

Monday 3/4

Related Verses

Acts 20:28

28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

Eph. 2:21

21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

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:

1 Cor. 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

1 Cor. 10:32

32 Do not become a stumbling block, both to Jews and to Greeks and to the church of God;

1 Pet. 1:3

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

Rom. 8:16

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

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In 1 Corinthians 1:2 Paul speaks of “the church of God which is in Corinth.” The church is constituted of the universal God, but it exists on earth in many localities, one of which was Corinth. In nature the church is universal in God, but in practice the church is local in a definite place.

Paul's description of the church is marvelous. However, Christians have not paid adequate attention to it...The expression *the church of God* indicates that the church has the nature of God, that it is constituted of the element of God. Therefore, the church is of God. This is the universal aspect of the church. (*Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, second edition, p. 8)

The church is...the house of God (1 Pet. 2:5)...[In] Greek [the] word *oikos* means not only the house, the dwelling, but also the household. *Oikos* means both the house and also the folks, the family, that make up the household; thus, it may also be translated as “household” (Eph. 2:19).

God's dwelling place today on earth is the church, and God, as such a great Father, has a family, which is the church...To us the house is one thing, and the family another; the house is the building, and the family is the people who live there. God's house and God's family, however, are the same. The house is the family, and the family is the house.

Both the house of God and the family of God are one entity, that is, a group of regenerated, called ones, indwelt by God Himself. These called ones, who have been regenerated by God with His life and who are being indwelt by this living God with all that He is, are both God's dwelling place and His family...This is different from a group or organization of people. This is something organic—organic in the divine life, organic in the divine nature, and organic in the Triune God.

Some stressed the *ekklesia* very much, but they did not pay much attention to the organic aspect of the church. They did not say much about the church as God's family. We must realize, though, that the church is organic; it is the living house of God. Paul says that the church is the house of the living God (1 Tim. 3:15) and that this house grows (Eph. 2:21)...For something to grow, it must be living...Anything that grows is organic, with life. Hallelujah, we are growing!

In 1964 I went to Plainview, Texas, to visit a small group of saints. Then in 1965 I went to Waco, Texas, to visit another small group. Without faith I would have been fully disappointed. When the news went to New

York, a dear brother with whom I had been co-working for a number of years said to another brother that he did not believe that these small groups in Texas would last. In 1968 I went to Lubbock, Texas. I did not see a big church; rather, I saw something that needed much faith. By His mercy I did have that faith. Then the saints in Texas moved to Houston in 1969, and I went to visit them. The situation there was somewhat encouraging but not entirely so. My visits to Irving, however, in 1982 and 1983 made me excited. There has been much growth among the churches in Texas because the church is something living. It is the living house of the living God. It is not something of organization but something of life; thus, its growth is by life. (*CWWL*, 1983, vol. 3, “The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures,” pp. 426-427)

God's dwelling place is His household, His family, and His family comes into being by God's begetting...Eventually, God's children will grow up to be His mature sons, and then they will become heirs. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 2232)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1978, vol. 3, “The Recovery of Christ as Everything in the Church,” ch. 8; *CWWL*, 1968, vol. 2, pp. 597-600

Tuesday 3/5

Related Verses

1 Tim. 3:15

15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

1 Cor. 3:16

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

John 17:14, 16

14 I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Eph. 1:22-23

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

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

John 3:6

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

John 1:12

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

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As God's dwelling place, the church is both God's house and His household, His family. In the Old Testament the temple and God's people were two separate things, but in the fulfillment in the New Testament the dwelling place and the family are one. According to God's New Testament economy, God's house is His family.

Hebrews 3:6...refers to "Christ...as a Son over His house, whose house we are." In Old Testament times, the house of God was the house of Israel (Lev. 22:18; Num. 12:7), symbolized by the tabernacle or the temple among them (Exo. 25:8; Ezek. 37:26-27). Today the house of God is the church. The children of Israel, as people of God, are a type of us, the New Testament believers (1 Cor. 9:24—10:11). Their history is a prefigure of the church. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 2227)

The church has a twofold function. To Christ, the church is the Body; to God, the church is the house. Christ is the Head, and the church is the Body of the Head. This is one function of the church. God is the Father, and the church is His house. This is another function of the church...The church as the Body of Christ is an organism. In like manner, the church as the house of God is a living entity, a living house.

