

#2: Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive, Extensive Christ as the Good Land—Our Allotted Portion

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Overview: The New Testament believers' allotted portion is not a physical land; it is the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit (I). The good land is a land flowing with milk and honey. Its meaning is illustrated by the Lord's table. The Lord's table represents the redeeming aspect (animal life) and the generating aspect (vegetable life) of Christ, for God's complete salvation. We must be "in the light (= God, God's word, Christ, Christ's life, believers, church)" in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land (II). We can walk in Christ as our living land and absorb Christ as our rich soil, in which we have been rooted. When we take time to absorb Him, we grow with the growth of God in us for the building up of the Body of Christ (III).

I. Christ as the preeminent and all-inclusive One is the allotted portion of the saints:

Col. 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

A. The allotted portion refers to the lot of the inheritance, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance.

B. The New Testament believers' allotted portion is not a physical land; it is the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit: **Col. 2:6-7** As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, Having been rooted and being built up in Him... **1.** The riches of the good land typify the unsearchable riches of Christ in different aspects as the bountiful supply to His believers in His Spirit. **2.** By enjoying the riches of the land, the believers in Christ are built up to be His Body as the house of God and the kingdom of God. **Mon**

II. The purpose of God's calling is to bring God's chosen people into the enjoyment of the all-inclusive, extensive Christ, typified by the good land flowing with milk and honey:

Exo. 3:8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

A. Milk and honey, which are the mingling of both the animal life and the vegetable life, are two aspects of the life of Christ—the redeeming aspect and the generating aspect: **1.** The redeeming aspect of Christ's life is for our judicial redemption, and the generating aspect of Christ's life is for our organic salvation. **2.** The symbols of the Lord's table signify the redeeming and generating aspects of Christ's life for God's complete salvation; thus, the good land has become a table, a feast for our enjoyment.

B. We must be "in the light" in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land in His redeeming and generating aspects: **Col. 1:12** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

1. God is light. **2.** The word of God is light. **3.** Christ is light.

4. The life of Christ is light. **5.** The believers are light.

6. The Church is a lampstand shining with light. **Tue**

C. We must eat God's words to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land in His redeeming and generating aspects; God's word is milk for us to drink and honey for us to eat.

John 6:57 so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. **63** the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. **1 Pet. 2:2** As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation. **Psa. 119:103** How sweet are Your words to my taste! Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

D. By enjoying Christ as the land of milk and honey, we will be constituted with Him as milk and honey—"Your lips drip fresh honey, my bride; /Honey and milk are under your tongue: **1.** Honey restores the stricken ones, whereas milk feeds the new ones. **2.** The seeker has stored so many riches within her that food is under her tongue, and she can dispense the riches of Christ to the needy ones at any time. **3.** This sweetness is not produced overnight but comes from a long period of gathering, inward activity, and careful storage. **Wed**

III. We can walk in Christ as our living land and absorb Christ as our rich soil, in which we have been rooted, so that we may grow with the elements that we absorb from the soil:

Col. 2:6-7 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, Having been rooted and being built up in Him...

A. Colossians 2:8-15 presents a full description and definition of Christ as the soil in which we do not lack anything; as we take time to absorb Him as the all-inclusive land, the facts in these verses become our experience: **Col. 2:9-10** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.

1. Christ as the soil is the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily: **a.** Fullness refers not to the riches of God but to the expression of the riches of God; what dwells in Christ is not only the riches of the Godhead but also the expression of the riches of what God is. **b.**

When we are rooted in Christ as the soil, we are made full in Him; we are filled up with all the divine riches to become His expression. **c.** In Christ as the soil we are filled, completed, perfected, satisfied, and thoroughly supplied; we do not lack anything. **d.** Christ as the soil is the history and mystery of God with all the riches of His person and processes. **2.** Christ as the soil is the Head of all rule and authority. **Thu**

3. In Christ as the soil there is the killing power, which puts the flesh to death. **4.** In Christ as the soil there is an element that causes us to be buried. **5.**

In Christ as the soil there is an element that causes us to be raised up. **6.** In Christ as the soil there is an element that vivifies us. **7.** In Christ as the soil there is the wiping out of the handwriting in ordinances. **Col. 2:12-14** Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, though dead in your offenses and

in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our offenses; Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us... and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. **Fri**

8. In Christ as the soil there is the victory over the evil spirits in the atmosphere. **Col. 2:15** Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

