

#19 The All-inclusive Christ Being the Allotted Portion of the Saints, According to God's Choice as Their Divine Inheritance for Their Enjoyment

(Crystallization-Study of Numbers 2) 2019/9/30-10/6

I. The all-inclusive Christ is typified by the good land, a land in which we will not lack anything:

Deut. 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

A. Christ as the allotted portion of the saints 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: 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.** The New Testament believers' inheritance is not a physical land; it is the all-inclusive Christ; He is the pledge of our inheritance. **2.** He is the allotted portion of the saints as our divine inheritance for our enjoyment.

B. God's intention is to bring all His people into the good land, which typifies Christ as the goal; in the Old Testament God's people journeyed and then arrived at the goal, but in the New Testament we, the believers, having been baptized into Christ, are already in the goal.

C. The good land today is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit, who dwells in our spirit to be our enjoyment; to walk according to this Spirit is the central and crucial point in the New Testament:

1. Colossians 2:6-7 reveals that Christ as the good land is the 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, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God. (Thursday's Word)

2. If we have been rooted in Christ, we shall spontaneously walk in Christ—loving, acting, moving, and having our being in Christ. **3.** The only way to become deeply rooted in Christ is to contact the Lord and spend time with Him in the Word with much prayer; we first grow downward and then bear fruit upward.

4. While we walk in Christ, we will be built up in Christ to live out Christ; this living out of Christ will produce the corporate expression of Christ, the church life. **5.** Every morning we need to take adequate time to absorb the Lord; although even ten minutes is good, it is best to spend thirty minutes to enjoy Him at the start of each new day; as we spend time contacting the Lord in the morning and throughout the day in our spirit, we will spontaneously absorb into us the riches of Christ as the soil.

6. 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:

a. If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots; we should not let ourselves get old but be fresh and renewed every day. **b.** We need to forget our situation, our condition, failures, and our weakness and simply take time to absorb the Lord so that we may be built up in Him for the building up of His Body, His corporate expression. **Mon/Tue**

II. The book of Numbers reveals the prearrangement of the distribution of the good land, typifying the sharing of the enjoyment of the rich Christ according to God's choice:

A. The good land is surrounded by two seas (the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea) and one river (the Jordan River); these two seas and this river all signify the death of Christ.

B. This indicates that the enjoyment of Christ is closely related to His death; the enjoyment of Christ must be in the sphere, the territory, of His death. Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

C. That the good land rose up from the waters that bordered it on either side indicates that it is an elevated, uplifted land; this signifies the resurrected and ascended Christ, the heavenly Christ, who has entered into us in His resurrection and whose riches we enjoy in His ascension. Col. 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

D. The request by Reuben and Gad to receive the land that God had promised was not wrong; however, they were not right in wanting to receive this according to their choice as to what was best:

1. Eventually, their land was the first part of the land of Israel to be taken over by Gentile invaders from the east; those who remain halfway and are satisfied with only a little blessing from God will be easily captured by the enemy.

1 Chr. 5:26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of...the king of Assyria; and He carried them away, the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh,

2. In spiritual matters it is much better to not act according to our choice but to leave matters in the hand of the Lord and let Him do according to His choice.

3. The land requested by Reuben and Gad would be reached without crossing the river Jordan, which signifies the old man not being dealt with and buried; only after our old man has been dealt with and buried are we in a position to possess the all-inclusive Christ as the good land for our enjoyment. **4.** The land given to Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, the land that was according to their choice, could be reached without crossing the Jordan and thus was not actually a part of the good land of Canaan; this indicates that, in type, it was outside the death of Christ.

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5. The obligation of Reuben and Gad toward Jehovah and toward Israel was due to the fact that they had their own choice regarding their portion of the land; in serving the Lord, we need to learn to give up our own choice in order to avoid obligating ourselves to God and to His people.

Num. 32:1 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great abundance of livestock. And when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that the place was indeed a place for livestock. **2** The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the assembly, saying, **3** Ataroth and Dibon and Jazer and Nimrah and Heshbon and Elealeh and Sebam and Nebo and Beon, **4** The land which Jehovah struck before the assembly of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock. **5** And they said, If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession; do not make us cross over the Jordan. **6** And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, while you stay here?

Num. 32:19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and further on, because our inheritance has come to us on this side of the Jordan eastward. **20** And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing, if you will arm yourselves before Jehovah for war, **21** And all of your armed men will cross over the Jordan before Jehovah until He has

driven out His enemies from before Him, 22 And the land is subdued before Jehovah, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward Jehovah and toward Israel; and this land shall be yours for a possession before Jehovah.

6. Our self-choice is likewise outside the death of Christ and therefore has nothing to do with the real enjoyment of the rich Christ; if we do not pass through the death of Christ, we cannot enter into the realm of His resurrection and ascension to enjoy Him as the heavenly, elevated One.

