

创世记结晶读经（二）

第四篇

完成神定旨的地

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读经：创十二 7，十五 7 ~ 21，加三 14，西一 12，
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创 15:9 祂说，你为我取一只三岁的母牛、一只三岁的母山羊、一只三岁的公绵羊、一只斑鸠、一只雏鸽。

创 15:10 亚伯蘭就取了这些来，每样从中剖开，分成两半，一半对着半地摆列，只有鸟没有剖开。

创 15:11 有鸞鸟下来，落在死畜的肉上，亚伯蘭就把它们吓飞了。

创 15:12 日头正落的时候，亚伯蘭沉沉地睡了；忽然有惊人的大黑暗落在他身上。

创 15:13 耶和華对亚伯蘭说，你要确实知道，你的后裔必寄居别人的地，又服事那地的人；那地的人要苦待他们四百年。

创 15:14 但他们所要服事的那国，我要惩罚，后来他们必带着许多财物从那里出来。

创 15:15 至于你，你要享大寿数，被人埋葬，平平安安地归到你列祖那里。

创 15:16 到了第四代，他们必回到此地，因为亚摩利人的罪孽还没有满盈。

创 15:17 日落天黑，不料有冒烟的炉并烧着的火把，从那些肉块中经过。

创 15:18 当那日，耶和華与亚伯蘭立约，说，我已赐给你的后裔，从埃及河直到伯拉大河之地，

创 15:19 就是基尼人、基尼洗人、甲摩尼人、

创 15:20 赫人、比利洗人、利乏音人、

创 15:21 亚摩利人、迦南人、革迦撒人、耶布斯人之地。

加 3:14 为叫亚伯拉罕的福，在基督耶稣里可以临到外邦人，使我们

Crystallization-Study of Genesis (2)

Message Four

The Land for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose

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Scripture Reading: Gen. 12:7; 15:7-21; Gal. 3:14; Col. 1:12; 2:6-7

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, I am Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it.

Gen 15:8 And he said, O Lord Jehovah, how will I know that I will inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

Gen 15:11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a terror and great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know assuredly that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will serve them; and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 But as for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

Gen 15:17 And when the sun went down and it was dark, there came a smoking furnace and a torch of fire which passed between these pieces.

Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The land of the Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive

借着信，可以接受所应许的那灵。

西 1:12 感谢父，叫你们够资格在光中同得所分给众圣徒的分；

西 2:6 你们既然接受了基督，就是主耶稣，

西 2:7 在祂里面已经生根，并正被建造，且照着你们所受的教导，
在信心上得以坚固，洋溢着感谢，就要在祂里面行事为人。

壹 要完成神的定旨，后裔和地这二者是必需的；后裔和地二者都预表基督，祂是神经纶的中心和普及——创十二 7，西一 18，三 10～11。

创 12:7 耶和華向亚伯兰显现，说，我要把这地赐给你的后裔。亚伯兰就在那里为向他显现的耶和華筑了一座坛。

西 1:18 祂也是召会身体的头；祂是元始，是从死人中复活的首生者，使祂可以在万有中居首位；

西 3:10 并且穿上了新人；这新人照着创造祂者的形像渐渐更新，以致有充足的知识；

西 3:11 在此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、为奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之内。

貳 主一再对亚伯拉罕说到关于地的事，说，“从你所在的地方，举目向东西南北观看；凡你所看见的一切地，我都要赐给你和你的后裔，直到永远。…你起来，纵横走遍这地，因为我必把这地赐给你”——创十三 14～15、17，参十二 7，十五 7：

创 13:14 罗得离别亚伯兰以后，耶和華对亚伯兰说，从你所在的地方，举目向东西南北观看；

创 13:15 凡你所看见的一切地，我都要赐给你和你的后裔，直到永远。

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一 地是亚伯拉罕生活其中且凭以生活的地方——7～8 节。

the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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;

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

I. For the fulfillment of God's purpose two things are required—the seed and the land; both the seed and the land typify Christ, who is the centrality and universality of God's economy—Gen. 12:7; Col. 1:18; 3:10-11.

