

Monday 6/16**Related Verses****Gen. 2:9**

9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Rom. 5:1, 10, 17

1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom. 6:4, 22-23

4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

22 But now, having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end, eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 7:10

10 And the commandment, which was unto life, this very commandment was found to me to be unto death.

Rom. 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.

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In Romans 5 through 8, which we may call the kernel of the Bible, two key words are used repeatedly. These words are *life* and *death*. In Genesis 2 life is represented by the tree of life, and death, by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 9). The issue of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is actually death, not knowledge. Therefore, we may call these trees the tree of life and the tree of death...There are three related things

concerning this tree [of death]—knowledge, good, and evil. Although we all appreciate knowledge and good, we do not like evil. We consider good and evil to be in two distinct categories. The concept of good and evil in the Bible, however, is different; the Bible puts both good and evil in the same category...According to Genesis 2, knowledge and good are put together with evil. Belonging to one family, they are three “sisters” who work together to bring forth death, which is, of course, the opposite of life. (*Life-study of Romans*, p. 423)

Most of the items found in Genesis are seeds of spiritual truths developed elsewhere in the Bible, and we should not neglect them. In Genesis 2 we have the seed of life and the seed of death. But at the end of the book of Revelation, we see the consummation of these seeds. Death, the last enemy, is cast into the lake of fire (20:14). Life abounds in the New Jerusalem, for there we see the river of water of life with the tree of life growing in it (22:1-2). From center to circumference, the New Jerusalem is a city of life. The seed of life sown in the beginning of the Bible consummates in the harvest of life, and the seed of death consummates in the harvest of death. Because the seeds of life and of death grow throughout the Bible, we can trace in the Bible both the line of life and the line of death.

In Genesis 2 there is a triangular situation involving God, man, and Satan. In this chapter man faces two sources: God as the source of life and Satan as the source of death. In Romans 5 through 8 there is the continuation of this triangular situation. Eventually, this triangular situation will result in a twofold consummation. The negative things will, along with death, be swept into the lake of fire, but the positive things will, with those who have been redeemed, flow into the city of living water. Today we are all heading toward this ultimate consummation—the believers to the New Jerusalem and the unbelievers to the lake of fire. In their everyday experience many Christians have one foot on the line of life and the other on the line of death. Other Christians vacillate between the two. Perhaps yesterday you were on the line of death, but today, by the Lord’s mercy and grace, you are once again on the line of life.

God’s economy is not a matter of good or evil, right or wrong. Moreover, it is not a matter of ethics. According to ethical standards, we should do good and not evil. God’s economy, however, is altogether a matter of life or death. To be in life is to live out God, and to be in death is to live out Satan. We are a battlefield, and the universal battle between God and Satan is raging within us. The outcome of this battle is determined by where we set our mind. If we set our mind on the self and thereby are cut off from the spirit, Satan gains ground. But if we stay in the spirit and set our mind on the spirit, God gains the victory.

By the indwelling Spirit we must put to death the deeds of the old person. To do this is to live. Let us pray about this, practice it, and develop the habit of staying in the spirit. The more we develop this habit, the more living we will be and the further we will be from death. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 424, 431)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 33, 38, 50

Tuesday 6/17**Related Verses****Rev. 2:4-5, 7**

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.

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.

Rev. 21:10-11, 23

10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev. 22:1-2, 5

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.

5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

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Eating the tree of life, that is, enjoying Christ as our life supply, should be the primary matter in the church life. The content of the church life depends on the enjoyment of Christ...To enjoy Christ requires us to love Him with the first love. If we leave our first love toward the Lord, we will miss the enjoyment of Christ and lose the testimony of Jesus; consequently, the lampstand will be removed from us. These three things—loving the Lord, enjoying the Lord, and being the testimony of the Lord—go together. (*Life-study of Revelation*, p. 121)

Colossians tells us that our Christ must have the first place (1:18b). He must have the preeminence. Christ must be the first...To recover the first love is to consider the Lord Jesus as the first in everything. If we make Christ everything in our life, that means we have overcome the loss of the first love.

Is Christ the first in everything with us? The first item we have to overcome is the loss of Christ as the first, as the best, as the real love. The failure of Israel was that they forsook God, the fountain of living waters, and the degradation of the church is the leaving of the first love. Actually, to leave the first love is just to leave Christ, not taking Him as the first in everything.

