

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Fall Term of 2021**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
CHAPTERS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT OF ROMANS—  
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

Message Fourteen

**Living a Grafted Life, Reigning in Life,  
Being More Than Conquerors Overcoming in All Circumstances,  
and Being Transcendent in Christ over All Things**

Scripture Reading: John 15:1, 4-5; Rom. 5:17, 21; 8:31-39;  
Eph. 1:20-21; 2:5-6; 1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57; 1 John 5:4

**I. As believers in Christ, we should live a grafted life—a life in which we are one spirit with the Lord and live in an organic union with Him—1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:1, 4-5:**

- A. The Bible reveals that the relationship God desires to have with man is that He and man become one—1 Cor. 6:17:
  1. God desires that the divine life and the human life be joined together to become one life—John 15:1, 4-5.
  2. This oneness is an organic union, a union in life—a grafted life.
  3. In order for us to be grafted into Christ, He had to pass through the processes of incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection—1:14; 3:14; 12:24; 20:22:
    - a. Christ became flesh to be the seed of David, the branch of David, so that we may be grafted together with Him—1:14; Matt. 1:1; Zech. 3:8; Jer. 23:5; 33:15.
    - b. Christ was “cut” on the cross so that we could be grafted into Him, and He was resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit to enter into us and make us one spirit with Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17a; Rom. 8:10; 1 Cor. 6:17.
- B. As regenerated ones, we should live a grafted life—a life in which two parties are joined to grow organically—John 15:1, 4-5:
  1. After we have been grafted into Christ, we should no longer live by ourselves but allow the pneumatic Christ to live in us—Gal. 2:20.
  2. We should no longer live by our flesh or by our natural being; instead, we should live by our regenerated spirit, a spirit grafted with Christ.
  3. Through this grafting we are united with Him, mingled with Him, and incorporated with Him to become the Body of Christ—Rom. 12:4-5.
- C. The grafted life is not an exchanged life but a grafted life—the mingling of the human life with the divine life—6:3-5; John 15:1, 4-5:
  1. Instead of exchange, there is the dispensing, the infusing, of the divine life into the human life and the mingling of the divine life with the human life.
  2. The most wonderful reality in the Christian experience is that the believers in Christ are united with Christ in the way of life.
- D. In the grafted life the human life is not eliminated but is strengthened, uplifted, and enriched by the divine life—Rom. 11:17-24:
  1. In the grafted life the branch still retains its same essential characteristics, but its life is uplifted and transformed by being grafted into a better life.
  2. In the grafted life the divine life works within us to discharge the negative elements—2 Cor. 3:18.

3. In the grafted life the divine life resurrects God's original creation, and our faculties are uplifted—John 11:25; Eph. 4:23.
4. In the grafted life the divine life supplies the riches of Christ to our inward parts—Rom. 12:2.
5. In the grafted life the divine life saturates our whole being; by this saturation we are transformed and conformed to the image of Christ—2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29.

**II. Romans reveals that the believers need to reign in life over all things for the Body life—5:10, 17, 21; 12:2, 5:**

- A. We were regenerated with a divine, spiritual, heavenly, kingly, and royal life; this life enthrones us to reign as kings over all things—John 1:12-13; 3:3, 5; Rev. 5:10; Rom. 5:17, 21.
- B. To reign in life is to conquer, subdue, and rule over Satan, the world, sin, the flesh, ourselves, and all the environmental circumstances and to subdue all kinds of insubordination—8:2, 35, 37; 5:17-18.
- C. In experience, to reign in life means to be under the ruling of the divine life:
  1. Christ is a pattern of reigning in life by being under the ruling of the divine life of the Father—Matt. 8:9.
  2. Paul is an example of one who, in his life and ministry, was under the ruling of the divine life to live to the Lord for the Body—2 Cor. 2:12-14; 5:15; Rom. 14:7-9.
  3. There is the need for all the believers who have received the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness to practice the restriction and limitation in the divine life.
- D. Reigning in life in Romans 5 is the key to everything in Romans 6—16:
  1. We need to see everything in chapters 6 through 16 in this light.
  2. Reigning in life is defined in chapters 6 through 16; all the matters expounded there are the issue not of our endeavoring but of our receiving the abundance of grace.
  3. If we reign in life, we are in all the matters presented in these chapters.
- E. The issue of our reigning in life, living under the ruling of the divine life, is the real and practical Body life expressed in the church life—12:5-8; 16:1-5, 16, 20:
  1. Each item of the living of the Body life in Romans 12—13 requires us to be ruled by the divine life to live to the Lord:
    - a. We must present our bodies as a living sacrifice—12:1b.
    - b. We should not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind—v. 2.
    - c. We should not think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think, but think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith—v. 3.
    - d. We should consider that in the Body of Christ we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function—vv. 4-5.
  2. We need to live a life of the highest virtues for the Body life by reigning in life:
    - a. We should love without hypocrisy and love one another warmly in brotherly love—vv. 9a, 10a.
    - b. We should not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord—v. 11.
    - c. We should endure in tribulation—v. 12b.
    - d. We should rejoice with those who rejoice, and we should weep with those who weep—v. 15.
    - e. If possible, as far as it depends on us, we should live in peace with all men—v. 18.
- F. We reign in life not only in dying with Adam, living with Christ, and being overcoming in all circumstances but also in living a grafted life with Christ—11:17-24:
  1. We reign in life to live the life of the new creation in our being grafted with Christ.
  2. This means that we become a new creation in Christ, walking by the Spirit according to the rule of being a new creation so that we may put on the new man and experience

the renewing of the new man—2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15-16; 5:25; Eph. 2:15; 4:23-24; Col. 3:10.