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

II. The Lord spoke to Abraham repeatedly concerning the land, saying, “Now lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever…Rise up; walk through the land according to its length and its breadth, for I will give it to you”—Gen. 13:14-15, 17; cf. 12:7; 15:7:

Gen 13:14 And Jehovah said to Abram after Lot had separated from him, Now lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

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Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, I am Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it.

A. The land was a place for Abraham to live in and live on—vv. 7-8.

创 15:7 耶和華又對他說，我是耶和華，曾領你出了迦勒底的吾珥，為要將這地賜你為業。

创 15:8 亞伯蘭說，主耶和華啊，我怎能知道必得這地為業呢？

二 地是亞伯拉罕能擊敗一切仇敵，使神能在地 上得着國度的地方——十四 13 ~ 20。

创 14:13 有一個逃出來的人，來告訴希伯來人亞伯蘭；亞伯蘭正住在亞摩利人慢利的橡樹那里。慢利和以實各并亞乃都是弟兄，曾與亞伯蘭聯盟。

创 14:14 亞伯蘭聽見他侄兒被擄去，就率領他家里生養的精練壯丁三百一十八人，直追到但，

创 14:15 便在夜間，自己同仆人分隊擊敗敵人，又追到大馬色北邊的何把，

创 14:16 將一切財物奪回來，連他侄兒羅得和他的財物，以及婦女、人民也都奪回來。

创 14:17 亞伯蘭擊敗基大老瑪和與他同盟的王回來的時候，所多瑪王出來，在沙微谷迎接他；沙微谷就是王谷。

创 14:18 又有撒冷王麥基洗德帶著餅和酒出來迎接；他是至高神的祭司。

创 14:19 他為亞伯蘭祝福，說，愿天地的主、至高的神賜福與亞伯蘭；

创 14:20 至高的神把敵人交在你手里，是當受頌贊的。亞伯蘭就將所得的一切，拿了十分之一給他。

三 地是神能有一個居所來彰顯祂自己的地方——申十二 5、11，十六 2。

申 12:5 但耶和華你們的神從你們各支派中，所選擇出來立祂名的地方，就是祂的居所，那是你們當尋求的，你們要往那里去，

申 12:11 那時你們要將我所吩咐你們的燔祭和別的祭，十分取一之物，和手中的舉祭，并向耶和華許愿所獻一切上好的還愿祭，都奉到耶和華你們神所選擇給祂名居住的地方。

申 16:2 你當在耶和華所選擇給祂名居住的地方，從羊群牛群中，將逾越节的祭牲獻給耶和華你的神。

四 今天我們的地是基督；祂活在我們里面，我們也活在祂里面；我們應該活在基督里，并 靠基督而活——西一 27，二 6 ~ 7。

西 1:27 神愿意叫他們知道，這奧秘的榮耀在外邦人中是何等的丰富，就是基督在你們里面成了榮耀的盼望；

西 2:6 你們既然接受了基督，就是主耶穌，

西 2:7 在祂里面已經生根，并正被建造，且照着你們所受的教導，在信心上得以堅固，洋溢着感謝，就要在祂里面行事為人。

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B. The land was a place in which Abraham could defeat all his enemies in order that God might have a kingdom on earth—14:13-20.

Gen 14:13 And one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was dwelling by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and the brother of Aner; and these were allies of Abram.

Gen 14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and pursued as far as Dan.

Gen 14:15 And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and struck them and pursued them to Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the possessions and also brought back Lot his brother and his possessions as well as the women and the people.

Gen 14:17 And after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.

Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.

C. The land was the place where God could have a habitation as the expression of Himself—Deut. 12:5, 11; 16:2.

Deut 12:5 But to the place which Jehovah your God will choose out of all your tribes to put His name, to His habitation, shall you seek, and there shall you go.

Deut 12:11 Then to the place where Jehovah your God will choose to cause His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I am commanding you, your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and all your choice vows which you vow to Jehovah.

Deut 16:2 And you shall sacrifice the passover to Jehovah your God, from the flock and from the herd, in the place where Jehovah will choose to cause His name to dwell.

