Outline of the Messages for the Full-time Training in the Fall Term of 2025

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES— PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS

Message Ten

Christ in Us, the Hope of Glory

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:27; Rom. 8:10; 15:13; 2 Cor. 13:5

I. Christ is in us—Rom. 8:10; 2 Cor. 13:5:

- A. "Christ...in you" is the crucial point of the book of Romans:
 - 1. In chapter 3 Christ is on the cross, shedding His blood for our redemption.
 - 2. In chapter 4 Christ is in resurrection.
 - 3. In chapter 6 we are in Christ.
 - 4. In chapter 8 Christ is the Spirit in us.
- B. The greatest and highest blessing that we have obtained in God's salvation is Christ being in us—v. 10:
 - 1. When we believed into Christ, He immediately entered into us.
 - 2. After receiving Christ, some believers sense that Christ is in them as comfort and satisfaction.
 - 3. Some new believers sense that Christ is regulating them and forbidding them to sin.
 - 4. Other believers sense that Christ is enabling them to overcome enticements and temptations that they previously could not overcome and to endure sufferings and trials that others cannot bear.
- C. Christ is the living God, and He can enter into us as the Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45); hence, we can sense His peaceful, joyful, bright, powerful, divine, and glorious presence.
- D. We should talk about Christ until we are enthralled with Christ, and we should say, "Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Christ is in us!"

II. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit"—Rom. 15:13:

- A. God is the God of hope.
- B. When He fills us with joy and peace, we abound in hope.
- C. Those who are without joy and peace cannot have hope.
- D. If we enjoy God as grace and thereby have peace and joy, we will be full of hope.
- E. Paul says, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit" (v. 13); this indicates that when we experience the God of endurance and encouragement (v. 5), we will know the God of hope.
- F. There is no need for us to be without hope, for whenever we touch the Spirit, we have hope.

III. "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. 1:27:

- A. The hidden mystery is Christ in us, the hope of glory.
- B. A marvelous attribute of God is glory—Acts 7:2, 55; Gen. 12:1, 4:
 - 1. Second Peter says that God has called us by His own glory—1:3.
 - 2. First Peter 5:10 says that God has called us into His eternal glory.
 - 3. According to 2 Timothy 2:10, God's salvation is with eternal glory; this indicates that eternal glory is the ultimate goal of God's salvation—Rom. 8:21.
 - 4. God's salvation leads us into His glory—Heb. 2:10.
 - 5. In the Gospel of John, we read that the Word, who is God, became flesh and tabernacled among us, and that we beheld His glory—1:1, 14, 18.
 - 6. As believers, we are being transformed into the glory of God (2 Cor. 3:18) and will be brought into glory (Heb. 2:10).
 - 7. Eventually, we will be glorified with Christ (Rom. 8:17, 30) to bear the glory of God for God's expression in the New Jerusalem.
 - 8. The outstanding feature of the New Jerusalem is that it has the glory of God, His expression—Rev. 21:11:
 - a. The entire city of the New Jerusalem will have the glory of God, which is God Himself shining out through the city.
 - b. Actually, the glory of God will be the content of the New Jerusalem, for this city will be completely filled with glory.
 - 9. The church life today should also have God's glory, manifesting and expressing Him in this marvelous divine attribute.
- C. The Bible reveals the glory of God:
 - 1. God is the God of glory—Acts 7:2; Eph. 1:17; 3:14, 16; 1 Cor. 2:8; 2 Cor. 4:6, 15.
 - 2. God's purpose is to bring many sons into glory—Heb. 2:10; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:6-7.
 - 3. God created us as vessels prepared unto glory—Rom. 9:23; 8:28.
 - 4. Sin is falling short of God's glory—3:23.
 - 5. Christ's redemption has fulfilled the requirements of God's glory—vv. 24-25; Heb. 9:5.
 - 6. Through the gospel of the glory of God, God has called us into His eternal glory—2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; 1 Pet. 5:10; 1 Thes. 2:12.
 - 7. Christ in us is the hope of glory—Col. 1:27; 3:4.
 - 8. We are being transformed into the Lord's image from glory to glory—2 Cor. 3:18.
 - 9. The goal of God's organic salvation, and the last stage of this salvation, is glory—Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:17, 21, 30.
 - 10. We will enter into the highest stage of oneness—the oneness of the divine glory—John 17:22.
 - 11. There is glory to God in the church—vv. 22-23; Eph. 3:21.
 - 12. There will be the glory of God in the kingdom—Matt. 6:13; 16:27; 26:64; Rev. 5:13.
 - 13. The New Jerusalem will have the glory of God—21:10-11.
 - 14. The glory of God in the economy of God involves deification—God becoming man so that man may become God in life, in nature, and in expression but not in the Godhead—John 1:14; Col. 3:4; Heb. 2:10; Rev. 21:10-11.