We should give Christ the preeminence in the way that we dress and the way that we style our hair. When we give Christ the preeminence in everything, this is to recover the loss of the first love...At times when I am getting dressed, I talk to the Lord by saying, "Lord, do You like this shirt? Do You like this pair of shoes?" Such

a talk is very intimate with the Lord as the first love. To recover the first love is to give Him the preeminence in great things as well as in small things. The husbands should give Christ the preeminence in the way that they talk to their wives. We need to ask the Lord to forgive us for all the things in which we do not give Him the preeminence.

We need to overcome the leaving of the first love, to maintain the eating of Christ as the tree of life, and to shine forth the divine light as the lampstand (Rev. 2:5b). Love is related to life, and life is related to light. Love, life, and light are a trinity. If you make Christ the first in everything, you have love. If you have this love, you have life, and you will enjoy the Lord. If you have life, this life becomes light to you.

If we are enjoying Christ as our love, life, and light, we will keep the testimony of Jesus as the shining of the lampstand in our locality (12:17b). We will testify of Christ's person as God and as man and of Christ's human living, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, descension, and second appearing...In every aspect of our daily life, we should be shining forth Christ. This shining is the shining of the lampstand.

We need to remember these four words that begin with the letter l—*love, life, light, and lampstand*. These four l words start with *love*. We must give the Lord Jesus the preeminence in every way and in everything to recover the first love. Then we will enjoy Him as the tree of life, and this life right away becomes the light of life (John 8:12). Then we will be shining in our daily life and corporately as the lampstand. Otherwise, the lampstand will be removed from us individually and from the church corporately. The Lord warned the church in Ephesus to repent and recover the first love for the enjoyment of Him. Otherwise, the lampstand would be removed from them. We need love, life, light, and the lampstand. Then we will be rewarded by the Lord with what we are and live in Him. (CWWL, 1991–1992, vol. 4, "The Overcomers," pp. 203-206)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Revelation*, msg. 10; CWWL, 1991–1992, vol. 4, "The Overcomers," chs. 2—3

Wednesday 6/18

Related Verses**Rom. 8:6**

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

Rom. 6:6

6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Rom. 8:10-11, 38

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.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers

Col. 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;

John 14:21, 23

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.

23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

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The spirit is our innermost part, the body is our outermost part, and the soul, the main part of our being, stands between them. As a result of the fall, Satan as the tree of knowledge came into man's flesh. As a result of our believing in Christ, God as the tree of life came into our spirit. Therefore, the two trees that were once in the garden outside of man are now within us, one in our flesh and the other in our spirit. If we read Romans 7 carefully, we will see that Paul said in his flesh nothing good

The Line of Life and the Line of Death in Chapters 5 through 8 of Romans

dwells, only sin. Sin is actually the evil nature of Satan. To say that sin dwells in our flesh means that Satan, the evil one, is in our flesh. Romans 8:16, a verse which proves that God is in us, says that the Spirit of God witnesses with our spirit. Thus, every genuine Christian is a miniature garden of Eden. The mind of your soul represents your self, sin in your flesh represents Satan, and the Spirit in your spirit represents God. As in the garden of Eden, the three parties form a triangular situation within us. (*Life-study of Genesis*, p. 177)

Our body, which contains our inner being, was created as a pure, clean, and good vessel. But one day God's enemy came in to inject himself into man by the way of man's eating. Man ate of the tree of knowledge, and the actuality and reality of that tree got into man's physical body...Man's body was originally pure. But since Satan injected himself into man, man's body has another element, a foreign element, added to it, and it has become flesh. Thus, the flesh has two elements—one element created by God and another element, the element that is Satan himself...By this we can see that something foreign, something strange, something other than God's creation, got into man's body created by God. All the ethical and moral teachings in human religion and human culture never touch this point because they do not have the revelation concerning man's flesh. The Scriptures show that the flesh is our polluted and transmuted body.