D. For us today the land is Christ, who is living in us and in whom we are living; we should live in Christ and on Christ—Col. 1:27; 2:6-7.

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

叁 基督由美地—迦南地—所预表，乃是“所分给众圣徒的分”——12：

西 1:12 感谢父，叫你们够资格在光中同得所分给众圣徒的分；

一 “所分给...的分”是指业分，如以色列人分得迦南美地之分，作他们的产业——书十四 1：

书 14:1 以下是以色列人在迦南地所得的产业，就是祭司以利亚撒和嫩的儿子约书亚，并以色列人各支派宗族的首领所分给他们的；

1 新约信徒的基业，他们所分得的分，乃是包罗万有的基督——参申八 7 ~ 10。

申 8:7 因为耶和华你神领你进入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，从谷中和山上流出水来；

申 8:8 那地有小麦、大麦、葡萄树、无花果树、石榴树；那地有出油的橄榄树，有蜜。

申 8:9 你在那地不缺食物，你必一无所缺；那地的石头是铁，山内可以挖铜。

申 8:10 你吃得饱足，就要颂赞耶和华你的神，因祂将那美地赐给你了。

2 基督是众圣徒所分得的分，作了他们神圣的基业，给他们享受——弗三 8。

弗 3:8 这恩典赐给了我这比众圣徒中最小者还小的，叫我将基督那追测不尽的丰富，当作福音传给外邦人，

二 我们既然接受了基督作我们所分得的分，就该在祂里面行事为人——西二 6 ~ 7：

西 2:6 你们既然接受了基督，就是主耶稣，

西 2:7 在祂里面已经生根，并正被建造，且照着你们所受的教导，在信心上得以坚固，洋溢着感谢，就要在祂里面行事为人。

1 行事为人就是生活、行动、举止、为人。

2 我们该在基督里行事为人，生活行动，使我们能享受祂的丰富，就如以色列人住在美地，享受其上一

III. As typified by the good land, the land of Canaan, Christ is “the allotted portion of the saints”—1:12:

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;

A. *The allotted portion 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 — Josh. 14:1:*

Josh 14:1 And these are what the children of Israel received as inheritances in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel gave to them as inheritances,

1. The New Testament believers' inheritance, their allotted portion, is the all-inclusive Christ— cf. Deut. 8:7-10.

Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

Deut 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;

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.

Deut 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

2. Christ is the allotted portion of the saints as their divine inheritance for their enjoyment—Eph. 3:8.

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

B. *Since we have received Christ as our allotted portion, we should walk in Him— Col. 2:6:*

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

1. To walk is to live, to act, to behave, and to have our being.

2. We should walk, live, and act in Christ so that we may enjoy His riches, just as the children of Israel lived in the good land, enjoying all its rich produce —

切丰富的出产——申八 7 ~ 10。

- 申 8:7 因为耶和华你神领你进入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，从谷中和山上流出水来；
- 申 8:8 那地有小麦、大麦、葡萄树、无花果树、石榴树；那地有出油的橄榄树，有蜜。
- 申 8:9 你在那地不缺食物，你必一无所缺；那地的石头是铁，山内可以挖铜。
- 申 8:10 你吃得饱足，就要颂赞耶和华你的神，因祂将那美地赐给你了。

3 今天的美地就是基督那包罗万有的灵，祂住在我们的灵里，作我们的享受；照着这灵而行，乃是新约的中心和关键——加三 14，五 16，提后四 22，罗八 4、16。

- 加 3:14 为叫亚伯拉罕的福，在基督耶稣里可以临到外邦人，使我们借着信，可以接受所应许的那灵。
- 加 5:16 我说，你们当凭着灵而行，就绝不会满足肉体的情欲了。
- 提后 4:22 愿主与你的灵同在。愿恩典与你同在。
- 罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。
- 罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。