B. We must take time to enjoy the Lord as the all-inclusive land so that all the elements of Christ as the rich soil may be absorbed into us for us to be made full in Him in our experience: **1.** If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots. **2.** We need to forget our situation, our condition, our failures, and our weaknesses and simply take time to absorb the Lord; as we take time to absorb Him, we grow with the growth of God in us for the building up of the Body of Christ. **Col. 2:7** Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): Enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the allotted portion in the light

OL1: The allotted portion refers to the lot of the inheritance, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance. **OL2:** We must be "in the light" in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ: **(1)** God is light, **(2)** The word of God is light, **(3)** Christ is light, **(4)** The life of Christ is light, **(5)** The believers are light, **(6)** The church is a lampstand shining with light. **Col. 1:12** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Christ, our portion, is to be enjoyed by us in the light. In John 8:12 the Lord Jesus said that He is the light of the world and that whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. However, if we do not follow Him as the light, we shall be in darkness.

First John 1:5 says that God is light. He alone is the source of light. The Word of God, Christ, the life of Christ, the believers, and the church can all be light because they have God as their source.

Psalms 119:105 says that the Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, and 119:130 says that the opening of God's words gives light. The Word of God is light because it contains God... The source of the Bible is God, and God is light. Therefore, the words of the Bible are the shining of light.

For young working saints and graduate students

As young working saints or graduate school students, please realize that Christ typified by the good land is your allotted portion. You must thank God for His portion to enjoy this wonderful good land, Christ.

To enjoy this allotment, you need to be in the light. God is light. Moreover, Christ, the life of Christ, God's word, the believers and the church are light. Thus for you to be in the light, please call on the name of the Lord Jesus, read the Lord's word, fellowship with the Lord and brothers and sisters and join the Lord's day church meeting and prayer

meetings. Then you can remain in the light.

The worldly people join some self-development trainings to gain light, the good trainings usually cost a lot because they are consecutive, or invest a good amount of money to form and maintain a good range of personal connections with the outstanding people. These can be some help but they are not light. Hallelujah! The church life is full of the contact with God as light, God's word, Christ, the life of Christ, the believers and the church as the Body of Christ. May the Lord open your eyes to see this wonderful church life and grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation and take away the veil of your concept and cause you to realize the excellency of the church life which is full of light! Once you remain in the light, you can experience the bountiful riches of Christ in your practical living (school life or business life). That is to experience Christ as all you need such as your wisdom, energy, driving force, insight, perseverance, the ability to bring things together and harmonizing ability. The secret is to remain in the church life and remain in the light.

A brother's testimony: I can testify concerning the changing of my job, that church life is full of light and it helped me to walk properly. When I was working at Japanese subsidiary of one of the world largest American consumer goods and drug company, the U.S. head office suddenly decided to sell their pharmaceutical department which had high profit margin. It was such a sudden change of direction since the company had been hiring aggressively the experienced personnel in the pharmaceutical field. The employees of the pharmaceutical department were greatly troubled and forced to move to the department of consumer goods or change jobs. My seniors who had their strong connection to the outstanding people in the pharmaceutical field kindly offered various job opportunity for me. But I did not depend on them, rather under the Lord's leading through prayers and fellowship of the brothers and sisters, I started to work for one American medical device manufacturer. My former colleagues applauded me saying I was most successful in changing job during this whole change. Thank the Lord. This change of the job was the best in the aspect of salary and also in the aspect of my carrier. At that time, there was no one in the church life who had experience in business of this pharmaceutical and medical device field, so apparently it seemed useless to ask the brothers and sisters to fellowship and pray about this matter. However, the Lord's leading in the church life was far more excellent than depending on the connection in business world.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, the church life is full of God as light, the life of Christ, brothers and sisters and the reality of the Body of Christ. Hallelujah! To participate in Christ's riches which include everything, I will remain in the light, remain in the church life. I give my whole life to the Lord. Let me continue experiencing all-inclusive Christ which is my allotted portion, in the light together with the brothers and sisters for my whole life.

Crucial Point(2): Store up milk and honey under the tongue to dispense Christ's riches to the weak ones and immature ones

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chosen people into the enjoyment of the all-inclusive, extensive Christ, typified by the good land flowing with milk and honey. **OL2:** Milk and honey, which are the mingling of both the animal life and the vegetable life, are two aspects of the life of Christ—the redeeming aspect and the generating aspect

OL3: The symbols of the Lord's table signify the redeeming and generating aspects of Christ's life for God's complete salvation; thus, the good land has become a table, a feast for our enjoyment

OL4: Honey restores the stricken ones, whereas milk feeds the new ones. The seeker has stored so many riches within her that food is under her tongue, and she can dispense the riches of Christ to the needy ones at any time. **OL5:** This sweetness is not produced overnight but comes from a long period of gathering, inward activity, and careful storage.