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. (Thursday's Word)

E. Obtaining "the land east of the Jordan" reaches God's spiritual goal but not His glorious goal—receiving the rich inheritance in Christ, the glory of the riches of Christ, in the position of His ascension.

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet, not My will, but Yours be done.

Psa. 16:6 The measuring lines have fallen on pleasant places for me; Indeed the inheritance is beautiful to me.

1 Chr. 5:26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of...the king of Assyria; and He carried them away, the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh. **Fi**

F. The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh thought only about themselves, cared too much about themselves, cared too much for their own enjoyment, and did not care for God's will, plan, goal, kingdom, or testimony.

G. This indicates that if we care only for our own salvation, peace, blessing or material things and are unwilling to go forward, we will not be able to fulfill God's will and plan or reach His goal, kingdom, and testimony; we should not substitute the second best for the best.

H. Moses permitted the promise of Reuben and Gad, telling them that if they went to battle with their brothers, subdued the land, and freed themselves from their obligation, they could have the land east of the Jordan: **1.** Here Moses represented God; many times God permits such promises as this; He does not force us. **2.** Today in the church many of the Lord's lovers and pursuers remain on the east of the Jordan; they only want to be under God's blessing and care.

I. The choice of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh caused their descendants to lose the right to inherit the land of Canaan:

1. This typifies that if we lust for ease and comfort today—caring only for ourselves, stopping halfway, and giving up our rights in the matter or pursuing the Lord—we will not be able to recover those rights, and there will not be any compensation for them; this is an eternal loss. **2.** In contrast, if we are willing to pay the price today to go forward continually into God's glorious goal so as to enjoy His fullness, we will have an extremely rich and special enjoyment in the future.

Phil. 3:13-14 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before.

J. God has ordained Christ to be our portion for our enjoyment, but we must cooperate with God's ordination by driving out everything within us that is other than God and Christ; we must destroy all the idols within us and not leave any ground within us for the worship of idols; only then can we have the genuine enjoyment of Christ for the church as His building and His kingdom. **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): All-inclusive Christ is typified by the good land. By being deeply rooted in the good land and walking in the good land you will grow up for building:

OL1: The good land today is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit, who dwells in our spirit to be our enjoyment; to walk according to this Spirit is the central and crucial point in the New Testament.

OL2: Colossians 2:6-7 reveals that Christ as the good land is the 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, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

OL3: If we have been rooted in Christ, we shall spontaneously walk in Christ—living, acting, moving, and having our being in Christ.

OL4: The only way to become deeply rooted in Christ is to contact the Lord and spend time with Him in the Word with much prayer; we first grow downward and then bear fruit upward.

OL5: While we walk in Christ, we will be built up in Christ to live out Christ; this living out of Christ will produce the corporate expression of Christ, the church life.

OL6: Every morning we need to take adequate time to absorb the Lord; although even ten minutes is good, it is best to spend thirty minutes to enjoy Him at the start of each new day; as we spend time contacting the Lord in the morning and throughout the day in our spirit, we will spontaneously absorb into us the riches of Christ as the soil.

OL7: 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.

OL8: If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots; we should not let ourselves get old but be fresh and renewed every day.

OL9: We need to forget our situation, our condition, our failures, and our weaknesses and simply take time to absorb the Lord so that we may be built up in Him for the building up of His Body, His corporate expression.

Application to the new ones

To experience Christ as the reality of the good land, there are two important matters; **(1)** being rooted into the rich soil of the good land, and **(2)** walking in Christ as the good land. In order to become deeply rooted into Christ, you need to sanctify for 10 minutes, or 30 minutes if possible, every morning to touch the Lord and absorb the Lord by pray-reading the Word. Reviving every morning this way is crucial because it will be a foundation for you to be able to live an overcoming life. You need to regard it as a strategically important site you must hold, so you must try to hold it desperately. In one whole day, there may be many important things but not many crucial points (the most important things). Morning revival is strategically the No.1 crucial point in your life among spiritual warfare. Even if you feel sick or tired or you are reluctant, you still need to call on the Lord's name and encourage yourself to practice being rooted deeply in the Lord every morning for 365

times a year. Then you may gradually grow up in life. This growing up can bring various marvelous blessings to your school life and business life.

About practicing the morning revival, many new ones are testifying its wonderful effects.:

(1) By practicing morning revival, I become able to acquire a good habit of getting up a little earlier than before and I can be supplied and uplifted, so I become able to use morning time to study for job license qualification.

(2) By practicing morning revival, my feeling of hunger and thirst against the Lord and the church largely increased, so now I am looking forward to joining every Lord's day meeting.

(3) Previously I felt busy so I didn't want to go to the prayer meeting, but after practicing morning revival, I felt I should go there to do the prayer at the incense altar with other brothers and sisters.