肆 神应许亚伯拉罕物质方面的福乃是美地，作包罗万有之基督的预表——创十二 7，十三 15，十七 8，二六 3 ~ 4：

- 创 12:7 耶和华向亚伯兰显现，说，我要把这地赐给你的后裔。亚伯兰就在那里为向他显现的耶和华筑了一座坛。
- 创 13:15 凡你所看见的一切地，我都要赐给你和你的后裔，直到永远。
- 创 17:8 我要将你寄居的地，就是迦南全地，赐给你和你的后裔永远为业，我也必作他们的神。
- 创 26:3 你寄居在这地，我必与你同在，赐福给你，因为我要将这些地都赐给你和你的后裔；我必坚定我向你父亚伯拉罕所起的誓。
- 创 26:4 我要使你的后裔繁增，如同天上的星那样多，又要将这些地都赐给你的后裔；并且地上万国必因你的后裔得福；

一 因着基督至终实化为包罗万有赐生命的灵，这应许之灵的福，就与应许亚伯拉罕之地的福相符——加三 14，林前十五 45，林后三 17。

Deut. 8:7-10.

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- Deut 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;
- 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.
- Deut 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

3. 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 of the New Testament— Gal. 3:14; 5:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 8:4, 16.

- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
- 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.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

IV. The physical aspect of the blessing that God promised to Abraham was the good land, which is a type of the all-inclusive Christ—Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 17:8; 26:3-4:

- Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
- Gen 13:15 For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your seed forever.
- Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
- Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- Gen 26:4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,

A. *Since Christ is eventually realized as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, the blessing of the promised Spirit corresponds with the blessing of the land promised to Abraham— Gal. 3:14; 1 Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 3:17.*

加 3:14 为叫亚伯拉罕的福，在基督耶稣里可以临到外邦人，使我们借着信，可以接受所应许的那灵。

林前 15:45 经上也是这样记着："首先的人亚当成了活的魂；"末后的亚当成了赐生命的灵。

林后 3:17 而且主就是那灵；主的灵在哪里，哪里就有自由。

二 实际上，这灵作基督在我们经历中的实化，就是美地，作神全备供应的源头，给我们享受——创十二 7，申八 7，加三 14。

创 12:7 耶和華向亚伯兰显现，说，我要把这地赐给你的后裔。亚伯兰就在那里为向他显现的耶和華筑了一座坛。

申 8:7 因为耶和華你神领你进入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，从谷中和山上流出来；

加 3:14 为叫亚伯拉罕的福，在基督耶稣里可以临到外邦人，使我们借着信，可以接受所应许的那灵。

伍 地乃是基督作为包罗万有的灵；地也是召会——基督的身体——作基督的扩大，扩展——林前十二 12 ~ 13：

林前 12:12 就如身体是一个，却有许多肢体，而且身体上一切的肢体虽多，仍是一个身体，基督也是这样。

林前 12:13 因为我们不拘是犹太人或希利尼人，是为奴的或自主的，都已经在一位灵里受浸，成了一个身体，且都得以喝一位灵。

一 在召会中，我们活在基督里，并靠基督而活——西二 6，三 4、10 ~ 11。

西 2:6 你们既然接受了基督，就是主耶稣，

西 3:4 基督是我们的生命，祂显现的时候，你们也要与祂一同显现在荣耀里。

西 3:10 并且穿上了新人；这新人照着创造他者的形像渐渐更新，以致有充足的知识；

西 3:11 在此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、为奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之内。

二 在召会中，我们击败仇敌，并有神的国度同神的居所——弗六 10 ~ 12，二 22，罗十四 17。

弗 6:10 末了的话，你们要在主里，靠着祂力量的权能，得着加力。

弗 6:11 要穿戴神全副的军装，使你们能以站住，抵挡魔鬼的诡计，

弗 6:12 因我们并不是与血肉之人摔跤，乃是与那些执政的、掌权的、

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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.

2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

B. Actually, the Spirit as the realization of Christ in our experience is the good land as the source of God's bountiful supply for us to enjoy—Gen. 12:7; Deut. 8:7; Gal. 3:14.

