

Overview: Our first problem with God is the matter of living for ourselves, not for God. But praise the Lord! Christ lived a life on earth absolutely for God. This Christ is the burned offering. The more we enjoy Christ as our burnt offering, the more we realize how sinful we are; then we can take Him as our sin offering more deeply than ever, and this causes us to enjoy Him more as the burnt offering. We ourselves cannot live absolutely for God but we can live for God by joining and being one with Christ and by living Christ. The more we take Christ as our burnt offering, the more the outward expression of His beauty is ascribed to us for His magnification, and the more we enjoy Christ as our enveloping power to cover, protect, and preserve us. The burnt offering indicates that we have a heart that is absolute for God in this age. The ashes as the result of the burned offering signify that our natural man is reduced to nothing. We are being reduced to ashes to become the New Jerusalem for God's expression. Eventually, the ashes will become the New Jerusalem and express God.

I. The burnt offering, which was wholly for God's satisfaction, as food for God, signifies Christ as God's pleasure and satisfaction, as the One whose living on earth was absolutely for God:

- A.** As the burnt offering, Christ was brought to the slaughter.
- B.** As the burnt offering, Christ was slaughtered.
- C.** As the burnt offering, Christ was skinned, stripped of the outward appearance of His human virtues.
- D.** As the burnt offering, Christ was cut into pieces.
- E.** Christ's experience in being wisdom is signified by the head of the burnt offering.
- F.** Christ's experience in being God's delight is signified by the fat of the burnt offering.
- G.** Christ's experience in the inward parts of His being is signified by the inward parts of the burnt offering.
- H.** Christ's experience in His walk is signified by the legs of the burnt offering.
- I.** Christ's experience of being kept by the Holy Spirit from defilement is signified by the legs and the inward parts of the burnt offering being washed.

II. The more we enjoy Christ as our burnt offering, the more we realize how sinful we are; then we can take Him as our sin offering more deeply than ever, and this causes us to enjoy Him more as the burnt offering.

V. The more we take Christ as our burnt offering, the more the outward expression of His beauty is ascribed to us for His magnification, and the more we enjoy Christ as our enveloping power to cover, protect, and preserve us.

VI. We need to worship the Father with Christ as the burnt offering for God's satisfaction:

A. God wants us to worship Him with Christ as the reality of the offerings; the offerings are for pleasing God and making Him happy.

B. God is hungry and needs food; the offerings are God's food:

1. One of the main purposes of the offerings is that they are food for God.

2. The burnt offering is God's food so that He may enjoy it and be satisfied, and only He is allowed to eat it.

C. The burnt offering is for God's satisfaction to fulfill His desire:

- 1.** The burnt offering denotes Christ's being absolute for God's satisfaction.
- 2.** Proper worship is a matter of satisfying God with Christ as the burnt offering.
- 3.** The Hebrew word translated "burnt offering" denotes something that is ascending; this ascending refers to Christ:
 - a.** The only thing that can ascend to God from earth is the life lived by Christ, for He is the unique person to live a life that is absolutely for God.
 - b.** As the burnt offering, Christ is absolutely for living a life that can satisfy God in full:
 - (1)** By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him.
 - (2)** As Christ lives in us, He repeats in us the life He lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering.
 - 4.** The Hebrew words translated "satisfying fragrance" literally mean "savor of rest or satisfaction," that is, a savor giving satisfaction to God:
 - a.** A satisfying fragrance is a savor that brings satisfaction, peace, and rest; such a satisfying fragrance is an enjoyment to God.
 - b.** When we worship the Father with Christ as the reality of the burnt offering, a fragrance well pleasing to God will ascend to Him for His satisfaction.
 - c.** Since God is satisfied, He will render His sweet acceptance to us; this is the significance of the burnt offering.

III. By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him, and He and we become one:

- A.** In such a union, such an identification, all our weaknesses, defects, and faults are taken on by Him, and all His virtues become ours.
- B.** By such a union, Christ becomes one with us and lives in us, repeating in us the life that He lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering.

IV. We need to take Christ as our burnt offering daily so that we may experience Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering, not imitating Christ outwardly but living Him in our daily life:

- A.** We need to experience Christ in His being brought to the slaughter.
- B.** We need to experience Christ in His being slaughtered.

C. We need to experience Christ in His being skinned.

D. We need to experience Christ in His being cut to pieces.

E. We need to experience Christ in His wisdom.

F. We need to experience Christ in His being a delight to God.

G. We need to experience Christ in the inward parts of His being.

H. We need to experience Christ in His walk.

I. We need to experience Christ in His being kept by the Holy Spirit from defilement.

VII. We are being reduced to ashes to become the New Jerusalem for God's expression:

A. The burnt offering indicates that we have a heart that is absolute for God in this age.

B. The ashes signify Christ reduced to nothing:

- 1.** The Lord's desire is that all the believers in Christ be reduced to ashes.
- 2.** Since we are one with the Christ who has been reduced to ashes, we also are reduced to ashes, that is, reduced to nothing, to zero.
- 3.** The more we are identified with Christ in His death, the more we will realize that we have become a heap of ashes.
- 4.** When we become ashes, we are no longer a natural person; instead, we are a person who has been crucified, terminated, burned.

