

#6: Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive Extensive Christ as Our Life and as the Constituent of the New Man

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Due to the lengthening Outline, Overview was omitted

I. We need to know and experience the all-inclusive, extensive Christ as our life:

A. In order to experience Christ as our life, we need to see that we have one position, one life, one living, one destiny, and one glory with Christ: **Col. 3:1** If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth. **1 Cor. 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. **1.** Our position is that we are in Christ; because we are in Him, we are where He is—sitting at the right hand of God: **a.** The Son's position is in the Father; we are in the Son, so we are in the Father. **b.** It is when we are in the spirit that we are in Christ, in the Father, and in the heaven practically and experientially: **1** There is a transmission taking place from Christ in heaven to us on earth by means of the all-inclusive Spirit in our spirit. **2** The very Christ who is sitting on the throne in heaven is also now in us, that is, in our spirit, where the habitation of God is. **3** Since today our spirit is the place of God's habitation, it is now the gate of heaven, where Christ is the ladder that joins us to heaven and brings heaven to us. **4** Whenever we turn to our spirit, we enter through the gate of heaven and touch the throne of grace in heaven through Christ as the heavenly ladder; our spirit is the receiving end of the divine transmission, whereas the throne of God is the transmitting end. **Mon**

2. The life of God is the life of Christ, and the life of Christ has become our life: **Col. 3:3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory. **(Tue/Thu)**

a. For Christ to be our life means that He is subjective to us to the uttermost. **b.** It is impossible to separate a person from the life of that person, for a person's life is the person himself; thus, to say that Christ is our life means that Christ has become us and that we have one life and living with Him.

c. With Christ as the believers' life there are three characteristics, which distinguish it from the natural life: **1** This life is a crucified life. **2** This life is a resurrected life. **3** This life is a life hidden in God. **Tue**

3. To seek the things which are above and set our mind on them is to join ourselves to the Lord in His heavenly ministry, His divine enterprise; this is to live Christ, to have a living that is one with Christ's living: **a.** In His heavenly ministry, Christ today is living as the High Priest to intercede for the churches. **Heb. 8:1** Now in the things which are being said the chief point is this: We have such a High Priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them. **Col. 4:2** Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.

b. In His heavenly ministry, Christ today is living as the heavenly Minister to supply the saints with the riches of Christ. **c.** In His heavenly ministry, Christ today is living as the universal Administrator of God's government for the accomplishment of God's purpose: **1** From the throne in the heavens, the divine transmission brings the things above into the local churches. **2** In Revelation 4 and 5 we have a vision of our "central government," and in Revelation 1 through 3 we have a vision of

the local churches as the "embassies"; through the seven Spirits what is in the heavenly "headquarters" is transmitted into the churches as the "embassies." **3** What takes place in the local churches should be under the direction of the throne of God in heaven; in order for the recovery to be the Lord's recovery, it must be under His direction. **Wed**

4. Our destiny is glory; Christ is leading us into glory for us to be manifested with Him in glory.

B. Our life is the Christ who dwells within us, and this life is hidden with Christ in God; the Christ hidden in God is typified by the manna hidden in the golden pot: **Rev. 2:17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except him who receives it. **1.** Christ as the hidden manna is in God the Father as the golden pot; the Father is in Christ as the Ark with His two natures, divinity and humanity; and Christ as the indwelling Spirit lives in our regenerated spirit to be the reality of the Holy of Holies. **2.** When we eat Christ as the hidden manna, we are incorporated into Him for the mutual abode of God and man.

C. That Christ is our life is a strong indication that we are to take Him as life and live by Him, that we are to live Him in our daily life: **1.** Christ must be our life in a practical and experiential way; day by day we need to be saved in His life.

2. The new man is the spontaneous issue of our taking Christ as our life and living Him. **Thu**

II. We need to know and experience the all-inclusive, extensive Christ as the constituent of the new man:

A. In the new man there is room only for Christ; He is all the members of the new man and in all the members; He is everything in the new man.

B. In the new man Christ is the centrality and universality; He is the constituent of the new man, and He is all and in all in the new man.