Song of Songs 4:11 says, "Your lips drip fresh honey, my bride; / Honey and milk are under your tongue; / And the fragrance of your garments / Is like the fragrance of Lebanon."... No human or natural smell can be compared to the fragrance that emanates from the maiden. This naturally makes her lips drop as the honeycomb. Honey is sweet, and it restores the stricken ones. But this sweetness is not produced overnight. It comes from a long period of gathering, inward activity, and careful storage. This is the unique possession of one who is taught by God. From the mouth of the maiden issue forth sweet and refreshing words, not gossip, jokes, or rash words. Her words are not outbursts of torrents, but drops of honey from the honeycomb. This is the slowest kind of dripping. Some people have the urge to speak; their words are like the babbling of brooks. Even when they speak about spiritual things, the way they speak shows that they have not passed through the deeper work of grace. In this verse we can notice not only her lips slowly dropping sweet honey, but the things that are stored within her. "Honey and milk are under your tongue." The top of the tongue is where man takes in food, whereas under the tongue is where man stores food. This means that she has stored up these things; there are riches within her. She has more than enough food. Honey restores the weak ones, whereas milk feeds the immature ones. She has stored so many riches within her that food seems to be under her tongue, and she can dispense to the needy ones at any time.

Application to the serving ones

The fact that the good land is the land of flowing milk and honey shows that the good land is rich in the animal life and vegetable life. Honey is produced by the bees gathering of honey from flowers. Milk is produced by the cow eating grass. Thus milk and honey are the mingling of the animal life and vegetable life.

The Lord's table of every Lord's day typifies Christ's redeeming aspect (animal life) and the producing aspect (vegetable life) and they are for God's complete salvation. Because of this, the good land has become the table, the feast for our enjoyment. Please sanctify the Lord's day

every week and participate in the Lord's table. To continue this practice is indispensable for your continual enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ for your whole life.

Moreover, you as a serving one, need to store milk and honey. The fact that the Lord's seeker stored up milk and honey under her tongue are for using your tongue to speak God's word and dispense Christ according to the need of the weak ones and immature ones. For this, you need to spend time to know, experience and store the riches of Christ. Brother Lee recommended especially the leading ones who were serving in the church to spend 30 minutes every day to pursue the recovery version of the new testament with footnotes, the life studies of the Bible and the spiritual books. All the books that the Living Stream Ministry in US (English books), Taiwan Gospel Bookroom (Chinese books) and Japan Gospel Bookroom (Japanese books) have published are extremely rich. If you don't spend much time on them and continue pursuing over the long period of time, you can not finish reading nor digest them.

A brother's testimony: I got baptized right before I got married to my wife. After our marriage, I read through the Bible with my wife. Before, I could not understand when I listened to the talk in the church meetings, but by getting to know the Bible, I started understanding what the brothers and sisters were testifying about. When I was reading and couldn't understand some parts, I was helped by reading the footnotes. The New Testament has a lot of quotations from the Old Testament, without reading the Old Testament, we can not understand well. So reading through the Old and New Testament benefitted me a lot.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I pray and read not only the "Morning Nourishment" every morning, but also read the Bible according to the schedule of the Church. Moreover I store up honey and milk by reading the ministry books. That's for supply the weak ones and immature ones according to their need. May I depend on the Lord's grace to store faithfully and carefully. Amen!"

Crucial Point(3):

Have intimate fellowship with the Lord, take part in the eight main nutrients in the soil with root hair.

OL1: We can walk in Christ as our living land and absorb Christ as our rich soil, in which we have been rooted, so that we may grow with the elements that we absorb from the soil. **Col. 2:6-7** As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, Having been rooted and being built up in Him...

OL2: Christ as the soil is (1) the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily. (2) the Head of all rule and authority.

In Christ as the soil (3) there is the killing power, which puts the flesh to death. (4) there is an element that causes us to be buried. (5) there is an element that causes us to be raised up. (6) there is an element that vivifies us. (7) there is the wiping out of the handwriting in ordinances. (8) there is the victory over the evil spirits in the atmosphere.