3. We reign in life not only to live the life of the new creation but also to reign in eternity in our being grafted with Christ—2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 20:4; 22:5.

**III. When we are living a grafted life and reigning in life, we can be more than conquerors in all situations by overcoming in Christ who loved us—Rom. 8:37:**

- A. By reigning in life we can overcome in all circumstances—vv. 31-39; cf. 1 Cor. 15:54-57.
- B. We need to be more than conquerors in our overcoming with Christ, but we do not and cannot overcome in ourselves; rather, we overcome in Christ's victory—vv. 54-55.
- C. "In all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us"—Rom. 8:37:
  1. The love of God (v. 39) is the source of His salvation; in His salvation this love to us has become the love of Christ (v. 35), which accomplishes God's complete salvation in us through the grace of Christ.
  2. This love of God is in Christ and has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit (5:5); nothing can separate us from this love of God (8:38-39).
- D. The marvelous things that God does for us due to His love provoke the enemy to attack us with all kinds of sufferings and calamities—vv. 35-36:
  1. Because of our response to the love of God in Christ, these attacks become benefits to us—v. 28.
  2. As a result of the love of God in Christ, we more than conquer in all our calamities—v. 37:
    - a. Because of God's unchanging love for us and the fact that Christ has accomplished everything on our behalf, neither tribulation nor persecution can suppress or defeat us.
    - b. Rather, in all these things we more than overcome and conquer through Him who loved us—v. 37.

**IV. In the resurrected, ascended, and enthroned Christ, we can be transcending in our overcoming with Christ in all circumstances—Eph. 2:5-6:**

- A. In His ascension Christ transcended Hades, the earth, and the air, where Satan and his powers are acting against God—1:21; 4:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:22; Col. 1:16; 2:15.
- B. Transcending power is the power that caused the Lord Jesus to be seated at God's right hand in the heavenlies, far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named in this age and also in the age to come—Eph. 1:20-21; Heb. 7:26.
- C. According to the book of Ephesians, we are joined with Christ in His resurrection and ascension so that we have transcended to the heavenlies; this is to be transcendent over all things—2:5-6:
  1. Ephesians 1 tells us that since we have resurrected and ascended with Christ, we are transcendent with Him not only above all that is under the earth but also above all that is on the earth, in the air, in the heavens, and even in the heaven that is above the heavens.
  2. We are also far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come—vv. 20-21.
- D. Although we are living and moving on earth, we need to see ourselves seated with Christ in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus—2:5-6:
  1. Since we are in the heavenlies in Christ, we are not under any person or problem; on the contrary, we are far above all persons and problems—v. 6.
  2. Because we are transcendent in Christ, we soar above earthly things, and these things cannot touch us—Col. 3:1-2.
  3. We are transcendent because, as believers in Christ, we are in the heavenlies in the organic union with Christ through His death and resurrection—Eph. 2:5-6; 1 Cor. 6:17.

- E. Today we are living an all-transcending life with Christ in His victory—15:54-55, 57:
  - 1. When we reign in life, we are all transcending in Christ's victory in all circumstances.
  - 2. Christ's resurrection was His victory, which will accomplish the ultimate and complete victory in resurrection for us who believe in Him and who participate in His resurrection—v. 54; Acts 2:24, 32-33; John 11:25; Eph. 2:5.
  - 3. Through resurrection Christ was victorious over Satan, God's enemy, over the world, over sin, and over death—Heb. 2:14; Rom. 16:20.
- F. Christ's victory needs to become our daily experience in life—1 John 5:4:
  - 1. Christ's victory should not only be an accomplished fact for us to receive.
  - 2. It should also become our daily experience in life through the union of the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit with our spirit as one spirit so that we may be all-transcending in our overcoming with Christ; hence, we should live and walk according to this mingled spirit—Rom. 8:4.
- G. Whenever we cannot endure a difficult situation, and the suppression is beyond our strength, we should turn to our spirit and look away unto Jesus, and then we will rise far above it and be transcendent and victorious; everything will be under our feet—v. 6; Heb. 2:8-9; 12:2; Col. 3:1-2.

- 1 Out of the depths of darkness, death, and anguish,  
Christ lifted me and brought me to His throne.  
No more enslaved by Satan's dark delusions,  
With Christ transcendent, I am His alone.
- 2 Out of the depths of weakness and frustration,  
Set on the mount of praise and perfect peace;  
Resting in Him, I know the sweet fulfillment  
Of life within that flows in full release.
- 3 Out of the depths of fear and disappointment,  
Set on the mount of splendor, joy, and grace;  
Reigning with Christ, I taste His satisfaction;  
Feasting with Him, behold the Bridegroom's face.