Monday 11/10

Related Verses

1 John 1:7, 9-10

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

2 Cor. 3:8-9

8 How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory?

9 For if there is glory with the ministry of condemnation, much more the ministry of righteousness abounds with glory.

Rev. 15:3

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God the Almighty! Righteous and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

Rom. 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.

17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, "But the righteous shall have life and live by faith."

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

Psa. 89:14

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before Your face.

Related Reading

God is righteous as well as holy. Whereas holiness is related to God's inward nature, righteousness is related to God's outward acts, ways, actions, and activities. Everything God does is righteous.

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The righteousness of God is what God is in His action with respect to justice and righteousness...Whatever God is in His justice and righteousness constitutes His righteousness.

Our experience of Christ rests on the foundation of God's righteousness. The foundation is not our fervency or victory; it is God's righteousness, the unshakable foundation of God's throne (Psa. 89:14). God has shown forth His righteousness by forgiving us of our sins. In this way God has proved that He is righteous. Now such righteousness of God is our solid foundation. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 87, 90)

In 2 Corinthians Paul does not speak of gifts or miracles, but he does say that the Spirit gives life...He does not say a word about speaking in tongues. The emphasis in this book is on the Spirit as the life supply. The ministry of the new covenant is a matter of the Spirit as the supply inwardly and of righteousness as God's expression outwardly...In 3:8 Paul speaks of the ministry of the Spirit, and in verse 9, of the ministry of righteousness.

If we would understand what the ministry of righteousness is, we must first have a proper understanding of righteousness. Righteousness is a matter of being right. When we have the Spirit living, moving, and acting within us in a way that is real and substantial, we are automatically right with God, with others, and with ourselves. This understanding of righteousness is correct, but it is not adequate. Hence, we must go on to see something further regarding righteousness.

In 1 Corinthians 15:34 Paul says, "Awake from the drunken stupor righteously and do not sin, for some of you are ignorant of God."...What does it mean to awake from a drunken stupor righteously? It means to become sober in such a way that we are right with God, with others, and with ourselves. A believer who is sober righteously will be right with his wife, with his children, with his neighbors, with all the saints, with the church, and also with himself. Those who are not right in all these ways are in a drunken stupor.

If we did not have the new covenant ministry, we would not have the Spirit, and we would not have

righteousness...Many of us can testify that after coming into the church life, we began to realize that there is something within us that is living, real, and substantial. This is the Spirit within us working and making us joyful, peaceful, and restful. This is the Spirit of life ministered into us as the life supply by the ministry in the Lord's recovery.

Before you experienced the Spirit in this way, it may have been very easy for you to argue with your wife or husband. But if you experience the Spirit as your life supply, something within restrains you when you want to argue. For example, a sister may be tempted to blame her husband, but deep within she realizes that she should go into her room and pray. This experience comes from the Spirit as the life supply that is ministered into us through the new covenant ministry.

Perhaps in a church meeting not a word is spoken concerning the Spirit as the life supply...Although nothing is said concerning this, it is nevertheless a fact that in the meeting the Spirit is ministered to you. There is a ministry in the recovery that inscribes the processed Triune God as the life-giving Spirit into our being. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 236-239)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 9

Tuesday 11/11

Related Verses

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.

Eph. 4:24

24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Col. 3:10

10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

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Matt. 5:20

20 For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

Matt. 6:33

33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matt. 26:28

28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Eph. 1:13

13 In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

Acts 10:43

43 To this One all the prophets testify that through His name everyone who believes into Him will receive forgiveness of sins.

Related Reading

Because I receive the supply of the life-giving Spirit in the church meetings, I very rarely miss a meeting...My only desire is to be in the meeting and to receive the supply. In particular, I enjoy the prayer meeting of the church in Anaheim. During that meeting I am infused and saturated with the Spirit. Afterward, it seems that everything is golden and that within me the tree of life is growing and the river of life is flowing.

As a result of experiencing the Spirit living and working within us, we become righteous. Spontaneously, our inner being is transparent, crystal clear, and we know the heart of God. Immediately, without effort, we know the mind of the Lord and have a clear understanding concerning His will and work. Then what we do is according to the Lord's mind and will. This is righteousness. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, p. 239)

Many Christians have the concept that when we do something wrong, we are not right with God. This concept of righteousness is too superficial. Even when we do not do anything wrong, we still may not be right with God, for our being may not be in the mind and will

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of the Lord. Apparently, we are not wrong in any way; however, our entire being may be far short of being right with God. We may not be according to the Lord's mind, and what we are doing may not be His will. As long as we are not doing God's will, we are not right.

