

LESSON TWENTY-EIGHT: EXPERIENCING CHRIST

We believe and are baptized into Christ to be joined to Him and to abide in Him for the purpose of experiencing Him. When we experience Christ, we gain and enjoy Him practically that He may be expressed through us.

I. THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF EXPERIENCING CHRIST

A. Christ Being Revealed in Us

1) "It pleased God...to reveal His Son in me" (Gal. 1:15-16).

Our first experience of Christ is His being revealed in us. This is the key to our salvation and regeneration, and it is the central result of our being saved to be joined to God. It is also the beginning of our experience of Christ.

B. Christ Being in Us

1) "And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is life because of righteousness" (Rom. 8:10).

Once Christ is revealed in us, we immediately experience His being in us, which shows us that our body is dead because of sin, the very sin we inherited from Adam, and that our spirit is life because of righteousness, the righteousness we obtained from Christ. This is an experience which Christ gives us.

C. Christ Abiding in Us

1) "He who abides in Me [Christ] and I in him, he bears much fruit" (John 15:5).

When we abide in Christ according to the fact of our being in Christ, Christ will abide in us, placing Himself in us to be our life and life supply that He may become our experience in life for us to bear much fruit.

2) "If anyone loves Me [Christ], he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him" (John 14:23).

Christ abides in us with the Father. We experience this when we love Him and keep His word.

D. Christ Being Our Life

1) "...Christ our life" (Col. 3:4).

The foremost and main thing that Christ does when He abides in us is to be our life that we may take Him as life and live by Him, no longer walking by our natural life. We should experience this day by day and moment by moment.

E. Christ Living in Us

1) "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"

第二十八课：经历基督

我们信而受浸归入基督，联于他，又住在他里面，目的就是经历他。我们经历基督，就是实际的得着他并享受他，叫他在我们身上得着彰显。

壹 经历基督的各方面

一 基督启示在我们里面

(一) "神...乐意将他儿子启示在我里面"。(加一 15~16)

我们对基督的第一个经历，是基督启示在我们里面。这是我们得救蒙重生的关键，也是我们得救联于神的中心结果，又是对基督经历的开始。

二 基督在我们里面

(一) "基督若在你们里面，身体固然因罪是死的，灵却因义是生命。"(罗八 10)

基督一启示在我们里面，我们立刻经历他在我们里面，显明我们的身体因罪，就是从亚当所承受的罪，是死的，灵却因义，就是从基督所得的义，是生命。这也是基督给我们经历。

三 基督住在我们里面

(一) "住在我(基督)里面的，我也住在他里面，这人就多结果子。"(约十五 5)
当我们根据我们在基督里的事实，住在基督里面的时候，基督就住在我们里面，将他自己安置在我们里面，作我们的生命和生命的供应，使他成了我们生命中的经历，我们就多结果子。

(二) "人若爱我(基督)，就必遵守我的话，我父也必爱他，并且我们要到他那里去，同他安排住处。"(约十四 23)
基督是带着父，与他一同住在我们里面。这是在我们爱他，遵守他话语的时候所经历的。

四 基督作我们的生命

(一) "基督是我们的生命"。(西三 4)

基督住在我们里面，首要并主要的事，是作我们的生命，叫我们以他为生命，凭他这生命活着，生活行动不再凭自己天然的生命。这是我们应该天天时时经历的。

五 基督活在我们里面

(一) "现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督"

(Gal. 2:20).

We must not only experience Christ abiding in us to be our life but also experience Christ living in us to be our living. To experience Christ in this way, we must deny ourselves by being in His death, and be able to say that it is no longer I who live. We must die in order to experience Christ living in us.

F. Christ Making His Home in Us

1) "That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith...that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God"(Eph. 3:17-19).

We also need to experience Christ making His home in our hearts. He will not only live in us but also inwardly occupy every part of our being, make His home in our hearts, and settle down in us, saturating and filling our entire being that we may become the fullness of God.

G. Christ Being Formed in Us

1) "I [the Apostle Paul] am again in travail until Christ is formed in you" (Gal. 4:19).

We also must experience Christ being formed in us, that is, His growing in us unto maturity until we reach His very stature (Eph. 4:13).

H. Living Christ

1) "To me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21).

"To live is Christ" is to live Christ. We must experience Christ in every aspect inwardly, and we must also experience living Him outwardly.