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

V. The land is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit, and it is also the church, the Body of Christ, as the enlargement, the expansion, of Christ—1 Cor. 12:12-13:

1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

A. In the church we live in Christ and on Christ—Col. 2:6; 3:4, 10-11.

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

B. In the church we defeat the enemies, and we have the kingdom of God with the dwelling place of God—Eph. 6:10-12; 2:22; Rom. 14:17.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against

管辖这黑暗世界的、以及诸天界里那邪恶的属灵势力摔跤。

弗 2:22 你们也在祂里面同被建造，成为神在灵里的居所。

罗 14:17 因为神的国不在于吃喝，乃在于公义、和平、并圣灵中的喜乐。

三 我们要完成神的定旨，就需要接受神的恩典，使基督这后裔能作到我们里面，并使基督这地能从我们活出而成为我们的召会生活，好叫我们享受神的安息，击败神的仇敌，并建立神的国同祂的居所，使祂得着彰显和代表——创一 26，加六 18，三 16，四 19，西一 12，二 7，来四 9，弗六 10 ~ 12，二 22，太六 33。

创 1:26 神说，我们要按着我们的形像，照着我们的样式造人，使祂们管理海里的鱼、空中的鸟、地上的牲畜、和全地、并地上所爬的一切爬物。

加 6:18 弟兄们，愿我们主耶稣基督的恩与你们的灵同在。阿们。

加 3:16 应许原是向亚伯拉罕和他后裔说的。并不是说，和众后裔，象是指着许多人，乃是说，"和你那后裔，"指着一个人，就是基督。

加 4:19 我的孩子们，我为你们再受生产之苦，直等到基督成形在你们里面。

西 1:12 感谢父，叫你们够资格在光中同得所分给众圣徒的分；

西 2:7 在祂里面已经生根，并正被建造，且照着你们所受的教导，在信心上得以坚固，洋溢着感谢，就要在祂里面行事为人。

来 4:9 这样，必有一安息日的安息，为神的子民存留。

弗 6:10 末了的话，你们要在主里，靠着祂力量的权能，得着加力。

弗 6:11 要穿戴神全副的军装，使你们能以站住，抵挡魔鬼的诡计，

弗 6:12 因我们并不是与血肉之人摔跤，乃是与那些执政的、掌权的、管辖这黑暗世界的、以及诸天界里那邪恶的属灵势力摔跤。

弗 2:22 你们也在祂里面同被建造，成为神在灵里的居所。

太 6:33 但你们要先寻求祂的国和祂的义，这一切就都要加给你们了。

四 到了某个时候，我们真成了无有，神就要将祂自己在基督里作到我们里面，而祂所作到我们里面的，要生出基督为后裔，并要将我们带进那作我们地的基督里面——弗三 17、8，西一 12、27，二 6。

弗 3:17 使基督借着信，安家在你心里，叫你们在爱里生根立基，

弗 3:8 这恩典赐给了我这比众圣徒中最小者还小的，叫我将基督那追溯不尽的丰富，当作福音传给外邦人，

西 1:12 感谢父，叫你们够资格在光中同得所分给众圣徒的分；

the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

C. *In order to fulfill God's purpose, we need to receive God's grace so that Christ can be wrought into us as the seed and lived out of us as the land to be our church life, that we may enjoy God's rest, defeat God's enemies, and establish God's kingdom with His dwelling place for His expression and representation— Gen. 1:26; Gal. 6:18; 3:16; 4:19; Col. 1:12; 2:7; Heb. 4:9; Eph. 6:10-12; 2:22; Matt. 6:33.*

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you, 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;

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;

Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Heb 4:9 So then there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

D. *At a certain time, after we have truly become nothing, God will work Himself in Christ into us, and that which He has worked into us will bring forth Christ as the seed and will also bring us into Christ as our land—Eph. 3:17, 8; Col. 1:12, 27; 2:6.*

Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

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;