Romans 6:6 tells us that our body today is "the body of sin." It is not the body of righteousness. Romans 7:24 says that our body is "the body of this death."...Sin is the husband, and death is the wife. They never have a divorce...Sin surely loves death, and death is all the time submitted to sin...Our body is a body of sin and death. Do you love your body? We need to buffet our body (1 Cor. 9:27). Our body is the flesh because it is no longer pure. Regardless of how much we pray and walk with the Lord, we have to realize that right beside our inner being, this ugly thing, the body of sin and death, is here with us all the time. As long as we are still living, until the day of our redemption, the body of sin and death is always with us.

Sin, death, and Satan...are all together in the flesh...Many of us spend our time attending the meetings

of the church in the church meeting hall. Satan also has a meeting hall. The meeting hall of Satan is our flesh...Satan is always in the flesh with sin and death.

This flesh is filled up with Satan, sin, and death. The flesh, Satan, sin, and death are one. We should not think that we have anything good or that we have any possibility of being good. We must be enlightened to see that our flesh is an ugly thing. We have to condemn it, not try to improve it. Some Christians get deceived into thinking that after they are saved, their flesh has been recovered. But God would never recover the flesh. Our flesh is a hopeless case. We should not have any kind of positive expectation concerning our flesh. (CWWL, 1975–1976, vol. 1, "The Flesh and the Spirit," pp. 150-151, 153-154)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1975–1976, vol. 1, "The Flesh and the Spirit," chs. 1—3

Thursday 6/19**Related Verses****Phil. 3:6**

6 As to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, become blameless.

Eph. 6:18

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Col. 2:19

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

Zech. 4:6

6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.

Rom. 8:3

3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

John 3:14

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Heb. 2:14

14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

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The flesh is here helping us and forcing us to turn to the spirit. We should not be disappointed. We have the flesh, but we also have to say, "Praise the Lord! I also have the spirit."

On the one hand, we hate our flesh, but on the other hand, we praise the Lord for the "helping flesh."...From the day I discovered that my flesh was a hopeless case, I was fearful and trembling, looking to the Lord and turning to the spirit in doing everything. I was on the alert to say, "Lord, You have to come in. You have to keep me in Your care. You have to keep me in the realm of the spirit; otherwise, if I am a little careless, I will be in the flesh."

We all need to turn from the flesh to the spirit. We need to realize that the flesh is a hopeless case and that it is here for our good. It is here helping us and forcing us all the time, moment by moment, to turn to the spirit, to trust in the Lord, and to no longer have any confidence in our flesh (Phil. 3:3). (CWWL, 1975–1976, vol. 1, "The Flesh and the Spirit," pp. 155-156)

We all have to see that judicially the flesh is over because it was dealt with by Christ on the cross, but it still remains with us because of our Father's wisdom. Whether we are happy or unhappy, the flesh helps us to turn to Christ in the spirit and have no more confidence in the flesh...We must be alert all the time to turn to our spirit. The Lord does not care for whether or not we have a victory. The Lord cares for only one thing—that we gain Christ. Because we are afraid of the flesh, we turn to our spirit and gain Christ. (CWWL, 1975–1976, vol. 1, "The Flesh and the Spirit," p. 171)

We all must earnestly seek to reign over sin, death, and Satan. However, although we may try diligently to reign in life over these three enemies, we will experience more failure than success. Do not be disappointed. As long as you love the Lord and seek Him, He will use even your failures to work more of Himself into you... Our failures press us to the Lord and make us desperate to get into the spirit. Eventually, by turning to the spirit in such a desperate way, we will be fully saturated with the Lord. Without the help rendered by the sinful, ugly flesh, we would not be as desperate to gain the Lord or to have Him wrought into us.

Our goal is holiness or spirituality or victory. But God's goal is to work Himself into us...Often He has a greater opportunity to do [this] when our condition is pitiful. When our situation and condition are excellent, we may be closed to the Lord's inward working. I do not encourage you to be in a poor situation or to be in a low state spiritually. But I can assure you that when you are in such a condition or state, God will be able to work more of Himself into you than when your condition is good. The reason for this is that when we are in a difficult situation, we are more open to the Lord, more willing to turn to Him, and more willing to allow Him to work Himself into us.

Because sin, death, and Satan are conducting a continuous meeting in our flesh, we all eventually become extremely troubled and even disgusted with the flesh. But God is sovereign. If we seek Him, even the sinful compound of the flesh will become a help to us in gaining the Lord. Because we fail so often, we are pressed into the spirit, and in this way we gain more of the Spirit. This is not a matter of victory; it is a matter of gaining the Spirit. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 521-522)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1958, vol. 1, "The Vision of the Tree of Life and Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil," chs. 5, 1—4; *Life-study of Isaiah*, msg. 29

Friday 6/20

Related Verses

Rom. 5:18

18 So then as it was through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also it was through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

Rom. 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.

