

#3 Living in the Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Romans 8

Bird's-eye view 1/23-29

I The key to being an overcomer is the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8, a chapter for desperate seekers:

Rom. 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death. **A** Romans 7 is the experience of being "in the flesh"; Romans 8 is the experience of being "in the spirit" (the divine Spirit dwelling in our human spirit and these two mingled together to be one spirit). Rom. 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. **B** The enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8 ushers us into the reality of the Body of Christ in Romans 12; this law operates within us as we live in the Body and for the Body.

II Romans 8 is the focus of the entire Bible and the center of the universe; thus, if we are experiencing Romans 8, we are in the center of the universe: **A**

In eternity past God purposed to enter into His redeemed people so that He could be their life and so that they could be His corporate expression; this is the focus of God's economy. **B** Man is the center of God's creation because God's intention is to be expressed through man; man can become God's expression only by God entering into man to be man's life and content and to make man one with Him so that man may live by Him and even live Him out; in this way God is expressed from within man. **C** Zechariah 12:1 says, "Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within Him": **1** The spirit of man is ranked with the heavens and the earth because our spirit is the location where God desires to dwell. **2** The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit so that he may contact God, receive God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, and be one with God. **D** The central focus in the universe is that the processed Triune God has come into us and now dwells in us; this is the greatest miracle; nothing else in the universe could be more important than this. **E** We should all be full of joy since the Triune God is indwelling us and is one with us; He is our life and our person, and He is making us His home.

F The Triune God has been processed through

incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a "scientific" law, an automatic principle; this is one of the biggest discoveries, even recoveries, in God's economy. Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 ··· the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you. **G** The Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, Christ Himself, and the indwelling Spirit in Romans 8:2, 9-11 all refer to the compound Spirit who gives life. **H** When we received the Lord by believing into Him, He functioned as the law of the Spirit of life to dispense Himself as the divine, uncreated life of God (Gk. Zoe) into our spirit; we all need to see the great revelation that at least one part of our being, our spirit, is zoe; when we set our mind on the spirit, our mind, which represents our soul, becomes zoe; also zoe can be imparted through the operation of the law of the Spirit of life into our mortal bodies; in this way we become men of zoe in our entire tripartite being for us to become the city of zoe, the New Jerusalem. **I** Ultimately, this life will prepare us to be the bride of Christ, which will cause the Lord to come back and usher us into the next age; for this reason the crucial focus of the Bible and the universe is in Romans 8.

III Romans 8 reveals that the processed Triune God as the law of the Spirit of life gives the divine life to the believers for their living; this is the experience of the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity: **A**

The processed Triune God as the life-giving Spirit installed into our spirit may be likened to electricity; God's operation as the law of the divine "electricity" within us requires our cooperation to "switch on" this law by prayer. **B** While we remain in the touch with the Lord through prayer, staying in contact with Him in our spirit, the law of the Spirit of life works automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly within us. 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** The meaning of prayer is for us to absorb God; the more we contact God, the more we will absorb Him; and the more we absorb Him, the more we will enjoy Him as our light and our salvation: **1** In Psalm 27:1 David says, "Jehovah is my light and my salvation"; he contacted and absorbed God by beholding Him as beauty; thus, he was enlightened and received

salvation within. [Psa. 27:1](#) Jehovah is my light and my salvation; / Whom shall I fear? / Jehovah is the strength of my life; / Whom shall I dread? [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.

3 To pray is to come to the Lord just as we are; when we come to the Lord, we should lay our inner condition before Him and tell Him that we are short in every matter; even if we are weak, confused, sad, and speechless, we can still come to God; no matter what our inner condition is, we should bring it to God. [Col. 4:2](#) Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving. **4** Instead of caring about our condition, we need to enter into God's presence to contact Him by looking to Him, beholding Him, praising Him, giving thanks to Him, worshipping Him, and absorbing Him; then we will enjoy God's riches, taste His sweetness, receive Him as light and power, and be inwardly peaceful, bright, strong, and empowered; we will then learn the lesson of staying connected to Him when we are ministering the word to the saints. **D** The meaning of prayer is also for us to express God; in [Psalm 27:4](#) David says that he desired not only to behold the beauty of Jehovah but also to "inquire in His temple"; to inquire is to let God speak within us so that the words spoken to Him in prayer are actually God's speaking within us, God's expressions. **E** We must cooperate with the indwelling, installed, automatic, and inner operating God as the law of the Spirit of life by conversing with Him in order to maintain our fellowship with Him.