C. The ashes are a sign of God's acceptance of the burnt offering:

1. For God to accept the burnt offering is for Him to turn it to ashes.

2. For God to accept the burnt offering also means that He accepts it as fat, something that is sweet and pleasing to Him.

D. Putting the ashes at the east side of the altar, the side of the sunrise, is an allusion to resurrection:

- 1.** With Christ as the burnt offering, the ashes are not the end—they are the beginning.
- 2.** The ashes mean that Christ has been put to death, but the east signifies resurrection.
- 3.** The more we are reduced to ashes in Christ, the more we will be put to the east, and on the east we will have the assurance that the sun will rise and that we will experience the sunrise of resurrection.

E. Eventually, the ashes will become the New Jerusalem:

1. Christ's death brings us to an end; that is, it reduces us to ashes.

2. Christ's death brings in resurrection, and in resurrection the ashes become precious materials for God's building.

3. When we are reduced to ashes, we are brought into the transformation of the Triune God.

4. The precious materials for the building of the New Jerusalem come from the transformation of the ashes.

F. The result of our being a burnt offering will be something that carries out God's economy.

Day1: Lev.1:1 Then Jehovah called to Moses and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock. 3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah. 4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him. 5 And he shall slaughter the young bull before Jehovah; and Aaron's sons the priests shall present the blood and sprinkle the blood on and around the altar that is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 6 And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces. 7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange the wood in order on the fire. 8 Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar; 9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.

Isa.53:7 Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter And like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Day2: Luke2:52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in the grace manifested in Him before God and men.

Matt.3:17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight.

4:1 Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil.

John6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

Day3: Lev.1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.

2Cor.4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Phil.3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Day4: 1Cor.4:12 ···Reviled we bless; persecuted we endure; 13 Defamed we exhort. We have become as the offscouring of the world, the scum of all things, until now.

Gal.1:10 For am I now trying to win the assent of men or of God? Or am I seeking to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ.

Phil.2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

1:8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus.

Day5: 1Pet.2:5 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.

Heb.13:15 Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.

Day6: Lev.6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

Experience ① : Experience Christ as the burnt offering

By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him. We and He, He and we, become one. Such a union, such an identification, indicates that all our weaknesses, defects, shortcomings, and faults become His and that all His virtues become ours. This is not exchange—it is union.

We may realize that we are altogether unqualified and hopeless. This is our actual situation. But when we lay our hands on Christ, our weak points become His, and His strong points, His virtues, become ours. Furthermore, spiritually speaking, by such a union He becomes one with us and lives in us. As He lives in us, He will repeat in us the life He lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering. In ourselves we cannot live this kind of life, but He can live it in us. By laying our hands on Him we make Him one with us, and we make ourselves one with Him. Then He will repeat His living in us. This is to offer the burnt offering.

To take Christ as our sin offering and trespass offering, there is no need for us to experience what Christ experienced. However, to take Christ as our burnt offering, we need to experience what Christ experienced.

If we experience Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering to God, we shall realize that we, like Christ, should be brought to the slaughter. We may apply this to the matter of married life. In a quarrel between husband and wife, if both, or even one of the two, would experience Christ in His experience of being brought to the slaughter, the quarrel would be swallowed up. The result will be the same concerning problems in the church if in the church life we experience Christ in His experience of being brought to the slaughter.

For Young Working Saints

Christ, as the one who did not know sin, has been made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness. This is the Christ as the sin offering. Moreover, Christ has died on the cross for our sins. This is the Christ as the trespass offering. Praise the Lord. What you need is only to partake the blessing. With these, you cannot experience what Christ experienced, because Christ does not have sin but you have sin. However, regarding burnt offering, you need to experience what Christ experienced.

For example, in your work environment, a boss whom you cannot get along with, or a colleague who does not like you may be arranged, but you do not have a right to change such environment. Be submissive to the sovereignty of the Lord, and pray this way; "Oh, Lord Jesus, I am very confused in this work environment. But I don't have authority to change this matter. Lord Jesus, I would learn to obey my boss in my company which decided to make this arrangement. And also I would come before You as the true sovereign One and be submissive to you. Give grace to me. In this environment, let me learn what I need to learn without complaining. Thank the Lord."

God can transform you by arranging every environment for you. You may not know what is the best for you in many situations, but God knows.

Rom 8:27 But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Experience ② : We must live Christ, in order to experience Christ as wisdom

First Corinthians 1:30 tells us that Christ has become wisdom to us from God. In Leviticus 1 Christ's wisdom is typified by the head of the burnt offering. If we would take Christ as our wisdom, we must live Christ. The proper Christian life, a life of abiding in the Lord that we may enjoy His life, is a life of doing things not by ourselves but by Him.

We may experience Christ also in His being a delight to God. The Lord Jesus was always a delight to God....If we today live a life of Christ as our burnt offering, we too shall be a delight to God. Paul experienced Christ in this way....He says, "Am I now trying to win the assent of men or of God? Or am I seeking to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ". Paul lived a life which was a repetition of Christ's life, pleasing God all the time. His life, therefore, was a delight to God.