Suppose a young person at school does not do anything wrong. But he does not study properly. Furthermore, when he sits in class, he is absent-minded...Outwardly, he may not be wrong, but inwardly, his whole being is wrong. In the same principle, outwardly, many saints are not wrong in anything. Actually, their being is not in the will of the Lord.

If you are infused and saturated by the life-giving Spirit, your inner being will become transparent. Then you will know what is in the Lord's mind. You will also understand what the will of the Lord is. Spontaneously, you will be in His will and do His will. As a result, you become right with Him. Moreover, you will realize how you should act toward others and even how you should deal with your material possessions. Then you will become a righteous person, one who is right in small things as well as in great things, one who is right with God, with others, and with himself. This is a person who expresses God, for his righteousness is the image of God, God expressed.

If we walk according to the Spirit, we will also fulfill the commandments forbidding murder, fornication, stealing, giving false testimony, and coveting...In Romans 7 Paul tells us that he tried to overcome coveting, but he was not able to do so. Rather, he was killed by this commandment. Then he condemned himself and cried out, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me?" (v. 24). Then in Romans 8 he could declare, "There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death" (vv. 1-2). Paul also came to realize that the righteous requirements of the law were fulfilled in him automatically when he walked according to the Spirit of life. This also can be our experience today. There is no need for us to purpose to fulfill the Ten Commandments. Once again I say that if we walk according to the Spirit of life, every commandment will be fulfilled in us unconsciously and spontaneously. Each commandment will be thoroughly fulfilled in us. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 239-240, 252-253)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, *1932–1949*, vol. 4, "Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures, volume 4," ch. 35

Wednesday 11/12

Related Verses

Rom. 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 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.

Isa. 32:1

1 Indeed a King will reign according to righteousness, And the rulers will rule according to justice.

Heb. 1:8-9

- 8 But of the Son, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
- 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners";

Matt. 5:6, 20

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

20 For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

Matt. 22:11-12

11 But when the king came in to look at those reclining at table, he saw there a man who was not clothed with a wedding garment,

12 And he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

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,

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Related Reading

When the righteous requirements of the law are fulfilled in us because we walk according to the Spirit, then we have righteousness...When we have righteousness, we have the expression of the God we serve and worship. Because we have this expression as the spontaneous righteousness that we live out by the Spirit of life, others can be convinced and subdued.

In Romans 8:4 Paul speaks of the righteous requirement of the law, and in verse 29 he speaks of the image of God's Son: "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." If we put this verse together with verses 2 and 4, we have the Spirit, righteousness, and the image. Day by day we need to walk according to the Spirit of life so that we may fulfill the righteousness of the law. This is equal to being conformed to the image of God's Son. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, p. 253)

The way to be conformed to His image is to walk according to the Spirit of life so that the righteous requirements of the law may be fulfilled in us. Then we will have righteousness, and this righteousness is the very image of the Son of God. Therefore, the Spirit produces righteousness, and righteousness is the image.

In Romans 8 we have righteousness related to the Spirit of life and issuing in the image of the Son of God. But in Romans 14:17 righteousness is related to the kingdom of God. In this chapter the kingdom of God denotes the church life. The meetings of the church are an exhibition of the kingdom of God...The church life is the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of God is righteousness.

Paul's word in Romans 14:17 corresponds to what is written in the Old Testament. According to Psalm 89:14, righteousness is the foundation of God's throne...God's throne is established with righteousness as the foundation...Isaiah 32:1 says, "Indeed a King will reign according to righteousness." Here righteousness is again related to the kingdom...Furthermore, Hebrews 1:8 and 9 say, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness." These verses are a quotation from Psalm 45.

In the Old Testament *righteousness* is often synonymous with the *kingdom*. Therefore, righteousness is related to government, administration, regulation, and rule...Where there is righteousness, everything is headed up in a proper way.

Righteousness first issues in the image of God. Then righteousness establishes the kingdom of God. In Romans 8 we have righteousness and God's image, and in Romans 14 we have righteousness and God's kingdom. Both the image and the kingdom are based on righteousness.

