

**Monday 8/4****Related Verses****1 Cor. 1:23-24, 26-29, 31**

**23** But we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

**24** But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**26** For consider your calling, brothers, that there are not many wise according to flesh, not many powerful, not many wellborn.

**27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world that He might shame those who are wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world that He might shame the things that are strong,

**28** And the lowborn things of the world and the despised things God has chosen, things which are not, that He might bring to nought the things which are,

**29** So that no flesh may boast before God.

**31** That as it is written, "He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord."

**Matt. 11:19**

**19** The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Yet wisdom is justified by her works.

**Col. 2:3**

**3** In whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

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The Christ who is the power of God and the wisdom of God for the carrying out of God's economy is the crucified Christ, a Christ who did not do anything to save Himself. In man's eyes, if a person is crucified, he is deemed powerless, because a powerful person would not allow himself to be crucified, yet the Christ who is the power of God was crucified. Furthermore, from man's perspective, a wise person would find ways to avoid crucifixion, yet the Christ who is the wisdom of God was crucified. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3119)

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In 1 Corinthians Paul does not emphasize Christ's resurrection. Rather, he emphasizes the preaching of Christ crucified. No doubt, both the Jews and the Greeks would have preferred to hear of a resurrected Christ. For Jews, this would have been a great miracle...The Greeks may have regarded a word about resurrection as very philosophical. In their quest for wisdom they may have been interested to learn how a dead person could become alive again. Nevertheless, Paul preached a crucified Christ, a Christ who did not do anything to save Himself [1:23]...It was a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks that Paul followed a crucified Christ.

Praise the Lord that for us today the crucified Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God [v. 24]!

God cannot save us apart from the crucifixion of Christ. According to the New Testament, God has no way to save anyone apart from the cross of Christ.

In the universe there are many kinds of problems. There are the problems of Satan, the world, and sin. There is also the problem of man. The man created by God for His purpose fell and became sinful. Other problems related to man are the flesh and the natural life. In addition, everything in the universe has become old; that is, it has become rotten, corrupt...Oldness indicates a shortage of life...Because of Satan, the world, and man with sin, the flesh, and the natural life, the whole universe, including the heavens and the earth, has become old, corrupt, ruined, and full of death.

In addition to all these problems, there is the problem of the ordinances and regulations given by God for man's living. Therefore, the cross deals with the problems of Satan, the world, sin, man, the flesh, the natural life, oldness, and ordinances. In order for these problems to be solved, it was necessary for Christ to be crucified.

Before Christ could be crucified to solve all these problems, He had to put on human nature. This means

that He had to become a man, a creature. By becoming a man, Christ became a creature. He took on human nature not only for the purpose of dying for us and of shedding His blood for our sins but also for the purpose of solving the problems of Satan, the world, sin, fallen man, the natural life, the flesh, oldness, and ordinances.

Although Christ could have refused death by crucifixion, He was crucified. According to the human understanding, Christ was executed by others. However, His understanding of His death was different. In John 10:11 the Lord Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Concerning His life, the Lord went on to say in John 10:18, "No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again." His life was not taken from Him. On the contrary, He gave up His life for us...Instead of fighting for Himself, Christ accepted the death of the cross. He was willing to be crucified in order to accomplish redemption and solve all the problems in the universe. Christ crucified is a stumbling block to those who seek signs, and foolishness to those who seek wisdom. But to us who believe, He is the power of God and the wisdom of God. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, pp. 68-69, 71-72)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 8

**Tuesday 8/5****Related Verses****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;

**Gal. 2:20**

**20** I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**1 Cor. 1:3-9**

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** I thank my God always concerning you based upon the grace of God which was given to you in Christ Jesus,

**5** That in everything you were enriched in Him, in all utterance and all knowledge,

**6** Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

**7** So that you do not lack in any gift, eagerly awaiting the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**8** Who will also confirm you until the end unreprouvable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Related Reading**

