

**#6 Life in the Land and the Issue of the Land—
the Church as the Temple, the Dwelling Place of God,
and as the City, the Kingdom of God**

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Overview: We need to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ, the good land. We need to live a life of laboring upon Christ, a life enjoying Christ personally. When we come to the meetings, we come with our personal experience of Christ so that we may enjoy Him together collectively (I, II). Every morning at the morning revival, not only we need to enjoy corporately, but we also need to have personal and intimate fellowship with the Lord. We need to thoroughly confess our sins, maintain our fellowship with the Lord, and spend time on the Word (III). After coming into the meeting, we need not wait, and should not wait, for inspiration. We should exercise our spirit and use our trained mind to function in presenting what we have prepared to the Lord for His glory and satisfaction and to the attendants for their benefit—their enlightenment, nourishment, and building up (IV). In order for us to experience the riches of Christ as the good land, we must be dominated, governed, directed, moved, and led by our spirit (V). When we enjoy Christ personally in our daily life for our collective enjoyment of Him in our meeting life, God is among us, and we are His dwelling place and His kingdom (VI).

I. We need to see how to live a life in the eyes of God that will enable us to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ typified by the good land.

II. We need to live a life of laboring upon Christ, a life of enjoying Christ personally so that we may enjoy Him together collectively for the building up of the Body of Christ as the temple, the house, of the living God:

A. God's will is for us to enjoy Christ.

B. We must seek to enjoy Christ and experience Him in every situation.

C. Whenever we come to the meetings to worship the Lord, we should not come with our hands empty; we must come with our hands full of the produce of Christ: **Deut. 16:16** Three times a year all your males shall appear before Jehovah your God... **1.** We must produce enough of Him so that there will be a surplus remaining for the poor and the needy, for the priests and the Levites, and with the best for the Lord Himself. **2.** To worship God with Christ is to worship Him collectively with all the children of God by enjoying Christ with one another and with God. **1 Cor. 14:26** What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. **Mon**

III. If we want to be overcomers, we need to labor on Christ as our good land, to gain Christ as our enjoyment:

A. Every morning we must consecrate ourselves sincerely to the Lord for the simple purpose of enjoying and experiencing Him.

B. Every day we need to spend time to be with the Lord privately and secretly to have intimate fellowship with Him.

C. We need to enjoy the Lord in the Word every day early in the morning to have a new start of each day. **Psa. 119:147-148** I anticipated the dawn and cried out; I hoped in Your words. My eyes anticipated the night watches, That I might muse upon Your word.

D. We need to deal with sins thoroughly so that there is nothing between us and the Lord. **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

E. We need to maintain our fellowship with the Lord moment by moment, living a life of prayer.

F. We need to redeem our time and spend our energy to be saturated and soaked with God's holy Word.

G. We should redeem the time to be filled in spirit by rejoicing always, praying unceasingly, and giving thanks in everything. **Tue**

IV. We meet together to have an exhibition of the Christ upon whom we have labored, the Christ whom we have enjoyed and experienced:

A. The true worship of God by His people is when everyone is full of Christ, radiant with Christ, and exhibiting the Christ upon whom they have labored.

B. We should always have something to speak in all the meetings as a freewill offering to God and to the attendants: **1.** Before coming to the meeting, we should prepare ourselves for the meeting with something of the Lord, either through our experience of Him or through our enjoyment of His word and our fellowship with Him in prayer. **2.** After coming into the meeting, we need not wait, and should not wait, for inspiration; we should exercise our spirit and use our trained mind to function in presenting what we have prepared to the Lord for His glory and satisfaction and to the attendants for their benefit—their enlightenment, nourishment, and building up.

V. Day by day and hour by hour we need to enjoy the marvelous, wonderful, immeasurable, unlimited, and all-inclusive riches of Christ as the good land:

A. In 2 Corinthians the good land flowing with milk and honey is Christ Himself as he embodiment of the processed Triune God, given to us as the divine grace for our enjoyment: **2 Cor. 12:9** And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weakness that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me. **13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **1.** In order to experience the riches of Christ as the good land, we must be dominated, governed, directed, moved, and led by our spirit. **2.** In order to experience the riches of Christ as the good land, we must live in the person, the presence, the face, of Christ: **a.** In order to possess Christ as the all-inclusive land, we must be governed by His person, His presence. **b.** Because Paul lived in the person of Christ, he experienced Christ as changelessness, as meekness and gentleness, as truthfulness, as power, as grace, and as the One speaking in him. **3.** We receive Christ as grace, the reality of the good land, through the breaking and constituting work of the Holy Spirit, whereby our inner being is rebuilt with the Divine Trinity. **Wed**

B. At the stage of our experience in which we are enjoying Christ as the all-inclusive land, Christ is unlimitedly great to us; He is a good and spacious land, whose dimensions are the breadth, the length, the height, and the depth: **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... **Eph. 3:18** May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are,

