

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2022**

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

Message Thirteen

**Learning the Secret of Enjoying Christ as the Law of the Spirit of Life
to Live in the Reality of the New Testament Jubilee**

Scripture Reading: Lev. 25:8-17; Isa. 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-22; Rom. 8:2, 16

- I. The year of jubilee in Leviticus 25:8-17 is recorded as a prophecy in Isaiah 61:1-3 and fulfilled in reality in Luke 4:16-22:**
- A. In the year of jubilee there were two main blessings: the returning of every man to his lost possession and the liberation from slavery—Lev. 25:8-17:
 - 1. In the year of jubilee everyone who had sold his possession, his allotted portion of the good land, was returned to it without paying anything to redeem it (vv. 10, 13, 28), and everyone who had sold himself into slavery regained his freedom and returned to his family (vv. 39-41).
 - 2. Returning to one's possession and being freed and returning to one's family signify that in the New Testament jubilee the believers have returned to God as their lost divine possession, have been released from all bondage, and have returned to the church as their divine family—Eph. 1:13-14; John 8:32, 36; cf. Psa. 68:5-6.
 - B. In the Old Testament type the jubilee lasted for one year, but in the fulfillment it refers to the entire New Testament age, the age of grace, as the time when God accepts the returned captives of sin (Isa. 49:8; Luke 15:17-24; 2 Cor. 6:2) and when those oppressed under the bondage of sin enjoy the release of God's salvation (Rom. 7:14—8:2).
- II. The New Testament age is an age of ecstasy, and a Christian is a person in ecstasy; if we have never been in ecstasy before God, this shows that we do not have a sufficient enjoyment of God—2 Cor. 6:2; 5:13-15; Acts 11:5; 22:17; Psa. 43:4a; 51:12; 1 Pet. 1:8; Isa. 12:3-6:**
- A. *Jubilee* means having no worry or anxiety, no concern or care, no lack or shortage, no sickness or calamity, and no problems whatsoever but, rather, having all benefits; hence, all things are pleasant and satisfying to our heart, and we are free from anxiety, at ease, excited, and exultant—Phil. 4:6-7, 11-13; Psa. 103:1-5.
 - B. We must receive the Lord Jesus as the real jubilee in us; if we have Him, we have God as our possession and can be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan to have real freedom and rest—Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:13-14; Col. 1:12; Matt. 11:28; John 8:32, 36.
 - C. When we receive Christ as our Savior and life, He comes into us as the law of the Spirit of life to be our jubilee, but unless we allow Him to live in us and unless we live by Him, we are not practically living in the jubilee—Lev. 25:11-12; Rom. 8:2:
 - 1. If our heart is set on any person, thing, or matter other than the Lord, this is idolatry, and the end is wretchedness—1 John 5:21; cf. Ezek. 14:3, 5; 6:9.
 - 2. If we allow Christ to live in us and we live by Him, everything is to our satisfaction; otherwise, everything is a problem, and nothing is a jubilee.
 - D. Everything can be satisfying to us only after we have gained the all-inclusive Christ as our enjoyment; it is not outward persons, matters, or things but Christ within us who enables us to be calm and free of worries as we face all kinds of situations—Phil. 3:8-9; 4:5-8, 11-13:

1. Adam lost his portion of the enjoyment of God when he did not take the tree of life; all the unbelieving people of the world have lost God as their possession and enjoyment and have sold their members to sin in order to become slaves of sin—Eph. 2:12; Rom. 7:14; 6:19.
 2. Human life is nothing but labor and sorrow and will soon be gone; the true condition of human life is vanity of vanities, emptiness of emptiness—a chasing after wind—Psa. 90:10; 73:14, 16-17, 25; Eccl. 1:2-11, 14.
- E. The believers' enjoyment of Christ as the jubilee of grace will issue in the full enjoyment of the jubilee in the millennium and in the fullest enjoyment in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth—Phil. 3:14; Rev. 22:1-2a.
- F. The word *jubilee* in Leviticus 25:10 means “a time of shouting,” or “a time of the trumpeting of the ram’s horn”; our preaching of the gospel is our blowing of the trumpet to proclaim to the world, “Behold, now is the well-acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation”—2 Cor. 6:2; Isa. 61:1-3:
1. When God created man, He intended to give Himself in Christ to man as man’s possession, man’s inheritance (Gen. 2:9; 13:12-15; Psa. 16:5; 90:1); however, man became fallen, and in the fall man lost God as his possession (Gen. 3:24; 4:16; Eph. 2:12) and sold himself into slavery under sin, Satan, and the world (John 8:34; Rom. 7:14b; Gal. 4:8; Titus 3:3; 1 John 5:19b).
 2. Fallen people have no real dwelling place; they are drifting about and wandering without a home, because God is man’s real dwelling place—Psa. 90:1; Gen. 28:17-19; John 15:4; Matt. 11:28.
 3. God’s New Testament salvation brings fallen man back to God as his divine possession (Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:14; Col. 1:12; Luke 15:12-24), releases man from slavery under sin, Satan, and the world (John 8:32; Rom. 6:6, 14; 8:2; Heb. 2:14-15; John 12:31), and restores man to his divine family, the household of God (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19), that he may enjoy fellowship in God’s grace (2 Cor. 13:14).