(4) Because I became accustomed to do the morning revival, when I cannot do the morning revival for a certain reason, I get restless and feel so uncomfortable that I could not help but come to the Word for pray-reading even only by myself.

(5) I was thinking that during my short return home in China (1 hour time difference), I was to enjoy an easy lukewarm life by following my flesh. But there is another voice in my spirit to encourage me to press on forward. Brothers and sisters also encouraged me, so I decided to continue the morning revival during my stay in China.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus. I want to root into you as the good land and enjoy the riches of the good land to grow up. Help me to sanctify my time in the morning to pray-reading the Word with exercising my spirit so that I can absorb the riches of the good land. I also want to walk in Christ as the good land, so that I can receive a lot of blessings in my daily life. My strategic point to gain blessings is to practice the morning revival every day. Hallelujah!"

Crucial Point(2): Advance by crucifying our own choice and taking God's choice as our own choice

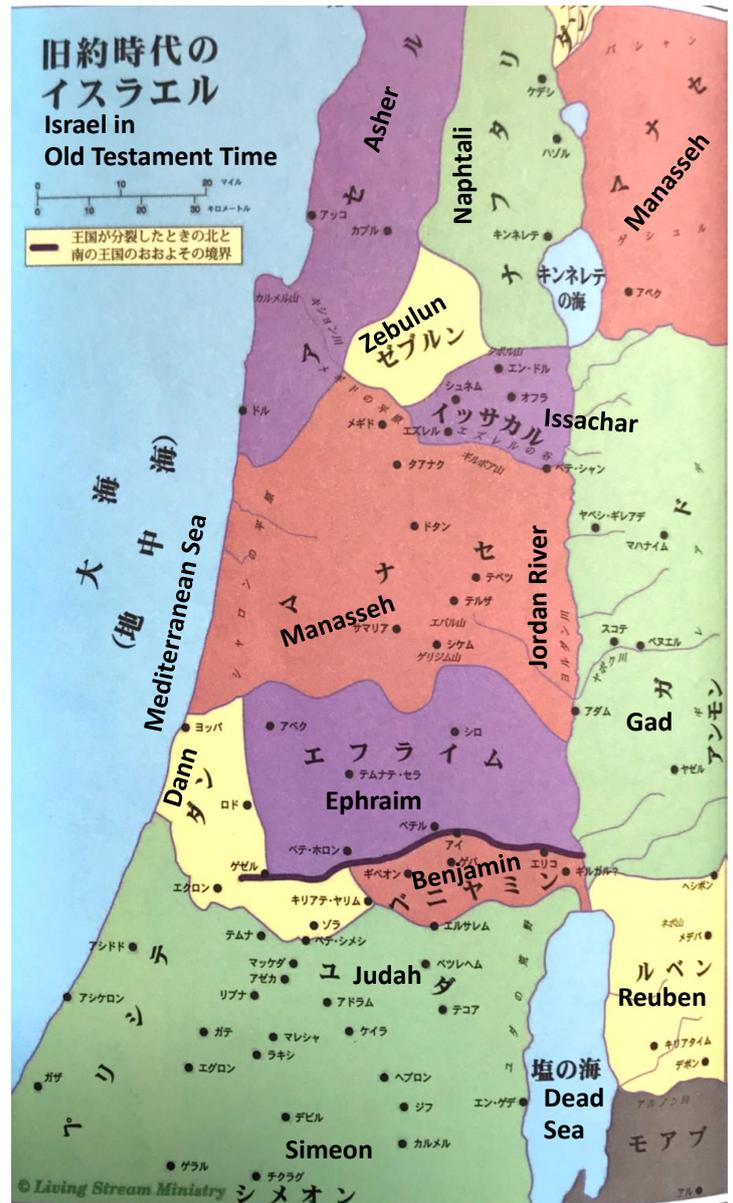
OL1: Reuben and Gad were not right in wanting to receive the land that God has promised according to their choice as to what was best.

OL2: In spiritual matters it is much better to not act according to our choice but to leave matters in the hand of the Lord and let Him do according to His choice.

OL3: The land given to Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, the land that was according to their choice, could be reached without crossing the Jordan and thus was not actually a part of the good land of Canaan; this indicates that, in type, it was outside the death of Christ.

Numbers 32 speaks of the prearrangement of the distribution of the good land....There is a twofold significance to the arrangement concerning the land east of the Jordan. On the positive side, the tribes of Reuben and Gad highly regarded the receiving of the God-promised inheritance. However, on the negative side, they made their choice before they reached God's goal, which was on the west side of the Jordan. When the boundaries of the good land are mentioned in Numbers 34, the land on the east of the Jordan is not included. The best portion of the good land was surrounded by two seas (the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea) and one river (the Jordan River). These

three bodies of water signify Christ's death. Thus, in terms of spiritual typology, the land east of the Jordan was not good enough because it was outside of the realm of Christ's death. The two and a half tribes



chose and thus substituted the second best for the best. Many times we also make our own choices and take the second best as a substitute for the best. The two and a half tribes made a choice because they had an abundance of livestock and saw that the land east of the Jordan was good for livestock. Having too many "cattle" and "flocks" often becomes a temptation to make our own choice and substitute the second best for the best.