If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots. Do not let yourself get old, but be fresh and renewed day by day. Pray to the Lord,

“Lord, I want my consecration to be fresh, and I want to open to You anew. I want my roots to be tender that I may absorb Your riches. Lord, don’t let my roots get old.” ... This is to enjoy Christ and to experience Him subjectively daily and hourly. If you see that we have been rooted in Christ as the rich soil, you will be comforted and encouraged....In this soil do you not have the fullness, the circumcision, the burial, the raising up, the giving of life, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the powers of darkness? Forget your situation, your condition, your failures, and your weaknesses and simply take time to enjoy the Lord. Take time to absorb Him, to assimilate the rich elements from Him as the soil. If you take time to absorb the Lord, you will be able to testify that in Christ you have no lack. If you spend thirty minutes to absorb the Lord and to enjoy Him in the morning, you will not be bothered by negative things during the day. The “flies” and “scorpions” will not pester you, for the elements in the soil will repel them.

For new ones & young people · college students

Morning Revival: For new ones or students, please carry out “Morning Revival.” Morning Revival means that always be touched, moistened, freshened and revived by the fresh Lord in the new start of the morning. Therefore, please sanctify 10~20minutes with the brothers and sisters to call upon the name of the Lord, pray-read the Words, read a part of the message, use the message to pray and pray for each other. This practice is the basis of your Christian life. On the basis of Morning Revival, you can develop Christian life, church life, school life and business life in the Lord with.

Absorb the nutrients from the soil (Lord) with root hair: In addition to the Morning Revival with brothers and sisters corporately, you should also have an intimate personal fellowship with the Lord every morning. This is a personal aspect of “Morning Revival” for you to have root hair. Plants absorb nutrients from the soil, not with the large, thick roots, but with the soft root hairs that emerge from the root surface. Without root hair, it cannot actually absorb the nutrients mixed with the water in the soil. Root hairs die in a matter of days or weeks. In other words, previous root hair experiences are not the root hair of today. Please grow fresh root hair every morning.

Eight major nutrients in the soil:

(1)all the fullness of the Godhead, (2)the Head of all rule and authority, (3)the killing power, which puts the flesh to death, (4)element that causes us to be buried, (5)element that causes us to be raised up, (6)element that vivifies us, (7)the wiping out of the handwriting in ordinances, (8)the victory over the evil spirits in the atmosphere are the main nutrient in this soil. However, if you have no root hair empirically, these eight nutrients in Christ cannot be yours. Have a personal and intimate fellowship with the Lord with His Word to carry out a rooted Christian life.

For example, when fornication, uncleanness, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger rise from your flesh, fellowship with the Lord personally, be enlightened and confess your sins. That way, you will take part in the element that kills the flesh with root hair.

Gal. 5:19 And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are such things as fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, divisions, sects, 21 Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Prayer: “Oh Lord Jesus, in order to have intimate fellowship with the Lord privately, I will carry out Morning Revival corporately with brothers and sisters. After that, I also need personal and intimate fellowship with the Lord with His Word. This is the personal aspect of Morning Revival. This personal and intimate fellowship allows me to absorb nutrients with root hair. When jealousy and anger erupt from my flesh, I can fellowship with the Lord, confess my sins, take part in the elements that kill the flesh, and adjust the inside correctly. Amen!”

Topic of the Week: The carry-out of one new man without distinction of nationality, race or social class is impossible in the culture

The other day, the news that “Prince Harry and Princess Meghan resign from the British Royal Family” spread all over the world. (We have no intention to treat this as gossip.) It is reported that the background of this problem is that Meghan's mother is an African-American. And it seems that it is not well regarded by the traditional royal family. The Deputy Prime Minister of the Japan Government also stated that “Japan is the only nation in the world to exist under one ethnicity, one language, one place, one dynasty for 2000 years.” (It is later retracted after being criticized.) He was proud of saying this.

It is extremely difficult to change a person's cultural ideas, preconceptions, and pride. It gets harder like rock as the age goes by. In many cases, they are so stubborn that they cannot keep up with change. Therefore, the verse “And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind(Eph. 4:23)” is a precious thing for Christians! The old man gets older. But we Christians can renew our mind by putting them in the spirit. When the gaps and hostility come from cultural pride, we fellowship with the Lord, confess our sins, and enter into Christ. Hallelujah! Put the mind in spirit, grow in Christ, take off the old man and put on the new man. There is no Japanese, Chinese, Korean, black and white in the church, the new man. Amen!