In the cross of Christ we see God's power. It takes the power of God to defeat Satan, the world, sin, fallen man, the flesh, the natural life, the old creation, and the ordinances...This power is not that of doing things by speaking, such as the power God exercised in creation. Rather, it is the power of crucifixion, the power of the wonderful death of Christ...The death of Christ has become the power of God to destroy Satan, to solve the problem of the world, to eliminate sin, and to terminate fallen man, the flesh, the natural life, and the old creation...By one death, the death of Christ, all the problems in the universe have been cleared. Thus, Christ crucified is the power of God to abolish all negative things and carry out His plan. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, pp. 72-73)

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This crucified Christ is also the wisdom of God. In order to accomplish anything, we need both power and wisdom...Wisdom is for planning and purposing, whereas power is for carrying out and accomplishing what is planned and purposed...If we have power without wisdom, we may use our strength in a foolish way. Therefore, we need Christ as both power and wisdom.

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The crucified Christ as the power of God and the wisdom of God can be applied to the problem we face with our temper...After experiencing a certain amount of growth in life, we come to hate our temper and long to be free from it...Not only in married life but in all kinds of situations in our daily life, we are troubled by our temper.

Many Christians who love the Lord and seek Him have prayed something like this: "Lord Jesus, You know how easy it is for me to lose my temper. Lord, You are Jehovah the Savior. I ask You to save me from this sin of losing my temper. O Lord, deliver me from this." Although many have prayed in this way, none have been delivered from their temper as a result. In ourselves we simply do not have either the power to overcome our temper or the wisdom, the way, to do it. We may think that prayer will give us power and wisdom. However, even when we pray, we still do not have power and wisdom. But when we call on the name of the Lord, enjoy Christ, and are filled with the life-giving Spirit, we have no problem with our temper. Spontaneously, we have both the power to overcome our temper and the way to deal with it. What is this power and this way? It is the death of Christ. Only the crucified Christ is the power and the wisdom to deal with our temper.

We may also apply the crucified Christ as the power of God and the wisdom of God to our need for patience. We all desire to be patient. But I have never met a person who is truly patient...However, when we experience the crucified Christ, we automatically have patience. This crucified Christ becomes to us both the power and the wisdom for patience. As a result, we have both the strength and the way to be patient. Actually, we do not try to be patient. We simply are patient through our experience of Christ crucified.

The crucified Christ can be applied to all manner of human experiences...Within this crucified Christ there are the elements of resurrection and ascension. Thus, when we enjoy the crucified Christ, we also enjoy His resurrection and ascension. The key to experiencing the resurrection and ascension of Christ

is found in Christ's crucifixion. Crucifixion is the threshold into all the riches of Christ. The cross is the way to experience Christ with all His riches. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, pp. 73-74)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 8

**Wednesday 8/6****Related Verses****Eph. 1:9**

**9** Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

**Col. 1:9**

**9** Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

**1 Cor. 1:18-21**

**18** For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**19** For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the understanding of those who understand I will set aside."

**20** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?

**21** For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well pleased through the foolishness of the preaching to save those who believe.

**1 Cor. 2:2**

**2** For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified.

**Gal. 3:1**

**1** O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed crucified?

**Related Reading**

Ephesians 1:9 speaks of God's good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself. In Ephesians 3:11 Paul refers to "the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord." Furthermore, in Ephesians 1:11 Paul says that God "works all things according to the counsel of His will." The crucified Christ as the wisdom of God is related to God's plan according to His good pleasure and also according to God's way to fulfill His will. God's plan according to His good pleasure and His way to fulfill His will are deep and profound. Nevertheless, these profound matters can be applied to our experience. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, pp. 74-75)

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When we experience the crucified Christ, He becomes to us both the power of God and the wisdom of God. Since we have the crucified Christ as God's wisdom, there is no need for us to seek a way to carry out God's will. Simply by experiencing the crucified Christ, we spontaneously have a way to do God's will. We become very wise in doing the will of God. No longer is it necessary for us to make up our mind to do God's will or to determine to do the will of God...Christians everywhere pray for the will of God to be done...But no matter how many times believers pray for the will of God to be done, the will of God is not accomplished...As long as you experience the crucified Christ, Christ will become to you the wisdom of God to fulfill His plan. You will have the wisdom of God to do His will...If you look backward after a period of months or years, you will realize that you did have the wisdom of God to carry out His plan according to His will. This, of course, is not your natural wisdom; it is the crucified Christ as the wisdom of God.