2 Cor. 5:21

21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rom. 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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;

Eph. 5:27

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.

Eph. 6:17-18

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

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God's organic salvation is fully revealed in the book of Romans. To carry out God's organic salvation there is the need of two divine transfers and one spiritual union. The first transfer is out of Adam into Christ and is factual and positional (6:3-8). The second transfer is out of the flesh into the Spirit of life and is practical and experiential (7:1-6; 8:16a). The flesh is the practical, experiential Adam. We are transferred out of the flesh into the Spirit, who is the practical and experiential Christ. The way to carry out our union with the Spirit is to set our mind not on the flesh but on the mingled spirit unto life and peace (v. 6) and to learn to walk and to have our being not according to the flesh but according to the mingled spirit (v. 4)...The result of setting our mind on the mingled spirit and walking according to the mingled spirit is our reigning in life with grace over all things unto eternal life (5:17b, 21). (*CWWL*, 1994–1997, vol. 5, "The Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans," p. 426)

In Adam we inherited the nature of Satan as sin, constituting us sinners in essence and element. We also inherited death, which on the one hand, made us passive, weak, and impotent with respect to the things of God and, on the other hand, reigned first in our spirit, then through our soul, and eventually over our body. Furthermore, in sin and death we became subject to the condemnation of the righteous law of God. As believers, we have been baptized into Christ and also into His death, a death that took us out of Adam. In addition, we were regenerated at the time of Christ's resurrection, and in that rebirth, through His resurrection, we were transferred into Christ.

God has made Christ righteousness to us (1 Cor. 1:30). Because of this, God considers us as righteous as Christ...In Christ we also have been given God as our life. What a wonder that God the Father and we have the same life! When we call God Father, we are expressing our organic relationship with Him in life.

According to Romans 5:18, justification is unto life. The goal of being justified is to have life and to reign in life. We are saved in life to the extent that the life that saves us enthrones us as kings. Through righteousness and under grace we reign in life over everything...What a glory to the Lord and what a shame to the enemy that people such as we can reign in life!

The Spirit today is Christ in application, Christ coming to us for our experience. Practically speaking, only when we are in the Spirit are we in the reality of the divine transfer. Our daily living depends almost entirely on where we are. "Where are you?" (Gen. 3:9) was the first question that God addressed to the human race, and today He is still asking...Paul's desire was to be found in Christ as a realm (Phil. 3:9). Our need is not to behave in a certain way but to be found in Christ by being found in the Spirit through our union with the Spirit.

Our spirit deep within is one with the consummated Spirit of the processed and consummated Triune God. The all-inclusive Spirit, who includes the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, is in us and is mingled with our spirit. Our spirit is joined to the Lord as one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17), and His Spirit witnesses together with our spirit that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16), that we may

live together, exist together, work together, and speak together as one spirit. To be one spirit with the Lord is to be in the reality of the divine transfer. (CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 5, “The Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans,” pp. 426-427)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 5, “The Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans,” ch. 2

Saturday 6/21

Related Verses

Rom. 5:21

21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 8:16

16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Rom. 5:15-16, 18-20

15 But it is not that as the offense was, so also the gracious gift is; for if by the offense of the one the many died, much more the grace of God and the free gift in grace of the one man Jesus Christ have abounded to the many.

16 And it is not that as through one who sinned, so also the free gift is; for the judgment was out of one offense unto condemnation, but the gracious gift is out of many offenses unto justification.

18 So then as it was through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also it was through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.

20 And the law entered in alongside that the offense might abound; but where sin abounded, grace has super-abounded,

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Romans 8:5-6 shows a miniature garden of Eden, with the flesh and death on one side, the spirit and life on the other side, and the mind in the middle. What realm

we are in depends on where we set our mind. When our mind is set on the spirit, our mind is full of life. We also have peace because there is no discord between our outward behavior and our inner being. Then when we speak, life is embodied in our words because we are one with the Lord. (CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 5, “The Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans,” p. 427)

The righteous requirement of the law is fulfilled in those who walk according to the mingled spirit (Rom. 8:4). If we try to be a Christian, we are in the flesh. That is the old man trying to keep the law. Being a Christian is a living out of the life of God by walking according to the mingled spirit within. If we would see this vision, give up our effort, and simply be in the spirit, another One will live in us. The Spirit always acts according to the righteous requirements of God’s law.