Christ's inwards denotes all the inward parts of His being, including His mind, emotion, will and heart with all their functions. The leading part of our inwards, of our inner being, is the mind....The mind which was in Christ should be in us today. This means that we should take His mind as our mind. We should be those not with our own, natural mind but with the mind of Christ.

For Junior and Senior High Students

You need to experience Christ as wisdom in the studies and the complicated human relations in your school life. For this, please do not seek only the wisdom of Christ in a miraculous way. Even if you pursue in such a way, it will have no effect at all. In order to experience the wisdom of Christ, you need to be filled with Christ and live Christ. For this purpose, train yourself with the following matters.

1. Early to bed and early to rise: Brother Lee said that the best time to enjoy the Lord was from 6 to 7 o'clock in the morning. For this, you must go to bed early. If possible, go to bed by 11, but no later than 12 o'clock. When you go to bed, please pray "Oh Lord Jesus, when I sleep please let me rest in You and with You. I ask Your grace even when I am asleep. Without Your grace, I cannot sleep well, because I may have untidy sleep and see bad dreams. Please also wake me up tomorrow morning just before the alarm goes off. Amen!" In this way, pray-read the Lord's word every day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and practice morning revival every day. All the enjoyments shall become your daily supply and accumulate in you.
2. Be renewed everyday: By being revived every morning, you go to school with the Lord every day and train to live Christ little by little.
3. Learn to do things by the Lord, with your mind set on the spirit: First, experience Christ as wisdom in your studies. Use every morning revival and be renewed everyday as the foundation, set your mind on the spirit when studying, think, understand and memorize with the Lord. In addition, you need to receive wisdom from the Lord on how to conduct yourself in the complex human relations.

1 Cor. 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

624 集会 — キリストを展覽する

1. すべてのしゅうかい、主と主のゆたかを、
みかみの一かてとし、展覽しよう、主を。
(復) 展覽しよう、主を、展覽しよう、主を、
主のとみを持ち来て、展覽しよう、主を。
2. 主により生き、また 主によりたたかわん；
主により一むすばれ、展覽しよう、主を。
3. わがあゆみすべて、主を實際となして、
しゅうかい一たびごと、展覽しよう、主を。
4. かみのためつどい、手に主、持ち寄らば、
かみと主一たのしまん、展覽しよう、主を。
5. 復かつ、しょう天の主、薫香としささげ；
みかみ満一ぞくする、展覽しよう、主を。
6. しゅうかいのちゆう心、ほう仕、ふん困気も、
主を展覽一するため、展覽しよう、主を。
7. あかしもいのりも、おしえ、まじわりも、
たまもの一すべてで、展覽しよう、主を。
8. ちちにえい光帰し、御子をたかく上げ、
ひつ要満一たすため、展覽しよう、主を。

624 聚会—展览基督

- 一
每逢聚集带来基督，将祂所赐有余丰富，
同来献上作神食物，如此展览基督。
(副) 前来展览基督，前来展览基督；
共同带来祂的丰富，前来展览基督。
- 二
凭祂生活，靠祂争战，在祂身上经营无间；
藉祂丰富彼此结联，为要展览基督。
- 三
凡我所是、所行、所历，都是基督作我实际，
好使我们每逢聚集，都能展览基督。
- 四
聚会为神带来基督，彼此享受祂的丰富，
且得与神同享基督，如此展览基督。
- 五
复活基督作神馨香，升天基督向神举上，
使神满足供神欣赏，如此展览基督。
- 六
聚会中心、聚会实际、所有服事、所有空气，
除此之外别无目的，全为展览基督。
- 七
所有见证、所有祷告、所有灵中彼此相交、
恩赐运用、一切教导，都为展览基督。
- 八
为使父神得荣称许，为使基督得到高举，
并使聚会应付所需，必须展览基督。

864. Meetings - Exhibiting Christ

- 1 Whene'er we meet with Christ endued,
The surplus of His plenitude
We offer unto God as food,
And thus exhibit Christ.
(C) Let us exhibit Christ, Let us exhibit Christ;
We'll bring His surplus to the church
And thus exhibit Christ.
- 2 In Christ we live, by Christ we fight,
On Christ we labor day and night,
And with His surplus we unite
To thus exhibit Christ.
- 3 Our life and all we are and do
Is Christ Himself, the substance true,
That every time we meet anew
We may exhibit Christ.
- 4 In meetings Christ to God we bear
And Christ with one another share,
And Christ with God enjoying there,
We thus exhibit Christ.
- 5 The risen Christ to God we bring,
And Christ ascended offering,
God's satisfaction answering,
We thus exhibit Christ.
- 6 The center and reality,
The atmosphere and ministry,
Of all our meetings is that we
May thus exhibit Christ.
- 7 The testimony and the prayer,
And all the fellowship we share,
The exercise of gifts, whate'er,
Should just exhibit Christ.
- 8 The Father we would glorify,
Exalting Christ the Son, thereby
The meeting's purpose satisfy
That we exhibit Christ.