First Peter 4:17, another verse that refers to the church as the house of God, says, "It is time for the judgment to begin from the house of God."...God's house, or household, is the church composed of the believers. From this house, as His own house, God begins His governmental administration by His disciplinary judgment over His own children, that He

may have strong ground to judge, in His universal kingdom, those who are disobedient to His gospel and rebellious to His government.

In speaking of the church as the house of God, Paul specifically refers to God as the living God. The living God who lives in the church must be subjective to the church and not merely objective...Because God is living, the church is also living in Him, by Him, and with Him. A living God and a living church live, move, and work together. The living church is the house of the living God. Therefore, in our meetings, service, and ministry we should give people the impression that the living God is living, moving, speaking, and acting among us.

The church, the house of the living God, is living in the Father's name and in the Father's life. This means that the church is living in the Father's reality. God's house is a living composition of His many children in the Father's life and reality. This means that where the house of God is, there is God the Father with His life and reality. This is similar to the church being the Body of Christ. Christ is not separate from the members of the Body, for, as the Head of the Body, Christ dwells in all the members. For this reason, Christ should not be counted as a separate member of the Body, because He is in all the members of the Body. The principle is the same with the church as God's house. The Father is not a separate member of the household, the house, but is in all the children.

The first characteristic of the status of the church is that it is an assembly called out of the world. The second characteristic is that the church is God's house composed of those who have been born of God...In order to be the assembly, we need to be sanctified, that is, separated from the world. But to be a component of the house of God, we need to be born of God. Anyone who has not been born of God cannot be part of His house, part of His family. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 2227-2229)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msgs. 161, 363

Wednesday 3/6

Related Verses**1 Pet. 2:5**

5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:21

21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph. 2:19, 22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Heb. 3:6

6 But Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are if indeed we hold fast the boldness and the boast of hope firm to the end.

1 Pet. 2:2-3

2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,
 3 If you have tasted that the Lord is good.

John 13:31-32

31 Then when he went out, Jesus said, Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him.

32 If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and He will glorify Him immediately.

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According to Paul's word in 1 Timothy 3:15, the church is the house of God. The Greek word rendered "house" may also be translated "household."...The household, the family, of God is the house of God. The house and the household are one thing—the assembly that is composed of the believers (Eph. 2:19; Heb. 3:6). The reality of this house as the dwelling place of the living God is in our spirit (Eph. 2:22). We must live and act in our spirit so that in this house God can be

manifested as the living God. (*Life-study of 1 Timothy*, second edition, p. 55)

As the house of God, the church is the dwelling place of God. Ephesians 2:22 says, “In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.”...Paul is saying that the local saints, the saints in Ephesus, were being built together in Christ into a dwelling place of God.

The church, the dwelling place of God on earth, is the place in which God can have His rest and put His trust. In this dwelling place God lives and moves to accomplish His will and satisfy the desire of His heart.

Because the church is God's dwelling place, the church is where God expresses Himself...The kind of person you are is expressed by your house...In His house, His dwelling place, God expresses Himself on earth. This is the reason 1 Timothy 3:16 reveals that the church is God's manifestation in the flesh...He wants to practice His New Testament economy, speak forth His desire, and manifest His glory in the church. All that He is, all that He is doing, and all that He wants to obtain are to be manifested, expressed, in the church as His dwelling place.

Ephesians 2:22 tells us that God's dwelling place is in the believers' spirit. Here Paul says that we are “being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.” This refers to the believers' regenerated human spirit indwelt by God's Holy Spirit. God's Spirit is the Dweller, not the dwelling place. The dwelling place is in the believers' spirit. God's Spirit dwells in our regenerated spirit. Therefore, the dwelling place of God is in our spirit. Our spirit is the place of God's habitation.

We all need to see clearly that God's dwelling place is in our spirit, not in our heart or in our mind. Realizing that we have a spirit and that God dwells in our regenerated spirit is crucial. If we do not know how to exercise our spirit, it will be impossible for us to understand anything concerning God's house, because this house, the dwelling place of God, is in the believers' spirit.

