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become the life-giving Spirit: [1 Cor. 15:45](#) So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul”; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. 1 By becoming such a Spirit, Christ was ready for grafting. 2 Once we repent and receive the Lord, He as the life-giving Spirit enters into our spirit, bringing the divine life into us, and we are grafted together with Christ: a This life is a life of death and resurrection. b As the life-giving Spirit, Christ brings the key to death and resurrection into us, the believers, that we may die and be raised with Christ. c In this death and resurrection we are grafted together with Christ. V As regenerated ones, we should live a grafted life—a life in which two parties are joined to grow organically: A After we have been grafted into Christ, we should no longer live by ourselves; rather, we should allow the pneumatic Christ to live in us. [Gal. 2:20](#) I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. B We should no longer live by our flesh or by our natural being; instead, we should live by our regenerated spirit, a spirit grafted with Christ. [Rom. 8:4](#) That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. C Through this grafting we are united with Him, mingled with Him, and incorporated with Him to become the Body of Christ. VI The grafted life is not an exchanged life but the mingling of the human life with the divine life: A The concept of the exchanged life is that we yield our human life to the Lord, and He replaces it with His divine life. B The Christian life is not an exchanged life but a grafted life—the mingling of the human life with the divine life: [Rom. 6:4](#) We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life. 1 There is no exchange, or trade, of lives. 2 Instead of exchange there is the dispensing, the infusing, of the divine life into the human life and the mingling of the divine life with the human life. C The most wonderful reality in the Christian experience is that the believers in Christ are united with Christ in the way of life: 1 Whatever Christ is and whatever He has done are altogether for one thing: that He and we could be organically united and live a grafted life. 2 In His recovery the Lord is recovering this neglected matter of the grafted life. VII

In the grafted life the human life is not eliminated but is strengthened, uplifted, and enriched by the divine life: [Rom. 11:17](#) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree. **A** In the grafted life the branch still retains its same essential characteristics, but its life is uplifted and transformed by being grafted into a better life. **B** In the grafted life the divine life works within us to discharge the negative elements. **C** In the grafted life the divine life resurrects God's original creation: **1** Instead of giving up His creation, God will reclaim it. **2** God intends to bring all the aspects of our being into resurrection: **a** As the divine life discharges the negative things, it works to resurrect God's original creation. **b** In this way our original functions—the functions given us at creation—are restored, strengthened, and enriched. **D** In the grafted life the divine life supplies the riches of Christ to our inward parts: **1** Our resurrected and uplifted faculties are supplied with the riches of Christ. **2** Through such a supply we are renewed in our mind, emotion, and will. **E** In the grafted life the divine life saturates our whole being: **1** The riches of Christ saturate us and transform us. **2** By the saturation of the divine life we are conformed to the image of Christ.

CP1 In the grafted life, we are one spirit with the Lord and are supplied in an organic union with Him and bear fruit

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[Application to young people, college students, new ones](#)

Testimony 1 I testify that the church life is necessary for the believers in Christ to live the reality of the grafted life. When I was just saved, I attended home meetings and Lord's Day meetings, enjoyed the Lord's word, and enjoined the Lord. And when the life of the Lord grew a little and I began to carry out the service of the Body, I was helped by seeing the patterns of living the grafted life in the church life. I have come to understand that the life of preaching the Gospel and shepherding cannot be carried out without denying the soul life in the grafted life and consecrating one's time, strength, and whole being to the Lord. Whenever I serve, I try to remember the words of John 15:4 and 5, "The Lord is the true vine, and I am His branch," and "Apart from Him I can do nothing." I thank the Lord that in all that I do in my service and in my living, I abide in Him and entrust myself to Him, so that I can be united with Him and live out the life that has been grafted into us. **Testimony 2** When the brothers and sisters of Taipei 61 Meeting Hall visited us in mid-July, I hosted a

couple and two elementary school boys who were saved last year in my home. The following is the testimony of this family. Before her salvation, the sister was anxious and joyless about everything, disciplined their children strictly, and there was a lot of tension in this family. The couple had been fighting constantly, and their relationship was on the verge of breaking down. However, that changed last February when the sister heard the gospel and was baptized. Seeing the sister enjoying the Word every morning, being renewed day by day, and enjoying the church life, the brother also began to participate in the morning pray-reading and enjoy the Word. One day last April, when the whole family attended the children's small group meeting, the brother was also baptized. Since then, they have been eating and drinking the Lord's word every day, participating in all kinds of church meetings and blending, serving, and enjoying the church life. Marital and parent-child relationship was improved, and the family has been filled with warmth and joy. They testified that they hoped their entire family, including the parents of the brother and sister, would be saved and serve the Lord. I was enlightened that I had been trying to fix negative situation in my family by myself but life cannot flow out nor bear fruit. The Lord Jesus is the vine and I am its branch, so without abiding in Him, I cannot bear fruit. For I, as a branch, can do nothing apart from the Lord.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, I who have believed and accepted You have been grafted and joined to You. I am abundantly supplied and fruitful by abiding in You. I can do nothing apart from You. I live the grafted life and bear fruit in the flow of life.