1. Christ's dimensions are the dimensions of the universe. **2.** To apprehend the dimensions of Christ, we need all the saints. **3.** Our experience of Christ must become three-dimensional, like a cube: **a.** In our experience of Christ we must go back and for the and up and down so that eventually our experience of Him may be a solid "cube"; when our experience is like this, we cannot fall or be broken. **b.** Both in the tabernacle and in the temple, the Holy of Holies was a cube of ten and twenty cubits respectively. **c.**

Christ is the universal cube, and the church life today is also a cube. **Q**. Eventually, the entire New Jerusalem will be the Holy of Holies as an eternal cube, twelve thousand stadia in three dimensions. **Thu**

VI. The issue of our enjoyment of the all-inclusive riches of Christ as the good land is the church as the temple, the dwelling place of God, and as the city, the kingdom of God:

Eph. 2:21-22 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

A. The land with its temple and city is the center of God's plan: **1.** The land is Christ Himself, and the temple and the city are the fullness of Christ, the church, which is His Body.

2. The temple is for the expression of God, and the city is for the dominion of God; this fulfills God's eternal purpose.

B. When we enjoy Christ personally in our daily life for our collective enjoyment of Him in our meeting life, God is among us, and we are His dwelling place and His kingdom:

1. When we enjoy Christ to such an extent, the church meeting will be filled with God, and all its activities will convey and transmit God to people that they may be infused with God. **2.** When we enjoy Christ to such an extent, we will submit to one another, and the authority of Christ will be among us. **Eph. 5:21** Being subject to one another in the fear of Christ: **1 Pet. 5:5** ...all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another... **Fr**

C. The main aspects of God's house, His dwelling place for His expression, speak of God's presence (God's house signifies Christ, the church, the New Jerusalem, and our spirit): **1.** God's house is the place of God's presence, which is God's glory, God's beauty, and God's riches. **Psa. 27:4** One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple. **2.** God's house is the place of revelation and God's answer. **3.** God's house is our hiding place. **4.** God's house is the place where we may be planted, flourish, and bear fruit. **5.** God's house is the place of springs. **6.** God's house is the place where we are strengthened. **7.** God's house is the place where we are mingled with God. **8.** God's house is the place where God is our portion.

D. The main aspects of God's city, His kingdom for His dominion, speak of God's authority: **1.** God's city is a strong city, the city of the great King. **2.** There is a river with gladdening stream in God's city. **Psa. 46:4-5** There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she will not be moved; God helps her at the dawn of the morning.

3. God is known in her and is a high retreat in her. **4.** She is a terror to the enemy. **5.** She is the perfection of beauty. **6.** She is the goal of God's good pleasure. **7.** The thrones of judgment are set in God's city. **8.** The Lord blesses others out of her and is blessed out of her.

E. The ultimate issue of our enjoyment of Christ as the land is the divine-human incorporation of the processed Triune God with His regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite people as the eternal dwelling place and kingdom of God. **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): After morning revival every day, maintain the fellowship with the Lord in your daily living to have a life of going up

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living God.

OL2: We must produce enough of Him so that there will be a surplus remaining for the poor and the needy, for the priests and the Levites, and with the best for the Lord Himself.

OL3: Every day we need to spend time to be with the Lord privately and secretly to have intimate fellowship with Him.

OL4: We need to enjoy the Lord in the Word every day early in the morning to have a new start of each day.

OL5: We need to deal with sins thoroughly so that there is nothing between us and the Lord. We need to maintain our fellowship with the Lord moment by moment, living a life of prayer. We need to redeem our time and spend our energy to be saturated and soaked with God's holy Word

We also must enjoy the Lord in the Word every day early in the morning to have a new start each day. According to God's principle in His creation, He ordained to have a new year, a new month or a new moon, and a new day. Within every year we can have three hundred sixty-five new starts. If we failed for three hundred sixty-four days, we still have one more opportunity to have a successful day. We may have failed today, but thank the Lord tomorrow is still here waiting for us. Tomorrow morning we will have another chance to have a new start. Within every twenty-four hours, there is a new chance for us to have a new start and be renewed. To have a new start is not hard. It is so easy. Just rise up a little earlier and say, "O Lord Jesus. O Lord Jesus." You do not need to shout loudly and bother others. Just say, "O Lord Jesus." To say this makes a big difference. Sometimes I forgot to call on the Lord immediately after I woke up. That became a big loss to me. As soon as I realized this, I said, "Lord Jesus, forgive me for forgetting You."

Then we need to pray-read a short portion of the Word, anywhere from two to four verses. We can enjoy the Lord with His Word and in His Word through pray-reading. We should do this every day in the morning to have a good, new start....We do not need to spend a long time to enjoy the Lord in the Word early in the morning. Ten to fifteen minutes is sufficient to get nourished and have a good start of a new day. We need to practice this.