C. If we would live Christ as the constituent of the new man, we need to be ruled by the peace of Christ and inhabited by the word of Christ: **Col. 3:15** And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful. **1.** We need to allow the peace of Christ to arbitrate in our hearts: **Eph. 2:15** Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace.

a. The Greek term for arbitrate can also be rendered "umpire, preside," or "be enthroned as a ruler and decider of everything"; the arbitrating peace of Christ dissolves our complaint against anyone. **b.** Often we are conscious of three parties within us: a positive party, a negative party, and a neutral party; hence, there is the need for inward arbitration to settle the dispute within us: **1** Whenever we sense that different parties within our being are arguing or quarreling, we need to give place to the presiding peace of Christ and allow this peace, which is the oneness of the new man, to rule within us and have the final word. **2** We need to set aside our opinion, our concept, and listen to the word of the indwelling Referee.

c. If we allow the peace of Christ to arbitrate in our hearts, this peace will settle all the disputes among us; we shall have peace with God vertically and with the saints horizontally: **1** Through the arbitration of the peace of Christ, our problems are solved, and the friction between the saints disappears; then the church life is preserved in sweetness, and the new man is maintained in a practical way. **2** The arbitrating of the peace of Christ is

Christ working within us to exercise His rule over us, to speak the last word, and to make the final decision. **3** If we stay under the ruling of the enthroned peace of Christ, we shall not offend others or damage them; rather, by the Lord's grace and with His peace, we shall minister life to others. **4** This peace should bind all the believers together and become their uniting bond. **Eph. 4:3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:** **Fr**

2. If we would live Christ as the constituent of the new man, we need to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly: **Col. 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or in deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

a. When the peace of Christ arbitrates in us and keeps in a situation full of oneness and harmony, we become the place of God's speaking, His oracle: **1** God's speaking requires oneness; division causes God's speaking to diminish, even to cease altogether. **2** Since oneness is a necessary condition for God's speaking, we need to let the peace of Christ arbitrate in our hearts. **3** For the word of Christ to dwell in us richly means that it has adequate room in us to permeate and saturate our whole being; it is crucial for us to let the word of Christ enter into us, dwell in us, prevail in us, and replace our concepts, opinions, and philosophies. **b.** We need to allow the word of the Lord to have the first place in us so that we may experience the functions of the word of God operating within us and ministering the riches of Christ into our being: **1** The word of God enlightens, nourishes, and waters us to quench our thirst. **2** The word of God strengthens, washes, and builds us up. **3** The word of God completes, perfects, and edifies us by sanctifying us. **c.** By allowing the word of God to inhabit us, we can become a proper human being, a God-man filled with Christ as the reality of the attributes of God.

3. If we allow the peace of Christ to arbitrate in us and if we are filled with the word of Christ, we shall have the new man in a practical way; all the saints in all the churches throughout the **Lord's recovery will be living Christ in the one new man.** **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): Christ as life of the believers is a life of being crucified, a life that was resurrected and a life hidden in God and distinguish it from the natural life.

OL1: In order to experience Christ as our life, we need to see that we have one position, one life, one living, one destiny, and one glory with Christ. **OL2:** It is impossible to separate a person from the life of that person, for a person's life is the person himself; thus, to say that Christ is our life means that Christ has become us and that we have one life and living with Him. **OL3:** With Christ as the believers' life there are three characteristics (a crucified life, a resurrected life, a life hidden in God), which distinguish it from the natural life

With Christ as the believers' life there are three characteristics. First, this life is a crucified life. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He always lived a crucified life. If we truly experience Christ as our life, we also shall live a crucified life. Such a crucified life is a life that has been processed and thoroughly dealt with. The second characteristic of Christ as our life is that this life is a resurrected life. Nothing, including death, can suppress it. Finally, this is a life hidden in God. Only the divine life can

be hidden in God. If we experience Christ as our life, what we do in the church will not be done in a showy way but rather be done by a life hidden in God.