The land given to the two and a half tribes, the land which was according to their choice, could be reached without crossing the Jordan. This indicates that it was outside the death of Christ and thus was not actually a part of the good land. Our self-choice is likewise outside the death of Christ and therefore has nothing to do with the real enjoyment of the rich Christ. If we do not pass through the death of Christ, we cannot enter into His resurrection and ascension. This shows us that we should not have our own choice. Whenever we have our choice, we are outside the death of Christ and, as a result, are not in the realm of His resurrection and ascension to enjoy Him as the heavenly, elevated One.

Application to the young people and college students

Students, you need to experience the cross to learn not to take up your own personal goal as your goal, but instead to set God's goal as your goal. Reuben, Gad and a half tribe of Manasseh denied crucifying their flesh typified by crossing Jordan River, and chose to stay out of the good land. The area they chose was still good but not as good as the good land.

As an example, you had fellowship with the Lord and brothers and sisters about your future college and set a little higher goal. As the result, your score began to rise steadily but not yet reached to the goal you first set. However, you become satisfied halfway and get tired of making more effort so that you decided to choose an easy way to stay on the small blessings. This decision is like that of the Reuben tribe. You should learn to advance by experiencing the cross. Remember, the riches of the good land is so bountiful that the result of enjoying the riches of the good land must be full of the wonderful blessings. Don't stay on the smaller blessings you see by your limited understanding and advance by experiencing the cross.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, please save me from staying on smaller blessings according to my choice. I must advance. I crucify my flesh and take God's goal as my goal. I want to learn and to be warned enough from the failure of Reuben, Gad, and a half tribe of Manasseh who made their own choice. I choose the way to advance by experience the cross. Amen!"

Crucial Point(3): If you don't set Christ and the church as your life goals, but lust for ease and comfort, you will suffer from eternal loss.

OL1: Eventually, their land was the first part of the land of Israel to be taken over by the Gentile invaders from the east; those who remain halfway and are satisfied with only a little blessing from God will be easily captured by the enemy.

OL2: The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh thought only about themselves, cared too much for their own enjoyment, and did not care for God's will, plan, goal, kingdom, or testimony.

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In spiritual matters it is terrible to do things according to our choice. Whatever is according to our choice will not turn out to be profitable. We may think that our choice is the best, but it is actually the worst. Therefore, in spiritual matters we should try not to act according to our choice. It is much better for us to leave matters in the hand of the Lord and let Him do according to His choice.

According to the records in Kings and Chronicles, the children of Israel later failed and became desolate, and the first to be captured were those who lived east of the Jordan. This reveals that those who remain halfway and are satisfied with only a little blessing from God will be easily captured by the enemy.

The principle is the same concerning our enjoyment of Christ today. Christ has been given to us as our portion for our enjoyment, yet there is a condition which we must fulfill in order to have this enjoyment. This condition is that we cooperate with God's ordination to drive out everything in us which is other than God and Christ. This means that we must destroy all the idols within us. An idol is anything other than God that occupies us. A degree, a good job, a nice house, a position or rank, a good name—all these can become idols occupying us. We must destroy any idols that may be in us and not leave any ground within us for the worship of idols. Without dealing with the idols in us, we cannot have the genuine enjoyment of Christ.

Application to the young working saints and graduate students

In order for your business and research life to be blessed, you need to make Christ and the church the goals of your life. So, you should make them No.1 priority. At the same time, experience the Lord as a general in your battle of Christian life, a guide in the path of Christian life and church life.

You should never set your goal to live in a big house, get fame from others. If you do so, you will be easily captured by the enemy. Making such a goal as a goal in your life is extremely dangerous.

King Solomon, who enjoyed the glory of glory, said in Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; / Vanity of vanities; all is vanity. (Eccl. 1:2)" In Song of Songs, he continued, "The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's. Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! / For your love is better than wine. (S.S. 1:1~2)", revealing that Loving the Lord is not Vanity but satisfaction.

If you move forward with a cross, you will enter into good land, enjoy the richness of good land, and have a share in building the Body of Christ, the goal of God's economy. This is God's eternal economy. What a wonderful thing you have in God's eternal economy!

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, I will set you as a general in my battle, a guide in the path of life. Christ and the church are my life goals. Thank you for letting me move forward with the cross, enjoy the abundance of good land, and have a share in building the Body of Christ, the goal of God's economy!"