The word *spiritual* [in 1 Peter 2:5] denotes the qualification of the divine life that lives and grows (v. 2). The house of God subsists mainly by the divine life; hence, it is a spiritual house.

As believers in Christ, we need to grow and be transformed for the building up of God's spiritual house. God's goal in the believers is to have a house built up with spiritual stones, not separated and scattered stones, not even a pile of stones merely gathered together, but stones built up with one another. Hence, feeding on Christ by the nourishing milk in the word of God (vv. 2-3) is not only for growing in life but also for building up. Growing is for building up. Although the nourishing milk of the word is for the soul through the mind, it eventually nourishes our spirit, making us not soulish but spiritual, suitable for building up a spiritual house for God.

The Greek word translated “temple” [in Ephesians 2:21] denotes the sanctuary, the inner part of the temple. Because God's building is a living one, it is growing...into a holy temple. The actual building of the church as the house of God is by the growth in life of the believers. Furthermore, the entire building of God's house as His temple, His sanctuary, is in Christ the Lord. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 2229-2231)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Timothy*, msg. 6

Thursday 3/7

Related Verses

John 14:6

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

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

John 8:32, 36

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

36 If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

1 John 1:1-2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

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

2 Tim. 1:10

10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

2 Tim. 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

1 Tim. 6:19

19 Laying away for themselves a good foundation as a treasure for the future, that they may lay hold on that which is really life.

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In 2 Timothy 2:19 Paul declares, “...The firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.”...The foundation here does not refer to Christ as the foundation of the church but to the church as the foundation of the truth [cf. vv. 15, 18, 25]. This corresponds with the base of the truth, which holds the truth (1 Tim. 3:15), especially the truth of the resurrection of Christ (Acts 4:33).

The church is built with the divine life in Christ, a life that is indestructible, unconquerable (Heb. 7:16; Acts 2:24), and able to withstand decline into death from any source. Hence, the church is the firm foundation of God that stands forever against any heresy. No matter what kind of heresies may come in or how extensively the gangrene may spread, this firm foundation stands. (*Life-study of 2 Timothy*, second edition, pp. 31-32)

The Lord's recovery is mainly founded upon four pillars: the truth, life, the church, and the gospel. The reason Christianity is degraded is that it has lost the truth and is short of life. The Bible tells us that the Lord Himself is the truth and the life. In John 14:6 the Lord Jesus said, "I am the way and the reality and the life." In this verse the reality is the truth. Thus, the Lord said that He Himself is the life and the truth.

Both the truth and the life are the Lord Himself, but they are two different aspects of what He is. The difference is that the truth is an outward definition and explanation, and life is the inward and intrinsic content. The Lord is in us as our life, but the experience of life needs an explanation. This explanation is the truth. If we receive the Lord according to this explanation, we have life. Hence, in order to experience and enjoy the Lord as life, we must know the truth. The experience of the Lord as life is contained in the Lord as the truth. If we are not clear about the truth and do not understand or know the truth, we will have no way to enjoy the Lord as our life. For this reason we must spend an adequate amount of time to learn the truth.

The Lord has not left us in darkness. Today all His truths are contained in the Bible...We must realize that the Bible is a book of life. The reason the Bible is a book of life is that its entire content is truth. All experienced Christians confess that no one can enjoy Christ as life if he does not know the Bible or understand the truth in the Bible...We must come to the Bible to receive the truth that is in it if we want to receive and enjoy the Lord as life. All the truths in the Bible are food for our spiritual life.

All the knowledge contained in the Bible is in fact truth, and in this truth, life is concealed. When we read the Bible, if we study only the letter but not the intrinsic truth within, we will not receive life. Hence, every Bible reader has to see the truth that is conveyed through the letter of the Word. Once we see the truth, we will spontaneously touch life. The Life-studies have been published to help us enter into the depths of the letter of the Word...The Life-studies bring us into the biblical truths, from which we may receive the genuine life supply.

Today the Lord's recovery is a recovery of the truth and of life. We all know that the decline of Christianity is due to the fact that it has lost both the truth and life. This loss of the truth and life eventually produced many human methods and worldly organizations, which are not what the Lord wants. The Lord does not want any organization or human method. Instead, He wants His church to know Him as the truth and to receive and enjoy Him as life. The entire content of the church must be the growth of Christ in us as truth and life. (*CWWL, 1984*, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," pp. 415-416)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1958*, vol. 1, "Reading the Bible to See Its True Meaning and Central Thought," chs. 2-3

Friday 3/8

Related Verses**John 18:37**

37 Pilate said therefore to Him, So then You are a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I would testify to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears My voice.