Let us now apply this aspect of righteousness to our family life and our church life. When a husband and wife are not happy with each other and the situation at home is not pleasant, there is no righteousness, no image of the Son, in their family life. Likewise, the kingdom of God is not present, for God's kingdom is righteousness. Others observing the situation will not receive any impression of the image of Christ, the expression of God. \However, suppose a brother and his wife live in the Spirit and walk according to the Spirit. They will be happy, and their children will be happy also. What a glorious family life that would be! Others will be able to see the image of God and realize that the kingdom of God is present in that family. This is righteousness in the family life. (*Lifestudy of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 254-255)

Further Reading: CWWN, vol. 28, "The Gospel of God (1)," ch. 5

Thursday 11/13

Related Verses

1 Pet. 2:24

24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

2 Pet. 3:13

13 But according to His promise we are expecting new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Phil. 3:9

9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

Psa. 45:7, 9, 13-14

7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions.

9 The daughters of kings are among Your most prized; The queen stands at Your right hand in the gold of Ophir. 13 The King's daughter is all glorious within the royal abode; Her garment is a woven work inwrought with gold.

14 She will be led to the King in embroidered clothing; The virgins behind her, her companions, Will be brought to You.

Isa. 61:10

10 I will rejoice greatly in Jehovah, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with the robe of righteousness; I am like a bridegroom who wears the headdress of the priest, And like a bride who adorns herself with her jewels.

Exo. 28:2, 39

2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

39 And you shall weave the tunic of fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a girding sash, the work of an embroiderer.

Related Reading

Suppose [that] in a particular church...instead of murmuring, criticizing, or gossiping, there are forbearance, praise, calling on the Lord, and fellowship. Moreover, suppose the meetings are living, in good order, and rich in function. Surely, in such a church we can see the kingdom of God full of righteousness. Everything there is orderly and peaceful.

The goal of the new covenant ministry is to minister the all-inclusive Spirit of the processed Triune God into others to be their supply. Simultaneously, this ministry dispenses Christ into the believers as their righteousness. Then as the believers live and walk according to the

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Spirit, they will be in a condition that expresses God and that gives an impression of the Son of God. Furthermore, they will actually be the kingdom of God established in righteousness, set in order, and properly headed up. They will also have peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. This is the result of the new covenant ministry. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 255-256)

Ultimately, the bride in Revelation 19 will become the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 and 22...According to Revelation 21:18, "the building work of its wall was jasper." Also, the first foundation of the New Jerusalem will be jasper (v. 19). Therefore, the appearance of the city will be that of jasper. Revelation 4 indicates that God sitting on the throne in the heavens also has the appearance of jasper. Hence, jasper denotes God's image, His expression. The fact that jasper is the appearance both of God and of the New Jerusalem indicates that this holy city will bear the same appearance that God does. The entire city will express God.

Today we are preparing our bridal gown, a gown that will have the appearance of righteousness, which is the expression of God. Ultimately, in the New Jerusalem, this will be the appearance of jasper.

As used in 2 Peter 3:13, the word *righteousness* is rich in meaning. To say that righteousness will dwell in the new heaven and new earth means that everything will be in order, headed up, and regulated. Everything will be governed, controlled, and under the proper rule, for the throne of God, the kingdom, the divine administration, will be there. The result will be peace and joy.

At present there is little righteousness on earth. Instead, there are unrighteousness, disorder, and confusion. But praise the Lord that in the church, where we have a foretaste of the new heaven and the new earth, righteousness dwells! Moreover, we should be able to say that, by the Lord's mercy, righteousness also dwells in our family life.

Today many Christians neglect the new covenant ministry. Instead of ministering the Spirit and righteousness to others, they argue about such things as the method of baptism...The various so-called ministries have divided the children of God...The ministry of the

new covenant simply ministers Christ to others as the Spirit to be the life supply inwardly and as righteousness to be the expression of God outwardly. This expression of God as righteousness, the image of God, brings in the kingdom, where everything is regulated, orderly, and headed up. This gives us a foretaste of the coming kingdom and of the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth. This is the function of the new covenant ministry.

We must all carry on the ministry to minister Christ as the life-giving Spirit and as righteousness. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 256-258)

Further Reading: Life-study of Romans, msg. 57

Friday 11/14

Related Verses

Rev. 19:7-8

7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

Acts 13:39

39 And from all the things from which you were not able to be justified by the law of Moses, in this One everyone who believes is justified.

Gal. 3:24, 27

24 So then the law has become our child-conductor unto Christ that we might be justified out of faith.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Rom. 4:25

25 Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification.

Rom. 5:1, 9, 16, 18

1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 9 Much more then, having now been justified in His blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath.

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.