I. Magnifying Christ

1) "Even now Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death" (Phil. 1:20).

Outwardly, we should have the experience not only of living Christ but also magnifying Christ. All things that happen to us are for us to magnify Christ. The more difficult the environment and the busier the work, the more we can magnify Christ. This is the peak of our experience of Christ outwardly.

J. Christ Being Everything to the New Man

1) "Having put off the old man...and having put on the new man [which is corporate]...where [in the new man, the church] there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian [the most barbarous], slave, freeman, but Christ is all [persons] and in all [persons]" (Col. 3:9-11).

These verses say that we who have believed in the Lord and are regenerated have put off our old man and have put on the new man. In this new man, the church, there is not the old man of a certain race, religion, culture, or class but

在我里面活着。”(加二 20)

我们不只要经历基督住在我们里面，也要经历基督活在我们里面，不光作我们的生命，也作我们的生活。我们要这样经历基督，就必须在他的死里，否认自己，能说现在活着的不再是我。我们必须死了，才能经历基督活在我们里面。

六 基督安家在我们里面

(一)“使基督借着信，安家在你心里，...使你们被充满，成为神一切的丰满。”(弗三 17~19)

我们还要经历基督安家在我们心里。他不只仅仅住在我们里面，还在我们里面占据我们全人的各部分，安家在我们心里，定居在我们全人里面，将我们全人渗透、充满，使我们成为神的丰满。

七 基督成形在我们里面

(一)“我(使徒保罗)为你们再受生产之苦，直等到基督成形在你们里面。”(加四 19)

我们也要经历基督成形在我们里面，就是在我们里面长大成人，满有他自己的身量(弗四 13)。

八 活基督

(一)“在我，活着就是基督。”(腓一 21)活着就是基督，是将基督活出来。我们要在我们里面，在各方面经历基督，也要在我们外面，经历活出他来。

九 显大基督

(一)“无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大。”(腓一 20)

我们在外面，不仅要经历活出基督，也要经历显大基督。一切临到我们的事，都是叫我们显大基督。环境越艰难，事工越繁重，越叫我们显大基督。这是我们在外面经历基督的高峰。

十 基督作新人的一切

(一)“你们已经脱去旧人，...并且穿上了新人(团体的);...在此(在新人，召会里)并没有希利尼人和犹太人、受割礼的和未受割礼的、化外人、西古提人(最野蛮的人)、为奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切(人)，又在一切(人)之内。”(西三 9~11)

这里说，我们这些信主得了重生的人，是已经脱去了我们的旧人，并且已经穿上了新人。在这新人，就是召会里，没有属种族、宗教、文化等阶级的旧人，惟有是我

Christ who is our life and the element which constitutes this new man. Christ is all the persons in this corporate new man, and He lives in all these persons. We should have many experiences of Christ related to this matter, and we should also have this full experience of Christ when our experiences of Him reach their peak.

II. THE CONDITIONS FOR EXPERIENCING CHRIST

A. Abiding in Him

1) "He who abides in Me and I in him..."(John 15:5).

The first condition for experiencing Christ abiding in us is our abiding in Him. We must abide in Him, giving Him the time and space so that He may be able to abide in us.

B. Remaining in the Co-crucifixion with Him

1) "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

Moreover, the experience of our co-crucifixion with Christ is also a basic condition for our experience of Christ. Since we are abiding in Him, we are surely remaining in our co-crucifixion with Him, that is, in His all-inclusive death, which nullifies our existence, so that it is no longer we who live. Thus, we allow Christ to live in us that we may experience and enjoy Him as our life.

C. Loving Him and Keeping His Word

1) "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him" (John 14:23).

Loving Christ and obeying His word are also conditions for us to experience Christ abiding in us. If we love Him and keep His word, He and the Father will come to abide with us that we may enjoy all the blessings of the Triune God abiding with us.

D. Being Strengthened into the Inner Man

1) The Father "would grant you...to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in your hearts..." (Eph. 3:16-17).

Our being strengthened by God with power through His Spirit into our inner man (our spirit) is the condition for our experiencing Christ making His home in our hearts. This experience of Christ is deep, and therefore its condition, which is that our whole being be strengthened by God into our spirit, is weighty.

E. Having All Boldness

1) "With all boldness, as always, even now Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death"(Phil. 1:20).

