,
Through Thy holy Word we're all made one.

3 Oh, the glory of the Triune God!
We're His sons, oh, what a blessing!
We His glory are expressing—
Oh, the glory of the Triune God!

In Thy glory, in Thy glory,
In Thy glory we are one.
In Thy glory, in Thy glory,
In Thy glory we are all made one!

Lord's Day 6/6

Related Verses

John 6:35

35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

John 6:57

57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

John 6:63

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

John 6:68

68 Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life,

John 7:38-39

38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 20:22

22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 22:1-2

1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Further Reading:

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