M When we take heed to the inner sense of the spirit, the law of the Spirit of life is activated within us; the secret of our Christian life that we all must learn is found in [Romans 8:6](#), which is the most important verse in the Bible related to our spiritual experience of Christ as the law of the Spirit of life—"the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace": **A** To set the mind on the flesh means to take sides with the flesh, to cooperate with the flesh, and to stand with the flesh; to set the mind on the spirit is to take heed to the spirit, to take sides with the spirit, to cooperate with the spirit, and to stand with the spirit, that is, to pay attention to our spirit. [Mal. 2:15](#) But did He not make them one? ...Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one be treacherous to the wife of his youth. **B** When we take heed to the inner sense of the spirit, following the inner sense of life and peace, we

are honoring the Lord as the Head of the Body for His unique move; in his gospel service the apostle Paul was a captive of Christ, who was not governed by his outward environment but by whether or not he had the "rest in my spirit"; his spirit was the most preeminent part of his being, and he was dominated, governed, directed, moved, and led by his mingled spirit.

V Ultimately, our living in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity by the enjoyment of the indwelling and automatic law of the Spirit of life is in the Body of Christ and for the Body of Christ with the goal of making us God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead to accomplish the goal of His eternal economy—the New Jerusalem.

神戸に在る召会交わりと報告事項

- 以下の特別献金の必要ために祈ってください:
六甲学生福音センター外壁・防水工事費: 450万円、本山学生福音センター建設費: 2450万円、合計2900万円の内、**現在500万円が不足しています。500万円の特別献金が必要です:**
 - 1/25までに、外壁工事費用のために200万円が必要です。
 - 3/15までに、本山学生福音センターのために300万円が必要です。
 - 特別献金は通常献金に追加した献金として捧げてください。
- 2023年の新しい召会生活:
 - 主日集会参加者を集会所に戻す
 - 家庭集会で一人一人を養う
 - VGで一人一人を成就し、奉仕者を生み出す
- 主日夜(@六甲)の集会開始時間:
19:15から19:30に変更します。集会時間は19:30-20:30です。
- 2023年2月国際華語特別集会:
【スケジュール】
2/24(金)M1 19:30~
2/25(土)M2 9:00~M3 11:00~
M4 19:30~
2/26(主)M5 10:00~

CP1 Setting the mind on the spirit and participating the operation of the law of the Spirit of life is the focus of the Bible, the center of the universe

III Romans 8 is the focus of the entire Bible and the center of the universe; thus, if we are experiencing Romans 8, we are in the center of the universe: **A**In eternity past God purposed to enter into His redeemed people so that He could be their life and so that they could be His corporate expression; this is the focus of God's economy. **C2**The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit so that he may contact God, receive God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, and be one with God. **Zec.12:1** Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him, **G4**The Triune God as the all-inclusive Spirit is within us for us to experience and enjoy by taking Him as our life and our person; we are the container of the Triune God. **H**When we received the Lord by believing into Him, He functioned as the law of the Spirit of life to dispense Himself as the divine, uncreated life of God (Gk. zoe) into our spirit; we all need to see the great revelation that at least one part of our being, our spirit, is zoe; when we set our mind on the spirit, our mind, which represents our soul, becomes zoe; also, zoe can be imparted through the operation of the law of the Spirit of life into our mortal bodies; in this way we become men of zoe in our entire tripartite being for us to become the city of zoe, the New Jerusalem. **IV**When we take heed to the inner sense of the spirit, the law of the Spirit of life is activated within us; the secret of our Christian life that we all must learn is found in **Romans 8:6**, which is the most important verse in the Bible related to our spiritual experience of Christ as the law of the Spirit of life—**“the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace”**:

We must learn how to set our mind on the spirit. In other words, we must learn to trust in God and depend on the Lord... This can be illustrated by the use of electric appliances. All we have to know is how to plug them in. There is no trouble unless we do not plug them in; in that case, no one can help us. Although we must study the Bible with its narratives and instructions, the real secret is in Romans 8:6. We may be very knowledgeable of the Scriptures, but if we do not apply Romans 8:6, whatever we know and do will accomplish little. Day and night for many years

I have been studying the Bible. I have not found another verse as important as Romans 8:6 as far as our spiritual experience is concerned.

Application to young people, college students, new ones

Do you want to be in the center of the universe? Or would you rather be in the corner? When you get a job in the future, you will want to be at the center of the company if possible.

As a believer, you have a regenerated spirit. This spirit of man is as important as heaven and earth. By exercising the spirit, setting your mind to the spirit, and participating in the automatic operation of the law of the Spirit of life, you are freed from the law of sin and death and experience Christ as life and person. At that time, you are at the center of the universe, the focal point of the entire Bible. You should desire to apply the setting of mind to spirit to your real life of study and work. Then you will surely experience it little by little.

Testimony I testify that the law of the Spirit of Life is an automatic working law and does not require my labor.