In order to magnify Christ, we must have boldness in all things, not caring for whether we live or die. This is the

们生命，作构成这新人成分的基督，是这团体新人里的一切人，又住在这一切人之内。这是我们对基督该多方经历的，且是我们经历基督达到高峰时，对基督该有的丰满经历。

贰 经历基督的条件

一 住在他里面

(一)“住在我里面的，我也住在他里面。”(约十五 5)

经历基督住在我们里面的第一个条件，是我们住在他里面。我们必须住在他里面，给他时间和空间，他才能住在我们里面。

二 留在与他的同钉里

(一)“我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着。”(加二 20)

我们与基督同钉的经历，更是我们经历基督的基要条件。我们既住在他里面，也就必是留在与他的同钉里，就是留在他那包罗万有的死里，否定了我们的存在，活着不再是我们，好让基督在我们里面活着，给我们经历并享受他作我们的生命。

三 爱他，遵守他的话

(一)“人若爱我，就必遵守我的话，我父也必爱他，并且我们要到他那里去，同他安排住处。”(约十四 23)

爱基督，遵守他的话，也是我们经历基督住在我们里面的条件。我们若爱他，遵守他的话，他和父就来和我们同住，叫我们享受三一神与我们同住的一切福分。

四 加强到里面的人里

(一)父神“借着他的灵，用大能使你们得以加强到里面的人里，使基督...安家在你心里。”(弗三 16~17)

我们蒙神借着他的灵，用大能把我们加强到我们里面的人(灵)里，是经历基督安家在我们心里的条件。这个对基督的经历是深的，所以它的条件也是重的，就是我们全人被神加强到我们的灵里。

五 凡事放胆

(一)“凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大。”(腓一 20)

我们要经历显大基督，必须凡事放胆，不顾生死。这是对基督极峰经历的最高条件。

highest condition for our topmost experience of Christ.

III. THE MEANS OF EXPERIENCING CHRIST

1) “For me this shall turn out to salvation through... the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:19).

We do not experience Christ by our ability or by our endeavoring, but through the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of God, who participated in the incarnation, human living, and crucifixion of Jesus and the resurrection, ascension, and glorification of Christ. This Spirit is the all-inclusive Spirit, the Spirit who is the ultimate expression of the Triune God. This bountiful supply of the all-inclusive Spirit is the power and means for us to experience Christ.

IV. THE ISSUE

A. Christ Being Formed in Us

1) “...until Christ is formed in you”(Gal. 4:19).

The first issue of our experience of Christ is that Christ is formed in us. This refers to Christ growing and maturing in us unto a full stature (Eph. 4:13) that He may be fully expressed through us.

B. We Becoming God’s Full Expression

1) “...Christ may make His home in your heart... that you...may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth [the unlimited dimensions of Christ]...that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:17-19).

The second issue of our experience of Christ is that we become God’s full expression. This refers to Christ making His home in us that we may apprehend with all the saints His unlimited dimensions, that we may be filled unto all the fullness of God to be the corporate expression of God.

叁 经历基督的凭借

(一)“借着... 耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，
终必叫我得救。”(腓一 19)

我们经历基督，不是凭我们的能力或努力，乃是借耶稣基督之灵全备的供应。耶稣基督的灵，就是神那有分于耶稣的成肉体，过人生，并钉十字架的死，以及有分于基督的复活、升天并得荣的灵，就是那包罗万有的灵，也就是那作三一神终极表现的灵。这包罗万有之灵全备的供应，是我们经历基督的能力和凭借。

肆 经历基督的成果

一 基督成形在我们里面

(一)“直等到基督成形在你们里面”。(加四 19)

我们经历基督的第一个成果，乃是基督成形在我们里面。这是指基督在我们里面，长大成熟，满有长成的身量(弗四 13)，叫他在我们身上得着完全的彰显。

二 我们成为神丰满的彰显

(一)“基督... 安家在你心里，... 使你们满有力量，能和众圣徒一同领略何为那阔、长、高、深(基督无限量的量度)，... 使你们被充满，成为神一切的丰满。”(弗三 17~19)

我们经历基督的第二个成果，乃是成为神丰满的彰显。这是指基督在我们里面安家，叫我们满能同众圣徒领略他那无限量的量度，以至于我们被他充满得成为神的丰满，作神团体的彰显。