When we experience the crucified Christ, we are terminated. All that we are, all that we have, and all that we can do—all is completely terminated...You are terminated simply by experiencing the crucified Christ...It is impossible for anyone to crucify himself. But when we call on the name of the Lord Jesus, as we

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are enjoying Him and experiencing Him, His crucifixion will terminate us. All that we are is terminated by this crucified Christ.

Crucifixion is the way for us to be delivered from the flesh, the natural life, and the old creation. Christ crucified is not only the power; He is also the way...To us who have been called, the crucified Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God for us to be delivered from all negative things. We thank Him and praise Him that we are now in the process of being saved. The more we are saved by experiencing the crucified Christ, the more we enjoy Him. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, pp. 75-76)

Christ crucified is the power of God for saving us and the wisdom of God for fulfilling His plan. In order to achieve anything, we need both power and wisdom. Power is the ability, and wisdom is the way. Christ is first our power, and then He is our wisdom, that is, our way. Christ is the power of God to carry out God's economy, and He is also the wisdom of God, the way of God, to carry out God's economy.

Christ as the power of God strengthens us with a dynamic power, supplying and sustaining us in what we are and what we do. In all our circumstances and conditions, Christ as the power of God enables us to suffer, to bear burdens, and to stand firm. He also sustains us to the point of being unshakable. For this reason, Paul declared, "I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me" (Phil. 4:13). Christ as the power of God is daily supplying and sustaining us through His divine dispensing. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3121)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 8

**Thursday 8/7**

**Related Verses****1 Cor. 1:2**

2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours:

**Phil. 4:13**

13 I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.

**Rom. 10:14**

14 How then shall they call upon Him into whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe into Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without one who proclaims Him?

**Acts 9:14, 21**

14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Your name.

21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, Is this not the one who ravaged those who call upon this name in Jerusalem and came here for this, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests?

**Acts 13:48**

48 And the Gentiles, hearing this, rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

**Acts 22:16**

16 And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

**Related Reading**

Christ as the wisdom of God flows unceasingly from God to us to be our present and practical wisdom in our experience. As we face certain problems and realize that we do not know how to handle them, we should apply Christ as our wisdom. If we remain with the Lord to receive His dispensing, He will be transmitted into us as the wisdom to handle all kinds of problems and matters. This is to apply Christ as wisdom in our daily life. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3122)

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If we have wisdom, we will know the proper way to do things, but if we are not wise, our way of doing things will be foolish...Christ as wisdom to the believers is actually the divine way. Hence, wisdom in 1 Corinthians 1:30 is equal to the way in John 14:6, a

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verse in which the Lord Jesus says, "I am the way." God's way is His wisdom. If we enjoy Christ and participate in Him, we will have Him as our wisdom, as our way. This wisdom comes from our enjoyment of Christ. Day by day and hour by hour we should live in the spirit and exercise the spirit to call on the name of the Lord Jesus. If we do this, we will enjoy Christ and have Him as our wisdom, that is, our way of doing things.

"Of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption" [1 Cor. 1:30]...The expression *to us from God* indicates something present, practical, experiential, and ongoing in the way of transmission. For Christ to become wisdom to us from God indicates that there is the transmission of Christ as wisdom from God to us for our daily experience. Paul composed verse 30 in the particular way he did in order to point out to the believers that Christ should continually become wisdom to us from God.

God has never given us wisdom as a thing apart from Himself. Rather, God Himself in Christ is wisdom to us, constantly transmitting Christ, His wisdom, into us as the divine element that constitutes us wise persons.

Christ became wisdom to us from God as three vital things in God's salvation: (1) righteousness (for our past), by which we have been justified by God, that we might be reborn in our spirit to receive the divine life (Rom. 5:18); (2) sanctification (for our present), by which we are being sanctified in our soul, that is, transformed in our mind, emotion, and will, with His divine life (6:19, 22); and (3) redemption (for our future), that is, the redemption of our body (8:23), by which we will be transfigured in our body with His divine life to have His glorious likeness (Phil. 3:21). It is of God that we participate in such a complete and perfect salvation, which makes our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—organically one with Christ and makes Christ everything to us.