西 1:27 神愿意叫他们知道，这奥秘的荣耀在外邦人中是何等的丰富，就是基督在你们里面成了荣耀的盼望；

西 2:6 你们既然接受了基督，就是主耶稣，

陆 在创世记十五章七至二十一节，神与亚伯拉罕立关于地的约：

创 15:7 耶和华又对他说，我是耶和华，曾领你出了迦勒底的吾珥，为要将这地赐你为业。

创 15:8 亚伯兰说，主耶和华啊，我怎能知道必得这地为业呢？

创 15:9 祂说，你为我取一只三岁的母牛、一只三岁的母山羊、一只三岁的公绵羊、一只斑鸠、一只雏鸽。

创 15:10 亚伯兰就取了这些来，每样从中剖开，分成两半，一半对着一半地摆列，只有鸟没有剖开。

创 15:11 有鸢鸟下来，落在死畜的肉上，亚伯兰就把它们吓飞了。

创 15:12 日头正落的时候，亚伯兰沉沉地睡了；忽然有惊人的大黑暗落在他身上。

创 15:13 耶和华对亚伯兰说，你要确实知道，你的后裔必寄居别人的地，又服事那地的人；那地的人要苦待他们四百年。

创 15:14 但他们所要服事的那国，我要惩罚，后来他们必带着许多财物从那里出来。

创 15:15 至于你，你要享大寿数，被人埋葬，平平安安地归到你列祖那里。

创 15:16 到了第四代，他们必回到此地，因为亚摩利人的罪孽还没有满盈。

创 15:17 日落天黑，不料有冒烟的炉并烧着的火把，从那些肉块中经过。

创 15:18 当那日，耶和华与亚伯兰立约，说，我已赐给你的后裔，从埃及河直到伯拉大河之地，

创 15:19 就是基尼人、基尼洗人、甲摩尼人、

创 15:20 赫人、比利洗人、利乏音人、

创 15:21 亚摩利人、迦南人、革迦撒人、耶布斯人之地。

一 因着亚伯拉罕对神关于地的应许缺乏信心，神与亚伯拉罕立约，以坚定祂对亚伯拉罕关于地的应许——8 ~ 21 节。

创 15:8 ~ 21 (从略。)

二 神立定这约的特别方式，含示亚伯拉罕能完成神永远定旨的路——10 ~ 18 节：

创 15:10 ~ 18 (从略。)

1 神与亚伯拉罕所立的约，乃是应许的约，要借着神在

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

VI. In Genesis 15:7-21 God made a covenant with Abraham concerning the land:

Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, I am Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit it.

Gen 15:8 And he said, O Lord Jehovah, how will I know that I will inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

Gen 15:11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a terror and great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know assuredly that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will serve them; and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 But as for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

Gen 15:17 And when the sun went down and it was dark, there came a smoking furnace and a torch of fire which passed between these pieces.

Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The land of the Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.

A. *Because Abraham lacked faith to believe God for the promise concerning the land, God confirmed His promise to Abraham concerning the land by making a covenant with him—vv. 8-21.*

Gen 15:8~21 (be omitted.)

B. *The extraordinary way in which God enacted this covenant implies the way in which Abraham could fulfill God's eternal purpose—vv. 10-18:*

Gen 15:10~18 (be omitted.)