Application for the new ones

You believed in the Lord and got baptized and were saved. Salvation has the aspects of the judicial redemption and the organic salvation. In the aspect of redemption, since Christ has fulfilled God's righteous requirement on your behalf, you were completely released from the curse of the law. Praise the Lord. This redemption not only released you from the perish in the lake of fire, but also opened the way for God to dispense Christ as life into you. Redemption is the base for the salvation but the life is the purpose of salvation.

As the one who got saved, Christ in you became your life. By living according to Christ as this life, you can grow. To live according to this life means to live **1** the life that was put on the cross, **2** the life that was resurrected and **3** the life hidden in God.

1 **A life that was put on the cross:** Your natural life with which you were born is unbalanced life. But life of Christ is completely balanced. When you are enlightened in the church life that your way of thinking and your action are not balanced, please call upon the name of the Lord immediately and put your old man onto the cross and let Christ live in you.

2 **A life that was resurrected:** Regardless how hard the environment at office or school may be, never be discouraged. Christ as life in you is the life that can be resurrected even it dies. Please live this resurrected life and break through this difficulty.

3 **A life hidden in God:** The natural life is the life that shows off. It expects praises from people by saying "I did this and that". You need to make Christ as your life and if you do the good, you do not show off loudly.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I was redeemed and was saved out of the perish in the lake of fire Thank the Lord. Based on this redemption, Christ has become life in me. Now let me experience these three characteristics of this life, **1** the life that was put on the cross, **2** the life that was resurrected and **3** the life hidden in God and let me grow in the Lord's life!"

Crucial Point(2): Administration of the throne as the central government needs to be transmitted to the local churches as the embassies, and even further to the small districts and small groups in each local churches.

OL1: To seek the things which are above and set our mind on them is to join ourselves to the Lord in His heavenly ministry, His divine enterprise; this is to live Christ, to have a living that is one with Christ's living.

OL2: From the throne in the heavens, the divine transmission brings the things above into the local churches. **OL3:** In Revelation 4 and 5 we have a vision of our "central government," and in Revelation 1 through 3 we have a vision of the local churches as the "embassies"; through the seven Spirits what is in the heavenly "headquarters" is transmitted into the churches as the "embassies."

To seek the things which are above and to set our mind on them is to join ourselves to the Lord in His ministry in heaven. We need to join ourselves to the very One who is interceding, ministering, and executing God's

administration. Our living should be a kind of living in which we seek these heavenly things and set our mind on them.

In the book of Revelation we see even more of the things which are above. What we have in this book is not merely a window, but an opened heaven. Heaven was opened to John, and he saw "a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting". This throne is not simply the throne of grace, but is the very throne of authority, the throne of the divine administration.

The first vision in the book of Revelation... is of the churches on earth, whereas the second vision is of what is taking place in the heavens. When considered together, these two visions indicate that what is happening in the churches on earth is related to the activity in the heavens....The Lord's move in the churches corresponds to the action on the throne in heaven. This means that what takes place in the local churches should be under the direction of the throne of God in heaven. In order for the recovery to be the Lord's recovery, it must be under His direction. As long as there is a transmission coming from the heavens, there will be the divine flow in the churches.

Application to the young working saints and graduate students

The administration of the throne, the central government needs to be transmitted and broken down to the local churches as the embassies, and further to the small districts and the small groups in each local churches. The recovered churches must seek the things above to advance under the Lord's leading.

Under this vision, please recognize that the local churches in the Lord's recovery are not for achieving your life plan. To recognize this, please pray for this vision of the central government and the embassies. Then you will be strengthened and uplifted by transmission of the heavenly electrical power. The recovery is of the Lord, so is to carry out the God's economy under the Lord's direction. Therefore, the Lord demands you to renew and change your own life plan to the another life plan for the Lord's recovery. So please learn to consecrate yourself to the Lord according to your own measure, and live a life with Him, in Him, and for Him. Then the will of the heaven will be carried out through the local churches. How glorious this is!