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and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree! **A** In the grafted life the branch still retains its same essential characteristics, but its life is uplifted and transformed by being grafted into a better life: **1** The higher life subdues the lower life. **2** The higher life enriches, uplifts, and transforms the lower life. **B** In the grafted life the divine life works within us to discharge the negative elements: **1** The divine life works in a gradual way to eliminate whatever is natural. **2** The negative element in our disposition is killed, and then, instead of casting away our disposition, the Lord uplifts it and uses it.

The divine life will swallow up the defects and shortages of our human life. This is possible because in Christ's life there is the killing power of His crucifixion. Remember, Christ's life has been processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection. Now His life includes all these ingredients. We may use antibiotics as an illustration of this. Just as antibiotics kill disease germs, so the killing element in the life of Christ terminates the negative things in us....We may prefer simply to yield up our human life and have it be replaced with Christ's life. We may feel that our life is full of "germs" and would therefore like it replaced by the divine life. This may be our way, but it is not God's way in His economy. His way is for Christ's life to swallow up all the defects, shortages, and "germs" within us. The more we tell the Lord Jesus that we love Him and that we want to be one with Him, the more we will experience the killing power in the spiritual antibiotics....In His life there is the killing element as well as the nourishing element. You may be discouraged about your disposition. But Christ's life will kill the negative element in your disposition, and then, instead of casting your disposition away, He will uplift it and use it.

[Application to business persons, graduate students](#)
Testimony I received help from [2 Cor.4:16](#) regarding grafted life. Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. **FN**
The outer man consists of the body as its organ

with the soul as its life and person. The inner man consists of the regenerated spirit as its life and person with the renewed soul as its organ. The life of the soul must be denied, but the faculties of the soul — the mind, will, and emotion — must be renewed and uplifted by being subdued so that they can be used by the spirit, the person of the inner man.

During my four years of college after I was saved, I did not know whether I should work hard for the Lord or not. One time I worked hard for the Lord and was blessed, but another time I worked hard for the Lord and was not blessed because there was no presence of the Lord at all. My experience toward the Lord was very unstable and uncertain.

At such times, reading this portion of the Bible and the Footnotes helped me to understand the grafted life that Christians should live. My soul life must be denied, but the faculties of my soul must be renewed and lifted by being subdued. This is the grafted life. Therefore, I should be able to submit to the Lord, my mind needs to be set on the spirit, I should think with the Lord, my emotions should love what He loves and hate what He hates, my will should submit to the Lord with strength, and at the same time be flexible enough to follow the move of the Holy Spirit. Realizing this, I prayed by faith as follows, “Oh Lord Jesus, I take You as my Lord. I submit to You first. Then I will open my whole being wide to You. By Your resurrection life, permeate and uplift my mind, will, and emotion. It is for me to think, love and decide in You, with You and for You. Only in this way can I be used by You.”

I then began to subjectively experience working with the Lord in the company, in the grafted life. It also allows me to experience the Lord in the workplace on an ongoing, stable basis. For example, during the introduction of various new products in the company, when there were major difficulties (when no one else could solve them), I often found myself bravely facing the problems with the Lord, solving them, and successfully introducing new products. Hallelujah, the Christian life is a life in which “In the grafted life the human life is not eliminated but is strengthened, uplifted, and enriched by the divine life.”

神戸に在る教会交わりと報告事項

1. **王子公園駅前学生センター**: 武富晋太郎B・夏美Sが7/20に、学生福音センターとして東出口から10秒のマンション1Fを購入する契約をしました。彼らは学生センターとして使うために購入しました。主を賛美します。9/1(主)からYPの主日集会を本山と王子公園に分けます。基本的に東灘区から東は本山、灘区から西は王子公園になります。YPが増地区することで、若者の人数が増し加わり、青少年がさらにかからだの中で機能を発揮することができるようにお祈りください。
2. **福音集会の順番**: 8月から本山→神戸→魚崎→本山南→YP王子公園→六甲→夙川→三宮→YP本山→六甲の順で基本的に回ります。9月の全国特別集会の時は、ありません。5週目の9/29は、魚崎で合同です。午後の集会は、担当地区の集会所で行います。
3. **召会生活のために次世代を育てるための特別集会**: 8/31(土)、※この集会はZoomのみ。
9:00-10:30 集会1
11:00-12:30 集会2
14:00-15:30 集会3
Zoom ID:871 6093 2348 パスワード:1
※基本的に@本山、六甲に集まって見るようにします。
4. **9月全国特別集会**: 9/14(土)～16(月)
場所: 東京基臨ビル
14(土)14:00-16:00 集会1
15(主)10:00-12:30 パンさきと集会2
14:00-16:00 集会3
16(月)10:00-12:00 集会4
※現地参加申し込み締め切りは、8/4(主)まで。
5. **9月青少年ブレンディング**: 9/14(土)～16(月)
9月の全国特別集会和並行して行われます。
宿泊先: オリンピックセンター
参加費: (青少年)全参加2000円、1泊参加1000円
(一般)全参加7000円、1泊参加4000円。
参加申し込み締め切りは、8/4(主)まで。
6. **9月責任者集会**: 9/16(月)12:30-13:30
場所: 基臨ビル5F