1. The covenant God made with Abraham was a covenant of promise that would be

祂恩典中的大能得着成就，而不是借着亚伯拉罕在他肉体里的努力；新约是这约的延续——加三 17 ~ 18。

加 3:17 而且我这样说，神预先所立定的约，不能被那四百三十年以后才有的律法废掉，以致使应许失效。

加 3:18 因为承受产业若是本于律法，就不再本于应许；但神已经借着应许，将产业恩赐亚伯拉罕。

2 神借着钉十字架并复活的基督，与亚伯拉罕立约——创十五 9 ~ 10：

创 15:9 祂说，你为我取一只三岁的母牛、一只三岁的母山羊、一只三岁的公绵羊、一只斑鸠、一只雏鸽。

创 15:10 亚伯兰就取了这些来，每样从中剖开，分成两半，一半对着一半地摆列，只有鸟没有剖开。

- a 三种被杀的牲畜，表征基督在祂的人性里为我们钉十字架，两只活鸟表征基督在祂的神性里，是活着、复活的一位——约十一 25。

约 11:25 耶稣对她说，我是复活，我是生命；信入我的人，虽然死了，也必复活；

- b 基督在祂的人性里被杀，但在祂的神性里活着——十四 19，彼前三 18。

约 14:19 还有不多的时候，世人不再看见我，你们却看见我，因为我活着，你们也要活着。

彼前 3:18 因基督也曾一次为罪受死，就是义的代替不义的，为要引你们到神面前；在肉体里祂被治死，在灵里祂却活着；

3 神要亚伯拉罕将牲畜和鸟献给祂，含示亚伯拉罕必须与祂所献的一切东西联合为一——创十五 9 ~ 10：

创 15:9 祂说，你为我取一只三岁的母牛、一只三岁的母山羊、一只三岁的公绵羊、一只斑鸠、一只雏鸽。

创 15:10 亚伯兰就取了这些来，每样从中剖开，分成两半，一半对着一半地摆列，只有鸟没有剖开。

- a 这指明我们要完成神永远的定旨，就必须在基督的钉十字架里钉死，也在基督的复活里复活——罗六 5、8，加二 20。

fulfilled through God's power in His grace, not through Abraham's effort in his flesh; the new testament is a continuation of this covenant— Gal. 3:17-18.

Gal 3:17 And I say this: A covenant previously ratified by God, the law, having come four hundred and thirty years after, does not annul so as to make the promise of none effect.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance is of law, it is no longer of promise; but to Abraham God has graciously given it through promise.

2. God made His covenant with Abraham through the crucified and resurrected Christ—Gen. 15:9-10:

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

- a. The three kinds of slain cattle signify Christ in His humanity being crucified for us, and the two living birds signify Christ in His divinity being the living, resurrected One — John 11:25.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

- b. Christ was killed in His humanity, but He lives in His divinity—14:19; 1 Pet. 3:18.

John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;

3. God's asking Abraham to offer the cattle and the birds to Him implies that Abraham had to identify himself with and be one with all the things that he offered— Gen. 15:9-10:

Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring Me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them in two in the middle and laid the half of each opposite the other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

- a. This indicates that in order to fulfill God's eternal purpose, we must be crucified in Christ's crucifixion and resurrected in Christ's resurrection—Rom. 6:5, 8; Gal. 2:20.

罗 6:5 我们若在祂死的样式里与祂联合生长，也必要在祂复活的样式里与祂联合生长；

罗 6:8 我们若与基督同死，就信也必与祂同活，

加 2:20 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；并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命，是我在神儿子的信里，与祂联结所活的，祂是爱我，为我舍了自己。

b 唯有如此，我们才能在作为应许之地的基督里面实行召会生活——西一 12，二 6，三 10 ~ 13。

西 1:12 感谢父，叫你们够资格在光中同得所分给众圣徒的分；

西 2:6 你们既然接受了基督，就是主耶稣，

西 3:10 并且穿上了新人；这新人照着创造他者的形像渐渐更新，以致有充足的知识；

西 3:11 在此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、为奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之内。

西 3:12 所以你们既是神的选民，圣别蒙爱的人，就要穿上怜悯的心肠、恩慈、卑微、温柔、恒忍。

西 3:13 倘若这人与那人有嫌隙，总要彼此容忍，彼此饶恕；主怎样饶恕了你们，你们也要怎样饶恕人。

4 神在与亚伯拉罕所立的约中，定了美地的界限；这地乃是以马内利之地，以色列的领土，从尼罗河到幼发拉底河；这是亚伯拉罕独一的后裔基督，为着建立千年国所要承受的地——创十五 18，十二 7，赛八 8，加三 16，参出二三 31，申十一 24 与注 1，书一 3 ~ 4，太二五 34 与注 1。

创 15:18 当那日，耶和華与亚伯兰立约，说，我已赐给你的后裔，从埃及河直到伯拉大河之地，

创 12:7 耶和華向亚伯兰显现，说，我要把这地赐给你的后裔。亚伯兰就在那里为向他显现的耶和華筑了一座坛。

赛 8:8 必冲入犹大，涨溢泛滥，直到颈项；以马内利啊，那河展开翅膀，遍满你的地。

加 3:16 应许原是向亚伯拉罕和他后裔说的。并不是说，和众后裔，象是指着许多人，乃是说，"和你那后裔，"指着一个人，就是基督。

出 23:31 我要定你的境界，从红海直到非利士海，又从旷野直到大河；我要将那地的居民交在你手中，你要将他们从你面前撵出去。

申 11:24 凡你们脚掌所踏之地都必归你们；从旷野和利巴嫩，并伯拉河，直到¹西海，都要作你们的境界。

注 1 或，最远的海。即地中海。本节中以色列地的境界是神所定的，

Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him,

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 in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

b. Only in this way can we practice the church life in Christ as the promised land—Col. 1:12; 2:6; 3:10-13.