For example, Kobe city government is making an effort for the city of Kobe to be developed under the greater policy of Japan government. After the great earthquake of 1995, population of the Kobe city decreased about 0.1 million from previous population of about 1.52 million. But in the restoration after the earthquake, it was able to increase its population greater than that of before the earthquake. This became the first case in Japan's restorations from the major disaster in recent history since 1975, around which population of Japan has become less increase. Everyone who have working in the restoration department of Kobe city government may be proud of this success.

Now you are building the new history, the new era with in your locality with the Lord. In the modern history of Japan, there was no church or Christian group that has been truly prosperous. However, you respond to the heavenly ministry

of the Lord, and carry out the God's will on the earth. You shall deserve and practice to build up the blessed and prosperous church that have never seen in Japan. What a blessed life it is!

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, I saw the vision of the central government at the throne and the local churches as the embassies. Praise the Lord. But this vision differs significantly from my current life plan. I feel I must modify or change my life plan according to this vision. Please strengthen me by your heavenly transmission. Otherwise, I may live a life against this vision even I saw it. Lord Jesus, I open to you. Please have mercy on me. May I be able to live a business life according to the heavenly vision. Amen!"

Crucial Point(3): By opening to the Lord with His Word and fellowshiping with the Lord honestly, the peace of Christ will arbitrate in your hearts

Col. 3:15 And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, ... **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, ...

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OL4: We need to set aside our opinion, our concept, and listen to the word of the indwelling Referee.

We need to give first place to the word of God. If we do this, we shall experience the functions of the word of God...**First**, the word of God enlightens us. If we did not have the Word, we would be in darkness. But because God's word is full of light and it enlightens us, it can make us very clear about many different things. **Second**, the word of God is food, full of nourishment. This means that God's word nourishes us while it enlightens us. I can testify that throughout the years I have been adequately nourished through the word of God. **(Third)**, The word of God also completes and perfects.... As members of the Body, we all should function. But if we would function, we first need to be perfected by the word of God. Because God's word nourishes us, we have growth. Then through the growth, the functions come forth.

Application for young people and college students

Young people, you might envy that unbelievable friends enjoy games, YouTube, comics, etc. with almost no restrictions. You might hate your Christian parents for restricting these things. These things are not always bad, but it is not good to be occupied by these things. **1 John 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him; **16** Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The “world” mentioned here is what occupies you. Once games, comics, etc. completely occupy you, they become the “world” to you. If you use these under your control, they are not the “world” to you. Therefore, limiting the time is necessary so that you will not be occupied. The problem is that once people are occupied, there is not enough or no time to study, read the Bible, or go to the meeting. Some of these things are full of flesh, lust for the eyes, and elements that stir up the vainglory of life. These are clearly “the things in the world”, so even if you limit the time, you should not contact them. You must be extremely vigilant and avoid any contact with these. [1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I entreat you ... to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul,](#)

[12 Having your manner of life excellent among the Gentiles,](#)

I think there is a conflict between these Bible revelations and your ideas. At this time, please understand that the Bible is God's speaking to you, open to the Word, and be honest with the Lord. Then the peace of Christ will arbitrate in your heart.

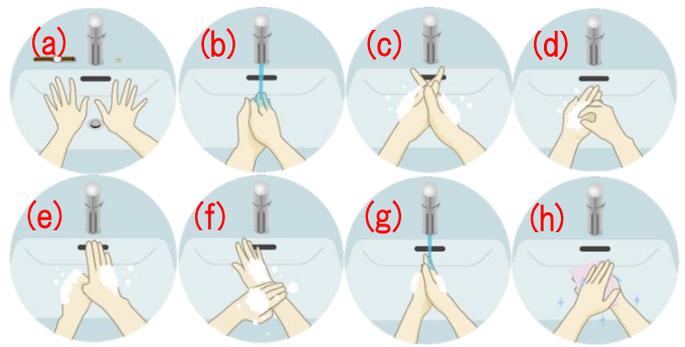
Prayer: “Oh Lord Jesus, I like playing games. I understand that even if the game does not have elements such as lust, fornication, murder, vanity, etc., I cannot be occupied by them. But I'm jealous to see my friends playing games unlimitedly. Once this thought comes out, I'm irritated. Lord Jesus, tell me how to get out of the possession of the game to enjoy the game properly. I am also a vessel for containing God. I need to be vigilant about Satan, the lust of the flesh, fornication, murder, vainglory. Please save me from the lust of the flesh.”