1 Tim. 3:15-16

15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Col. 2:2

2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Eph. 1:22-23

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
 23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Eph. 2:22

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

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I hope that the standard of truth will be constantly raised higher among the churches in the Lord's recovery. We cannot remain in the shallow gospel truths such as peace and prosperity, Christ's incarnation to save sinners, His crucifixion to accomplish redemption, and God's love for the world. Although these things are right, they are still elementary, basic, and beginning truths. We must go up to the high peak...When many people were young, they did not understand such truths as the essential Spirit, the economical Spirit, or the dispensing of the Triune God, but now the young people all speak about these things, and their speaking is true and logical.

May we all be able to perfect the young people in the truth and encourage them to enter into the depths of the Word. This is why we have a burden to recommend and promote the Life-study messages. (*CWWL, 1984*, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," pp. 368-369)

Paul speaks [metaphorically] of the church as "the pillar and base of the truth" [1 Tim. 3:15]. The pillar supports the building, and the base holds the pillar. The church is such a supporting pillar and holding base of the truth...The truth is the reality and the contents of God's New Testament economy. This economy is composed of two mysteries: Christ as the mystery of God (Col. 2:2) and the church as the mystery of Christ (Eph. 3:4). Christ and the church, the Head and the Body, are the contents of the reality of God's New Testament economy. The church is the supporting pillar and holding base of all these realities. A local church should be such a building that holds, bears, and testifies the truth, the reality, of Christ and the church.

Saturday 3/9

To God, the church has the function to bear all that God is as the reality, the truth, of the universe...The church is not for holding doctrines but for holding the reality of all that God is. In the universe, only God is reality; all that He is, is reality, which is borne by the church. We are here as the church, the house and household of God, holding the reality of all that God is.

The truth borne by the church is the Triune God, having Christ as the embodiment, center, and expression, to produce the church as the Body of Christ, the house of God, and the kingdom of God (Col. 2:9; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:16; 1 Tim. 3:15; John 3:3, 5). The truth, the reality, is Christ, and Christ is the embodiment of God. The church bears Christ as the reality. The church testifies to the whole universe that Christ, and Christ alone, is the reality (1:14, 17; 14:6). As the pillar and base of the truth, the church bears the reality of the Triune God.

In Greek the word *truth* in 1 Timothy 3:15 denotes something real and solid...However, truth is not simply a solid reality but also the expression of this reality. Truth is not vain doctrine; it is the expression of reality, doctrine constituted with reality and conveying that reality. The church is the pillar bearing the truth, that is, bearing the expression of the reality.

The reality borne by the church is revealed in 1 Timothy 3:16: “Confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.” The truth in verse 15, the expression of the reality, is the mystery of godliness in verse 16...The mystery of godliness is God manifested in the flesh. When Christ was on earth, He was God manifested in the flesh...God was reality, and Jesus as a man in the flesh was the manifestation of God. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3671-3672)

Further Reading: *Truth Lessons—Level Three*, vol. 4, Isn. 57

Related Verses**Titus 1:1**

1 Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's chosen ones and the full knowledge of the truth, which is according to godliness,

1 Tim. 2:4

4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

2 Tim. 2:19, 25

19 However the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.

25 In meekness correcting those who oppose, if perhaps God may give them repentance unto the full knowledge of the truth,

Eph. 4:13-16

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

14 That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

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Reality comes from knowledge of the Bible plus heavenly enlightenment and personal experience...To see the reality, we first need to spend time in the Word to be nourished and to become familiar with the doctrines of the Bible. The basis for enlightening is our knowledge of the doctrines. Then we need to daily walk in Christ, looking to Him for enlightenment...Once we see the

reality by the Lord's light, the reality will become our experience. Then we will have life and truth.