Application for the new ones & young people & college students

The new ones and young students, please train yourself to practice calling on the name of the Lord and pray-read the Lord's words for about 10-15 minutes to have a good start every morning. This is not a hard thing, but you need to endeavor to make it your habit in your daily morning practice. Doctors suggest that you should take good breakfast every morning to maintain your health. In the same way, the Bible suggests that you should be nourished by the Lord's words and get strengthened every morning before starting your daily living. Since this will make a big difference, please take heed to this morning revival and practice this.

In the beginning of the start of the morning, if you are not nourished, refreshed and strengthened by the Lord's words, you will easily get upset or be filled with the

anxiety. For example, many students who cannot go to school have the trigger of their depression by the small words from friends or teachers. But some tend to react too much and have outburst of anger or fall into a deep depression. These happen when we don't have enough nourishment and energy within. You may not be those who can't go to school, but the principle is the same. In the universe, there is God who loves you and who encourages you and enemy Satan who tries to ruin you and fill you with anger and pride. The morning revival is the critical habit to come to take sides with God and be encouraged.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I have new start by calling on the Lord's name and being nourished by Lord's words every morning. In my study as my duty as a student, or the job as my duty as a working one, I need energy and wisdom within to go up. There is a big difference between the study or work with the Lord after the morning revival or the study or work without Lord's presence, struggling by myself. To go up, I need the Lord to be with me. Let me practice the morning revival every day to have uplifted daily living with the Lord. Amen!"

Crucial Point(2): In the church life, experience Christ two-dimensionally and experience farther three-dimensionally, to reach building up

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OL3: At the stage of our experience in which we are enjoying Christ as the all-inclusive land, Christ is unlimitedly great to us; He is a good and spacious land, whose dimensions are the breadth, the length, the height, and the depth.

OL4: To apprehend the dimensions of Christ, we need all the saints.

OL5: Eventually our experience of Him may be a solid "cube"; when our experience is like this, we cannot fall or be broken.

It is of great importance that we all have a two-dimensional, or a "square," experience of Christ. If we have only a "line" experience of Him, this "line" will eventually continue until it reaches an extreme. All extremists are "one-liners," those whose experience of Christ is on a single "line." If you experience Christ properly and normally as the breadth and the length, you will be kept from going to an extreme. Do not go too far out on the "line" of a narrow and long experience of Christ. Rather, experience Him in a "square" way as the breadth and as the length. By experiencing Christ continually as the breadth and length, our experience will be like a solidly woven "carpet," not a long, single "thread."

In order to experience Christ in His universal dimensions, we need the church life. We need to experience Christ with all the members of the Body. In particular, we need the church meetings, for in the meetings we are balanced.

In our experience of Christ, we should go on from the two dimensions to three, from a "square" to a "cube." A

cube is solid. Both in the tabernacle and in the temple the Holy of Holies was a cube. ...When we become a cube, we cannot fall, and we cannot be broken.

Application for the serving ones

As you are to experience the all-inclusive Christ and to step forward, you should experience Christ two-dimensionally and further, three-dimensionally. As an example, someone has a burden on gospel preaching and so he aggressively preaches gospel. But he is not motivated much for shepherding and perfecting the new believers. If your experience is for preaching gospel, then it may be possible that your experience of Christ is only one line. If so, you cannot be stable in the Lord. When a baby is born, a mother immediately starts breast-feeding the baby. Bearing a baby is not easy matter and is wonderful, but if a mother only bears without experience of nourishing, then she is disqualified as a mother. Nourishing needs more effort and more time than bearing.

As babies grow, you will have a need to require them something so that they can be perfected. God's love is not the damaging love, or doting, but it is the perfecting love. Because many of Japanese people are naturally good persons and love others with their natural love, so they are not good at demanding the new ones to do something in the church life. If you are filled with God's love and love the new believers with God's love instead of your natural love, then you can demand them to perfect them. Begetting and nourishing the new ones properly by cooperating with brothers and sisters, are a line and a plane, and by adding perfecting they become three-dimensional, building up.