We reign in life with grace over all things unto eternal life (5:17b, 21). Righteousness gives us the ground to claim God as our grace. We may say, “Lord, You cannot withhold Yourself from me as grace, because I stand on the ground of my justification. You have given Christ to me as my righteousness as a gift, and I stand on this position. Lord, give Yourself to me as grace for my enjoyment.” Grace means that we cannot do what God requires, but the Triune God can do it. We cannot be what we should be, but there is One living in us, the consummated Spirit as grace, who can be. We have an abundance of grace, and in this grace we reign unto eternal life. (CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 5, “The Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans,” pp. 427-428)

In May of 1943...I had contracted a serious case of tuberculosis...I saw the tree of life during the two and a half years of my illness... Every kind of problem...is the result of a shortage of life. When I saw this, I was extremely remorseful, I confessed much and had a thorough repentance before the Lord, and I also had many dealings before Him...The messages on the tree of life saved many saints and also released many of the brothers and sisters in Nanking...The saints had been disheartened and depressed for years and were unable to do anything. These messages released their spirit and

enlightened their heart...I thank the Lord that through the messages on the tree of life, the church in Shanghai was healed...The messages on the tree of life laid a foundation for the revival of the church in Shanghai. (CWWL, 1981, vol. 2, “The History and Revelation of the Lord’s Recovery, Part One,” pp. 124, 127, 129, 131-132)

If we want to take the way of enjoying God, we must have a change of concept...If we want to enter into the reality of the enjoyment of God, we must see a controlling vision...It was not until I was forty years of age that the Lord revealed to me the way of enjoying Him. I was disappointed that for twenty years most of my time and energy had been wasted. Most of my prayers were of no value, and the time that I had spent reading the Bible and other spiritual books was also of no value...Because I suffered a great loss from taking the wrong way, I do not want others to repeat the same mistake. I hope that others can take the way of enjoying God. I implore the saints to no longer take the wrong way. We should consider our former way of pursuit. We must have a drastic change of concept. We need to have a controlling vision. (CWWL, 1958, vol. 1, “The Vision of the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil,” p. 617.)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1981, vol. 2, “The History and Revelation of the Lord’s Recovery, Part One,” ch. 8

Lord's Day 6/22

Related Verses**Gen. 2:8, 16-17**

8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

16 And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely,

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17

12 Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to render to each one as his work is.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

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 wills take the water of life freely.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 38

Hymn: #593

1 All I have in Adam is but sin and death,
 I in Christ inherit life and righteousness;
 When in flesh abiding, Adam I express,
 But when in the spirit Christ is manifest.

2 When I am in Adam, though I may not sin,
 Unto death, a sinner, sentenced I have been;
 When in Christ I need not righteously to act,
 I'm already righteous, justified in fact.

3 In the flesh I need no effort to express
 Marks of Adam's nature and its sinfulness;
 In the spirit I need not to strive or strain,
 I can live as He is and in spirit reign.

4 Thru my death with Christ, from Adam I am free,
 Thru my life with Christ, new life is given me!
 Minding not the flesh, old Adam cannot move,
 Minding just the spirit, life divine I prove.

5 Minding just the spirit is God's saving way,
 Minding just the spirit, Christ we will display;
 Minding just the spirit, we can overcome,
 Minding just the spirit, we the race may run.

6 Minding just the spirit, we the cross will know,
 And His resurrection pow'r thru us will flow;
 Minding just the spirit, Christ will live thru me,
 And His life within will reach maturity.

7 In the spirit Christ is life and all to me,
 Strengthening and blessing all-inclusively;
 Living in the spirit, holiness I prove,
 And the triune God within my heart doth move.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis**Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 18

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 37-38

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Revelation of, Preparation of, and Entering Into the Ark

Scripture: Gen. 6-8

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 30-31

Supplemental Reading: *The Building of the Church*, ch. 2; *Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 1, ch. 3*

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