On the one hand, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption cover three stages of God's salvation: regeneration in the spirit (for our past), sanctification in the soul (for our present), and redemption in the body (for our future). On the other hand, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption refer to three aspects of the nature of God's salvation that we need to experience daily in our Christian living and work...Every day we need to be righteous, we need to be sanctified, and we need to be redeemed in all matters of our living. Christ, the wisdom of God transmitted into our being, is doing everything within us to make us righteous in our deeds and to sanctify us in our nature. Hence, whatever we do must be righteous and holy. Not only so, Christ as the wisdom of God redeems us from all things other than God (1 Pet. 1:18). Every day our living and work must be righteous, holy, and redeemed. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3122-3123)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 9

**Friday 8/8****Related Verses****1 Cor. 1:30**

**30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

**Rom. 6:22**

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

**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.

**Eph. 3:20-21**

**20** But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

**21** To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

**Heb. 12:10-11**

**10** For they disciplined for a few days as it seemed good to them; but He, for what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness.

**11** Now no discipline at the present time seems to be a matter of joy, but of grief; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it.

**Related Reading**

Christ as righteousness takes care of our past. In the past we were unrighteous, always doing things unrighteously. Now Christ is transmitted into us as our righteousness to take care of our past in order that in Him we would be accepted by God.

Because our past life was sinful, we need Christ to be our righteousness. This is the real remedy, the real cure. Formerly, our past was awful because of our sins and wrongdoings, but now it is glorious because of Christ. By Him, through Him, and in Him, we have been justified by God, and our past has been forgiven. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3123-3124)

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Righteousness is actually Christ Himself. Christ, therefore, is not merely to be righteousness for our past so that we may be justified by God; He should also be our present righteousness in our daily living. Christ as righteousness enables us to be right and just toward God, man, and everything else. Christ is dispensed from God into us to be our life, power, and wisdom so that in our living we can be righteous in every word, deed, movement, and action.

As our objective righteousness, Christ is the One in whom we are justified by God [Rom. 3:26]. Justification is God's action in approving us according to the standard of His righteousness...As our subjective righteousness, Christ is the One dwelling in us to live for us a life that can be justified by God and

that is always acceptable to God (Phil. 3:9). When we live this Christ and express Him, He becomes our daily righteousness. As believers, we need not only to receive Christ as our righteousness but also to live Him as righteousness subjectively. When we exercise our spirit to contact Him, we become righteous. The more we contact Him and enjoy Him, the more righteous we become in Him. Eventually, by having Christ wrought into us, we become the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Christ as sanctification takes care of our present...In ourselves, that is, in our natural life, we are altogether not holy, not sanctified unto God. However, the divine element in the life of Christ that is constantly transmitted into our being sanctifies us, separating us unto God and thereby making us holy.

Sanctification is more than holiness; it is holiness "to us" in a subjective and experiential way. Whereas holiness refers to the thing itself, sanctification is holiness becoming our experience. By calling on the name of the Lord continually, we gain Christ as our holiness in a subjective way and experience Him as our daily and hourly sanctification. Day by day we need to experience Christ as our sanctification in order that every aspect of our daily walk, including our appearance, our attitude, and our relationships, would be Christ. The more we exercise the spirit to call on the name of the Lord Jesus, the more we are separated from what is common and from being common ourselves. The Christ we enjoy causes us to become holy, sanctified, and separated. In this way, we are no longer common; instead, we are sanctified, separated, marked out, and absolutely different from the worldly people. This is sanctification—Christ becoming our holiness in our experience.

Christ as the sanctification to us from God is sanctifying us not only in position but also in disposition so that we can be set apart to God from everything common. He is both the power of our sanctification and the factor for our sanctification. Through Him, the divine dispensing is continually transmitted into us, sanctifying our whole being—

spirit, soul, and body—making us holy, full of the divine element. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3124-3125)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 307

**Saturday 8/9**

### Related Verses

#### Rom. 8:23

**23** And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

#### Phil. 3:21

**21** Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

#### Eph. 4:20-24, 30

**20** But you did not so learn Christ,

**21** If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

**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.

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.