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;

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

Col 3:13 Bearing one another and forgiving one another, if anyone should have a complaint against anyone; even as the Lord forgave you, so also should you forgive.

4. In His covenant with Abraham God set the boundaries of the good land, the land of Immanuel, the territory of Israel, from the Nile to the Euphrates; this is the land that Christ, the unique seed of Abraham, will inherit for the establishing of His millennial kingdom— Gen. 15:18; 12:7; Isa. 8:8; Gal. 3:16; cf. Exo. 23:31; Deut. 11:24 and *footnote 1*; Josh. 1:3-4; Matt. 25:34 and *footnote 1*.

Gen 15:18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed do I give this land, / From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Isa 8:8 It will sweep through Judah; it will overflow and rise / Until it reaches the neck; / And the spreading out of its wings / Will fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel.

Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.

Exo 23:31 And I will set your border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out from before you.

Deut 11:24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads will be yours; from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the ¹farthest sea will be your territory.

note 1 I.e., the Mediterranean Sea. In this verse the boundaries of the land of Israel are set by God, from the

从地中海到今日伊拉克的幼发拉底河（参创十五 18，出二三 31）。这要在基督第二次来临后，以色列得复兴时得着应验（太十七 11，十九 28，徒一 6，三 21，十五 16）。

书 1:3 凡你们脚掌所踏之地，我都照着我所应许摩西的话赐给你们了。

书 1:4 从旷野和这利巴嫩，直到大河，就是伯拉河，赫人的全地，又到大海日落之处，都要作你们的境界。

太 25:34 于是王要对那在祂右边的说，你们这蒙我父赐福的，来¹承受那创世以来为你们所预备的国。

注 1 在基督荣耀宝座前的审判之后，“绵羊”要迁到千年国里，在基督和得胜信徒的君尊治理之下（启二 26～27，十二 5，二十 4～6），并在得救犹太人的祭司职任之下（亚八 20～23）作百姓。这样，他们就要“承受那（要来的）国”。千年国有三部分（一）地上的部分，是神创造的福所临到之地，如创一 28～30 所说的（二）迦南地上以色列国的部分，从尼罗河至幼发拉底河，得救的犹太人要在那里治理全地（赛六十 10～12，亚十四 16～18）（三）属天、属灵的部分（林前十五 50～52），是诸天之国的实现，得胜的圣徒要在其中享受国度的赏赐（五 20，七 21）。“绵羊”所要承受的国，乃是第一部分。

Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates in today's Iraq (cf. Gen. 15:18; Exo. 23:31). This will be fulfilled in the restoration of Israel, after the second coming of Christ (Matt. 17:11; 19:28; Acts 1:6; 3:21; 15:16).

Josh 1:3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given to you, as I promised Moses.

Josh 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.

Matt 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

note 1 After the judgment at Christ's throne of glory, the "sheep" will be transferred into the millennium to be the people living under the kingly ruling of Christ and the overcoming believers (Rev. 2:26-27; 12:5; 20:4-6) and under the priestly ministry of the saved Jews (Zech. 8:20-23). In this way the "sheep" will inherit the (coming) kingdom. In the millennium there will be three sections: (1) the earth, where the blessing of God's creation will be, as mentioned in Gen. 1:28-30; (2) the nation of Israel in Canaan, from the Nile to the Euphrates, from which the saved Jews will rule over the whole earth (Isa. 60:10-12; Zech. 14:16-18); and (3) the heavenly and spiritual section (1 Cor. 15:50-52), the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens, where the overcoming believers will enjoy the kingdom reward (5:20; 7:21). The kingdom that the "sheep" will inherit consists of the first section.