Even after I was saved, I had a strong religious concept and thought that I had to work hard for God or I would not be blessed. But the harder I tried, the more proud I became when I succeeded, the more disappointed I became when I failed, and the more I envied the blessings of others, making me very unstable and weak. At such a time, I was astonished to see young people enjoying by singing hymns loudly at a high schoolers' meeting at the church in Los Angeles, USA. At this point, my religious concept was knocked out. I prayed, **“the God's Economy is a divine dispensing, and on my part, isn't it simply to exercise my spirit and enjoy God? I need not struggle at all!”** And I started to pay more attention to the exercise the spirit first, to set my mind on the spirit, to participate in the operation of the law of the Spirit of Life, and to enjoy the Lord, more than before. Gradually, my church life was changed to one of enjoyment.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, the law of the Spirit of Life is a law that works automatically and does not require my labor. I just need to **“turn on the switch”** of this law by praying. Lord, please deal with my religious concept that I have to work hard for God. I learn to set my mind on the spirit, trusting God and relying on the Lord. **The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace. This is the focus of the Bible, the center of the universe. Amen!**

CP2 Prayer to seek God is to go to God, commune with Him, and receive His words to express God

III Romans 8 reveals that the processed Triune God as the law of the Spirit of life gives the divine life to the believers for their living; this is the experience of the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity: D1

“When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek” (Psa. 27:8).

2...To pray is to go to God, meet Him, draw near to Him, commune with Him, and absorb Him so that He can speak to us inwardly; when we pray to Him with His words to us, our prayer expresses God.

3 During the first aspect of our prayer, we enter into fellowship with God, who then anoints us with His burden for the work and reveals His intention to us; the second aspect of our prayer is to then inquire of the Lord by petitioning Him concerning His will and His burden for the work; then we carry out the purpose of prayer by coordinating with God to be God's co-worker. 4 Inquiring prayers honor God; David knew how to pray because he often inquired of Jehovah; after God spoke to David through Nathan the prophet, David “sat before Jehovah” and told the Lord, “Do as You have spoken”; he then told the Lord that, because of His speaking, “Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You”. 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.

For example, we hear that the church needs to pray for a certain special meeting or for the revival of the church. Just as we begin to pray, we sense a word from the Lord telling us something concerning our inner condition and our situation. We should stop praying and forget about the revival of the church or the special meeting and follow the inner sense...If we sense the Lord's rebuke, saying, “You are full of the flesh,” we should say, “Lord, I am full of the flesh.”

There are times when we let God speak, and we pray forth our inner sense. However, only a portion of our prayer is according to the inner expression, because we add many of our own cries. This is our being tempted to beseech God for something... Sometimes instead of touching the inner sense, we ask God to do things according to what we think. Such prayers are vain.

Application to business persons, graduate students
Testimony Immediately after the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, as I was considering the situation and seeking the face of the Lord, He

enlightened me to the fact that my response to the Kobe Earthquake on January 17, 1997 was inadequate. And I sought the Lord and prayed, “Lord Jesus, I was introducing to people that the church in Kobe began to move forward after the Great Kobe Earthquake. But the action was not sufficient. At the time, I did not seize most of the opportunities. Forgive me for my insensitive and unbelieving sins. I cannot repeat the same mistakes. Have mercy on me. May I see this time as an opportunity for the white horse of the Gospel to run!” As a result, the church in Kobe was able to baptize approximately 480 people in the three years from 2011 to 2013. About 300 of them were Japanese. In the gospel, the idea that Japanese people cannot be saved was broken down, and I experienced a great breakthrough in the gospel.

I can testify that at the same time, in September 2011, I changed jobs. When I was offered a new job in mid-April, I initially declined the offer to change jobs. But there was no peace inside me, so I began to seek the Lord about changing jobs. Feeling unenthusiastic inside about changing jobs, I went to the States for an interview. While staying at a hotel near the headquarters, I asked myself the question and said, “I came to the U.S. for an interview without being clear about changing jobs. Tomorrow, I have to spend the entire day in a series of highly challenging interviews with executives at the headquarters. Will I be okay in this condition?” At that point, I still did not feel the Lord's guidance.

However, as soon as I visited the U.S. headquarters for an interview the next morning, my inside was opened and brightened, and it was clear to me that the Lord was leading me, so I prayed! “I will actively take this interview with the Lord, in the Lord, and for the Lord!” After the interview, I felt that I could use all of my past experience to help rebuild this company and make it successful. I then worked for that company for 7 years, and because of the Lord's wonderful hand in my life, I was able to make every project a success.

In fact, at the time of the earthquake in March 2011, my work environment was extremely difficult, but I sought the Lord first for the gospel of the church and accelerated the gospel rather than that. I then sought the Lord for a new job from mid-April to early July. The Lord says, “Seek first Christ and the church, and the needs of life will be added to you.” Amen!