### Related Reading

Christ as redemption takes care of our future. Christ as righteousness saved us in that when we believed in Christ and were justified in Him, we were regenerated in our spirit. Christ as sanctification is now transforming our soul, thereby making us holy, yet our body still remains unsaved. In the future our body will be redeemed in Christ; that is, Christ will be our redemption. One day our body will be transfigured into the same body of glory possessed by Christ (Phil.

3:21). This is the redemption of our body, the full enjoyment of our sonship (Rom. 8:23). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3125-3126)

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Everything in us that is of the natural being, the flesh, the self, the world, sin, the old creation, and Satan must be crucified and judged by God before we can be redeemed and glorified. First, there is redemption, then glory. We are all still in the old creation and in the natural life. Therefore, we need to take the judgment of the cross in order that we can receive Christ as our redemption and be qualified to enjoy God's glory. This is both for our living today and for the redemption of our body in the future, when our whole being will enter into God's glory and will express His glory and radiance forever.

Redemption includes three matters: being brought back to God, terminated, and replaced...First, when we enjoy Christ as our portion, we will experience Christ as our redemption and thus will be brought back to God. In our experience we may go astray from the Lord. But when we enjoy Christ and thereby become righteous and sanctified, we are brought back to God. Second, redemption also includes termination. The Christ who dwells in us, supplies us, and becomes our nourishment also terminates us...Third, redemption includes being replaced by Christ. When Christ terminates us, He replaces us with Himself...This is more than sanctification, which separates us and makes us different from others. This is the actual process in which our element, our old constitution, is terminated and replaced with a new element, a new constitution—Christ Himself in resurrection...The future redemption of our body will be the transfiguration of our body, but today we may experience Christ as the One who transfigures our inner being.

With regard to everything in our daily life, we need to be brought back to God, terminated, and replaced with Christ. In the church life we also need redemption because we are still very natural in many matters, such as our preference or care for the

saints...In all things we need to be righteous, sanctified, and redeemed. When Christ becomes wisdom to us from God in our daily experience, eventually in everything He will be our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

Every day Christ, the power and wisdom of God, is being transmitted from God the Giver to us the enjoyers (Eph. 1:19-22). Without the transmission of Christ as power and wisdom to us from God, we have no power or wisdom. At times we may be weak, in sin, and in darkness, and thus be temporarily cut off from this transmission, but whenever we turn to the Lord and confess our sins, we are forgiven and are connected again to the transmission. As the transmission resumes, we enjoy Christ as our power, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. We must learn to remain in this transmission all the time. Our enjoyment of this continual transmission is the way to enjoy Christ. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3126-3128)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 307

### **Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis**

#### **Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 21

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 43-44

#### **Level 2—Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Babel

Scripture: Gen. 11:1-9

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 34, 36

Supplemental Reading: *The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, ch. 1; *The Vision of God's Building*, ch. 4; *Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2*, ch. 18; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, ch. 2; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Way of Salvation in Man's Fall*, ch. 8

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### **Lord's Day 8/10**

#### **Related Verses**

#### **Rom. 11:33-36**

33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and untraceable His ways!

34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has become His counselor?

35 Or who has first given to Him, and it will be repaid to him?

36 Because out from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

#### **1 Cor. 2:16**

16 For who has known the mind of the Lord and will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

#### **Rev. 4:8-11**

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings apiece, are full of eyes around and within; and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming.

9 And when the four living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits upon the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

10 The twenty-four elders will fall before Him who sits upon the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever; and they will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

#### **Further Reading:**

*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 8

### **Hymn: #24**

1 O God, in Christ all focused is  
Thy wisdom with Thy grace;  
As wisdom Thou mad'st Him to us,  
In Him Thy way we trace.

2 What Thou has planned is all in Him,  
Thy way of grace is He;  
In Him, Thy Wisdom, we have all,  
That glory be to Thee.

3 In Him, who is our righteousness,  
Have we been justified;  
In Him, who is our holiness,  
We're being sanctified.

4 Redemption too He is to us,  
According to Thy plan,  
That we may fully be redeemed  
To be a perfect man.

5 He is Thy wisdom, Father God,  
In Thine economy;  
For Him we offer praise to Thee  
With all humility.

6 Thy wisdom we have seen in Him,  
So rich and so profound;  
Yet richer, deeper, in Thy way,  
By us will it be found.