Related Reading

The bride in Revelation 19:7-8 refers to redeemed and transformed tripartite mankind. This bride will wear white linen, which is the righteousnesses of the saints. If we would have a share in this bride, who is adorned with bright, shining, clean righteousness, we need to adorn ourselves with righteousness. Day by day we need to prepare bright linen clothing to cover ourselves. This is our daily righteousness. How can we produce such a garment of righteousness? We produce it by walking daily according to the Spirit of life and by having a life that is a life of the Spirit. If we prepare our wedding garment day by day, month by month, and year by year by living such a life in the Spirit, we will not be found naked when the Lord comes. Instead, at His coming, we will be wearing a bright, clean wedding garment. (Lifestudy of 2 Corinthians, p. 256)

There are two aspects of Christ being righteousness from God to the believers. The first aspect is that He is the believers' righteousness for them to be justified before God objectively at the time of their repenting unto God and believing into Christ...Christ is our beauty given by God to us to be put on us as our clothing, our glorious dress.

The second aspect is that Christ is the believers' righteousness lived out of them as the manifestation of God, who is the righteousness in Christ given to the believers for them to be justified by God subjectively...When Christ was given to us to be put on us, He entered into us to be our life and life supply to live Himself out of us. This living out is the manifestation of God in Christ. This is pleasant in the eyes of God. Surely, God would justify us subjectively, not just objectively. Now we can see the two aspects—outward and inward. Christ is put on us, and Christ enters into us to live God out of us to be our subjective righteousness.

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Related Verses

Saturday 11/15

Rev. 3:4-5

- 4 But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white because they are worthy.
- 5 He who overcomes will be clothed thus, in white garments, and I shall by no means erase his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rom. 3:21-28 (21-22, 24, 26)

- 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been manifested, witness being borne to it by the Law and the Prophets;
- 22 Even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no
- 23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- 25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,
- **26** With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus.
- 27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, but through the law of
- 28 For we account that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Related Reading

In Psalm 45 the queen has two garments (vv. 13-14), one corresponding to the objective righteousness for our salvation and the other to the subjective righteousness for our victory. The latter is equivalent to the wedding garment in Matthew 22:11 and 12. The queen in Psalm 45 signifies the church. Her first garment is inwrought with gold, and her second is embroidered clothing. In the Bible gold signifies the nature of God. At the time of our salvation we received a golden garment that enabled us to be in the presence of God. In addition to this, we need

another garment, a garment of embroidery. This embroidery signifies the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit today is working on us to transform us...Although we have the first garment, our second garment is now being prepared under the embroidering work of the Holy Spirit. This garment will qualify us to see Christ at His judgment seat. Day by day we are under the needle, the transformation work, of the Holy Spirit. This is because we need not only justification but also approval...Only those who have the second garment produced by the embroidering work of the Holy Spirit. This garment will qualify us to see Christ at His judgment seat. Day by day we are under the needle, the transformation work, of the Holy Spirit. This is because we need not only justification but also approval...Only those who have the second garment produced by the embroidering work of the Holy Spirit will be chosen and qualified to attend the wedding feast of the Lamb. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 4327-4328)

The bride in Revelation 19 is clothed with fine linen, bright and clean—the righteousnesses of the saints. This is Christ growing in and living out of us. When we live out Christ by letting Him grow in us, He will be our living. The only way for Christ to grow in us and live out of us is by our eating and drinking Him all the time.

For the bride to be prepared means that she has the fine linen, bright and clean. No doubt, these righteousnesses are related to the righteousness in Ephesians 4:24, where we are told that the new man was created in righteousness...The righteousnesses of the bride here denote the subjective righteousness, Christ as the righteousness which has been constituted into our being. The more this subjective righteousness is wrought into the church, the more she is prepared to become the bride. Those who compose the bride have been redeemed and regenerated. But they also need to have the subjective righteousness interwoven into their being in order to have the fine linen, bright and clean. Actually, it is this linen that is the beauty of the bride.

The bride in Revelation 19 refers to the redeemed and transformed tripartite mankind. This bride will wear white linen, which is the righteousnesses of the saints. If

Christ entering into us to be enjoyed, digested, and assimilated by us to become our tissue, to become us. By eating the fattened calf, the prodigal son's face would be transformed. He came back with a pale face. But after eating the fattened calf, his face would become shining, bright, and colorful. This is Christ given by God to us as righteousness in two aspects: as the outward righteousness to beautify us and as the inward

These two aspects are typified by the best robe and

the fattened calf in Luke 15:22-23. The best robe typifies

Christ as God's righteousness given to the believers to

cover them outwardly before God as their objective

righteousness. The fattened calf typifies Christ as God's

righteousness given to the believers as their life supply

for them to live out God in Christ as their subjective

father, the father told his slaves to bring out the best robe

and put it on his son. This robe replaced the rags (cf. Isa.