When every brother and sister is full of life and truth, the church will be strong as the house of the living God and the pillar and base of the truth. This is what is needed in the Lord's recovery today. May the Lord have mercy upon us all and grant us the sufficient grace to have the proper practice to be filled with life and truth. (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 3, “The Recovery of Christ as Everything in the Church,” pp. 287-288)

First Timothy 3:15 says that the church is the pillar and base of the truth. The pillar and base of the truth is the entire church, including all the saints, not only the elders and leading ones. In ancient times buildings were supported by pillars or columns, each of which rested on a base. Paul referred to this architectural feature to illustrate that the church is the pillar and base to bear the truth. Most of the saints probably do not have a deep sensation that they are responsible to bear the truth.

To understand what it means to bear the truth, we may consider the example of Paul in Galatians 2:11-14. Peter's shrinking back from eating with the Gentiles was contrary to the truth of the gospel, and Paul saw this...Compared to Peter, Paul was a young apostle. However, Paul saw that Peter did something contrary to the truth. Perhaps if we had been in Paul's place, we would not have rebuked Peter...Paul, however, wrote, “When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned” (v. 11). Paul rebuked Peter, for although Peter was older and more experienced, at that instant Peter was doing something that was not according to the truth. Paul was thus bearing the truth; he was a pillar and base of the truth.

The Bible does not say that the apostles are the pillar and base of the truth. Rather, [it] reveals that the church, which includes every believer, must bear the truth. If every saint does not bear the truth, the church will not be strong but will merely be a group of people who do not know and practice the truth but leave everything to the elders. This is a poor church.

While a brother is speaking, all the saints need to discern whether or not he is speaking according to the

truth [cf. 1 Cor. 14:29]. If what he speaks is not according to the truth, every saint should be ready to stand up and say something to uphold the truth...In order for the church to be strong, every brother and sister must know the truth.

Paul refers to “the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth” [1 Tim. 3:15]...The church being the pillar and base of the truth implies that every member of the church should know the truth. We need to make a decision to learn the truth...For the sake of the spreading of the church to new localities, there is a need of leading ones, some who can bear responsibility...If we learn the truth and practice the truth in the daily church life, every member will be able to bear some responsibility. Then wherever we spread, there will be no problems; every local church will be strong. (*CWWL, 1978, vol. 2, “Crucial Principles for the Christian Life and the Church Life,”* pp. 618, 620)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1978, vol. 2, “Crucial Principles for the Christian Life and the Church Life,”* chs. 7-8

Lord's Day 3/10

Related Verses

Eph. 4:17-25

17 This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,

18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.

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.

25 Therefore having put off the lie, speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *Life-study of First Timothy, msg. 6*

Hymn: #863

1 In daily walk and in our meetings too,
Christ is the center, Christ is everything;
'Tis not for form nor doctrine good and true,
But 'tis for Christ alone we're gathering.

2 Christ is the way and Christ the light of life,
In Him we walk and by Him we are led;
Christ is the living water and the food;
Of Him we drink and we with Him are fed.

3 Christ is the truth, 'tis Him we testify,
Christ is the life, 'tis Him we minister;
Christ is the Lord, 'tis Him we magnify,
Christ is the Head, and we exalt Him here.

4 Christ is the All in all to God and man—
With Him both we and God are satisfied;
Christ, the reality within the Church—
By Him are life and numbers multiplied.

5 By all the hymns and prayers we offer here,
Christ the reality we would express;
All the activities in fellowship—
Christ thus in operation manifest.

6 'Tis in His Name we meet, in Spirit act,
With nothing in our mind to formalize;
'Tis by His pow'r we pray, in unction praise,
And with Himself in spirit exercise.

7 All things forgetting, cleaving unto Christ,
Applying Him until maturity;
Let us count everything but loss for Him,
For Him, our All in all, eternally.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 1:10-14

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 3-4*

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Superiority of the Son

Scripture: Heb. 1:4-14; 3:1-6; 4:14-5:10; 6:20-7:28

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 4, 7, 15*

Supplemental Reading: *A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church (part 3—Hebrews through Jude), chs. 24-25*

Questions:

1. Explain concisely how the Son is superior to angels, to Moses, and to Aaron.
2. In the New Testament, what are some examples where some made the Son inferior in their evaluation?
3. What are some things in our Christian life that can undermine the superiority of the Son in our evaluation?
4. Where in the Old Testament is Jesus Christ as the Son revealed?