A recently saved sister living in the Uozaki sisters' house has failed the entrance exam to her preferred graduate school and started thinking about finding a job. As a result of having prayed before the Lord, she decided to challenge KIC graduate school just one week before the deadline date of application for the entrance exam. A serving sister prayed and fellowship with her every day. A responsible, working brother helped her to write up her personal statement for application spending two full days on both Saturday and Lord's day. After then, for about a week until the date of exam, another serving sister has helped her preparing for interview in constant attendance. As a result, she successfully passed the exam. Every question asked were within what she has been trained in the preparation. Thanks to the Lord. While those three serving saints not only helped this sister preparing for exam but also has fellowshiped her to love the Lord and the church more. They require her to give thanks to the Lord and the brothers/sisters, and to dedicate time to serve the Lord after she passed the exam. This recently saved sister has been nourished after being saved, and then started living in the sisters' house. And through this experience of entering the graduate school, she is now encouraged to grow up in terms of serving the Lord. The serving saints do both supply and require saints at the same time to nourish them and to perfect them.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, I experience width, length, height, and depth of Christ. I experience Christ from a line to a

square, and from a square to a cube. For preaching gospel, all three aspects, begetting, nourishing, and teaching (perfecting) are necessary prior to building up. In my church life, I need to be balanced by the fellowship with brothers and sisters. Please perfect me to reach the God's goal, the building up. Amen!

Crucial Point(3): The secrets to be blessed...Enjoy God's presence in God's house and submit to the authority of Christ in God's city.

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OL5: The main aspects of God's city, His kingdom for His dominion, speak of God's authority.

But this temple of God needs enlargement. How can it be enlarged? It is enlarged by Christ as the authority of God. We not only need Christ as our enjoyment but also Christ as the authority of God. This is exceedingly real. When you and I enjoy Christ together in the way that we have shown, the reality of the authority of Christ is among us. In such an enjoyment and out of such an enjoyment, we will be very submissive to God and to one another. We will be full of submission. Can you believe that after enjoying Christ in such a way we could quarrel with each other? Can you believe that in such an enjoyment we could hate one another? It is impossible. Is it possible for us to be formed as an army to fight the enemy and yet within the army to be fighting with each other? It is possible if this is not an army. If we are a group of bandits or gangsters, it is possible. Without submission there is no army. When we enjoy Christ to such an extent, every one of us will be submissive to each other. We cannot do otherwise. True love is in submission. When we submit one to another, we are really loving one another. True love does not exist in my taste, my choice, or my desire but in my submission. If there is submission among us, the authority of Christ is among us. It is the authority of Christ that enlarges the habitation of God, the temple of God.

Sometimes in a local church we sense the presence of God but not much of God's authority. We sense that God is among them, but that on the other hand there is a shortage of divine order. That means that in that local church there is the reality of the house but not much of the city. In other churches we sense not only the presence of God but also something of divine government and heavenly authority. That is the city.... Without the house, without the city, there is no beachhead for God to launch back and recover the earth.

Application to young working saints/graduate students

Your experience of Christ in your personal work and lab is to build a church as a home and a city. This vision teaches you two things: ① Even if you personally experience Christ, it's not for you personally, but for the brothers and sisters of the church. You need to deal with individualism. ② You should be encouraged to experience Christ in your daily life. It not only raises your business life and research life, but also benefits the building of the church.

The issue of enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ is that the church is first built as God's house and the dwelling place of God. The emphasis of the church as the house and the dwelling place of God is the presence of God. The presence of God is ① God's glory, God's beauty, God's richness, ② the place where the revelation and God's answer are. ③ our hiding place. ④ the place where we are planted, flourish and bear fruit. ⑤ the location of the fountain. ⑥ the place where we are strengthened. You can take part in these wonderful blessings in your church life.

The enjoyment of Christ allows you to submit to each other and to have Christ's authority in your church life. The emphasis of the church as God's city and kingdom is God's authority. In God's city, ① there is a river, the flow of which pleases the city of God. ② it is fear to the enemy. ③ there is a judge seat in it. ④ it is a place where the Lord blesses people and people praises the Lord.

Testimony of an international student sister: When I graduated from KIC graduate school in March, I was selected as an excellent student (3 Japanese and 1 international student). When I entered, my grades were poor, so it was really Christ and the brothers and sisters that made me a good student. I share the secrets of my success: ① Living in Sister's House, stayed in the church life, the house of God, actively participating in meetings, enjoying the Lord, and going for the gospel. ② When in trouble, open to the leading sisters, ask for help, and simply follow their guidance. Under the theme of the master's thesis, I was working on developing software to self-check for depression, but I myself became mentally unstable during the time. When I talked to the sisters, I was advised to change the theme. I simply followed and changed the theme. After that, the research was blessed and went well. Finally, Japanese sister checked my master's thesis. ③ I worked hard on my study. ④ For financial needs, I got a scholarship (a senior graduate brother and sister helped me) and worked part-time. Hallelujah! The church is the house of God with the presence of God and the city of God with the authority of God! I was blessed and moved on in the church life.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, even when my business life is busy, I love and adore church life. The church is the house of God and has the presence of God. Here is God's glory, beauty, richness, revelation and God's answer. And the church has the authority of God as the city of God. The seat of judgment is set here, and enemies fear this place. God's city is the goal of God's economy. I will gladly stay in the church. Hallelujah!"