You are a young god-man. God loved you and died for you on the cross. Because He want you to live a church life and be a young man who expresses God. If you and the church are not on the ground, Satan will trick the people and do all he wants to do more and more. But the existence of young God-man limits Satan's work. You should learn little by little to carry out an attitude of life excellent to live Christ, not only for yourself, but also for God, for your classmates, for school, for the community. You must never think that, “I'm not that big, so I don't have to think about that big thing.” You who are believers are the VIP of the universe in the eyes of God.

Topic of the week: [Spread of Coronavirus infection in Wuhan, China and Preaching of the gospel](#)⁽³⁾

The number of infected by Coronavirus is 44,726, the suspected are 21,675, the number of dead is 1,114, and the number of recovered is 4,732 as of the report of 9:36, Feb. 12, 2020. Although the tendency to increase sharply has eased somewhat, it is still a situation to be careful.

(1) Hand washing thoroughly for prevention: Medical experts point out that hand washing is the most import in preventing infection. Please look at the pictures(a)~(h): **(a)** Take off your watch or ring and cut your nails short. **(b)** First, wet your entire hands with running water. **(c)** Apply soap to your hands and foam thoroughly with your palms. Wash carefully over 30 seconds. “O Lord Jesus, O Lord Jesus, Call upon the sweet name. A name sweeter than honey, O Lord Jesus, Amen.” Time is about singing the song twice. **(d)** Carefully rub your fingertips (nail). **(e)** Twist and wash your thumb. **(f)** Don't forget to wash your wrist. **(g)** Rinse thoroughly with running water. ✂Hot water easily dissolves sebum. **(h)** Dry the hands thoroughly with a clean handkerchief or towel.



(2) Prevent virus of worry: You should be aware of the infection caused by the “Virus Spread of worry” along with the spread of the Corona virus. There are many infected people, but more than tens of thousands of people are infected with “virus of worry.” They are filled with concerns like, “Am I already infected?”, “May I be infected soon?”, “Will I be infected on the train?”, “Will my children be infected if I send them to school?”, “There are many people going to the meeting. Is it better not going to the meeting to avoid the infection?” However, a good virtue of Christians is “not anxious.”

[Phil. 4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;](#) FN “[be made known to God](#)”: The Greek word is often translated with. It denotes motion toward, in sense of a living union and communion, implying fellowship. Hence, the sense of to God here is in the fellowship with God.

[7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.](#) FN “[the peace of God](#)”: The result of practicing fellowship with God in prayer is that we enjoy the peace of God. The peace of God is actually God as peace infused into us through our fellowship with Him by prayer, as the counterpoise to troubles and the antidote to anxiety. FN “[guard](#)”: Or, mount guard over (In the army, take charge of security and surveillance). The God of peace patrols before our hearts and thoughts in Christ, keeping us calm and tranquil.

(3) The virus cannot get close to the Saints who are united with the Lord and:

[Psa. 91:6 Or of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.7 A thousand will fall at Your side, And ten thousand at Your right hand; But it will not come near to You.](#)

The virus and infects people who walk in the dark. But the virus cannot get close to the Saints who are united with the Lord and become one with the Lord. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.

(4) Preaching of the gospel:

When people are afraid of the Corona virus infection and are infected with the virus of worry, the church needs to get up and make the white horse (the gospel preaching) run faster.

Prayer: “O Lord Jesus, when I see the spread of the coronavirus, I wash my hands thoroughly to prevent it. However, hand washing does not help with “virus of worry.” Let my worries be made known to God in fellowship with God. Save me from anxiety. Hallelujah! The virus cannot get close to me who is united with God in fellowship with God. [In addition, I will stand up and boldly preach the gospel!](#)”