64:6) of the returned prodigal...Thus, he became a new

he was still hungry. He could have said, "Father, I need

something to eat. I was eating the pigs' food. I am

starved to death. Father, I don't need this robe: I need

something to eat." But the father could say, "Son, if you

are so poor, in rags, I cannot serve you anything. I must

beautify you first by dressing you up. Then you match

me. Then I can serve you with a pleasant meal, the

to us outwardly. The fattened calf typifies the subjective

The best robe is a type of Christ being righteousness

In Luke 15 when the prodigal son came back to the

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righteousness to supply us to live Himself out of us to be God's pleasure. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 1, "Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans," pp.

Further Reading: CWWN, vol. 36, pp. 199-208

we would have a share in this bride, we need to adorn

ourselves with the bright, shining, and pure

righteousness. Day by day we need to prepare bright linen clothing to cover ourselves. This is our daily

righteousness. We produce such a garment of

righteousness by walking daily according to the Spirit of

righteousness that surpasses the righteousness of the

Pharisees. This righteousness is not the objective Christ

whom we receive as our robe for our justification.

Rather, it is the subjective Christ whom we live out as

our daily living. It is not the justifying robe; it is the

3:4, 5, and 18. In 3:4 and 5 the Lord told the church in

Sardis that those who have not defiled their garments

will walk with Him in white and that the overcomers will

be "clothed...in white garments." This is the garment for

the wedding feast. In 3:18 the Lord advised the church in

Laodicea to buy from Him "white garments." Thus, in

the book of Revelation the matter of the second garment

is stressed. If we do not have it, we will miss the

wedding feast. (The Conclusion of the New Testament,

Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 67-68

Crucial Point: Principles of Intercession from Genesis

Supplemental Reading: Enjoying Christ as the Word and the Spirit through Prayer, ch. 9; CWWN, Set 2, Vol. 38, "General Messages (2)", ch. 51 "The Key to Prayer";

Assigned Reading: LS of Genesis, msg(s). 51, 55

Further Reading: Life-study of 2 Peter, msg. 1

pp. 4328-4329, 4326-4327)

Level 2—Topical Study

Scripture: Gen. 18, 20

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 29

The second garment is also referred to in Revelation

[Matthew 5:20] clearly indicates that we must have a

life and by having a life that is a life of the Spirit.

garment that qualifies us to receive the reward.

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Related Verses

Psa. 7:17

17 I will give thanks to Jehovah according to His righteousness, And I will sing psalms to the name of Jehovah the Most High.

Psa. 9:8

8 And it is He who judges the world with righteousness;

Psa. 15:2

Psa. 23:3

righteousness For His name's sake.

Your praise all day long.

Psa. 40:9

9 I bear tidings of righteousness In the great

Himself is Judge. Selah

Your law is truth.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: CWWN, Set 2, vol. 16, "Christ Is Our

Lord's Day 11/16

He executes judgment on the peoples with equity.

2 He who walks in integrity And does righteousness And speaks truth from his heart.

3 He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of

Psa. 35:28

28 And my tongue will declare Your righteousness And

congregation. Behold, I will not withhold My lips; O Jehovah, You know.

Psa. 50:6

6 Then the heavens declare His righteousness, For God

Psa. 119:142

142 Your righteousness is an eternal righteousness, And

Righteousness," ch. 2

Hymn: #1311

1 The local churches are preparing for the Lord's

We know the time is near for our Bridegroom so dear. He's coming back to claim the Bride for which His heart

That with Him we may be through all eternity.

The Christ we love is coming soon, And He will come as our Bridegroom. We'll wait for Him, we'll watch and pray— It may be today, it may be today!

2 How we must give Him all our heart and from all idols turn!

Oh, who else could there be who loves so tenderly? Lord Jesus, You're the only One who makes our heart to burn-

O please do not delay! Come quickly, e'en today!

3 A glorious Bride He is preparing for His wedding day; She'll be so bright and pure, fine linen covering her. O Lord, work in Thy righteousness, this is the only way; And blessed we will be to join that feast with Thee.