III. We can be released and have real freedom only by enjoying Christ as the law of the Spirit of life so that we may live in the reality of the New Testament jubilee (Rom. 8:2; Luke 4:16-22); only those who enjoy Him do not commit sin and are really free, living a life of liberty, release, and freedom from bondage (John 8:36):

- A. If we do not enjoy the Lord sufficiently, we will still be in bondage to many things; making up our mind will not work; we must continually come to the Lord to eat and enjoy Him—1 Cor. 1:9; Rev. 2:7; Isa. 55:1-2.
- B. We must be those who take the way of enjoying Christ as the tree of life in both our living and our service (John 6:57, 63; 2 Cor. 3:3-6; 1 John 5:16a); the tree of life in Genesis is the law of the Spirit of life in our spirit, and the tree of right and wrong is the law of sin and of death in our flesh (2:9; Rom. 8:2, 6).
- C. Only those who enjoy Christ as the law of the Spirit of life by setting their mind on the spirit do not practice sin and are really free; when we contact the Lord as the law of the Spirit of life in our spirit through the exercise of our spirit, we enjoy Christ as all the myriad and rich aspects of the jubilee—John 8:11-12, 24, 28, 31-36; Rom. 8:2, 6, 16; Phil. 1:19.
- D. Christ as the jubilee within us frees us from our poverty, captivity, blindness, and oppression—Eccl. 1:2, 14; 3:11; Phil. 3:8; 2 Pet. 2:22; Luke 12:21; Rev. 3:17.
- E. Paul was a person who “switched on” the law of the Spirit of life by serving God in his spirit out of his first love for the Lord—Rom. 1:9; 5:5; 8:35-39; Rev. 2:4-5:
 1. To love the Lord with the first love is to give Him the first place in all things and in all matters, regarding Him as everything in our life—Col. 1:18b, 10; 1 Cor. 2:9-10.
 2. When God comes into us and comes out of us, that is our service to Him; we work together with Christ in the churches, where we render our first love to Him—S. S. 7:12; 2 Cor. 6:1a; Phil. 3:3; Mark 12:30.
- F. God’s salvation causes us to have real freedom; our possession is God, and our freedom comes from our enjoyment of God:

1. If man does not enjoy God, he cannot have real freedom; freedom means release, to be freed from all bondage, all heavy burden, all oppression, and all enslavement—John 8:32, 36; Gal. 5:1; 2 Cor. 3:17:
 - a. If a man does not have God, whatever he tries to enjoy apart from God is dog food, refuse, and dung—Phil. 3:7-9; cf. 2 Pet. 2:22.
 - b. Satan is called Beelzebul, which means “the lord of the dunghill,” from *Beelzebub*, meaning “the lord of flies”; Satan specializes in leading sinners like flies to feed on dung—Matt. 10:25; 12:24, 27; 2 Kings 1:2.
 2. Everything in our life can be a bondage to us, and we can be slaves under any matter; first, Satan captured us; then he came to dwell in us as the inciter, the instigator, of our sins; the result is that he became our illegal master, and we became his captives to the extent that we were unable to do good and could only commit sins—John 8:34; Rom. 7:14; 1 John 5:19.
- G. We have been conquered by Christ to be His captives, and our move in our ministry for Christ is a celebration of Christ’s victory for His triumphant glory (2 Cor. 2:12-14); Christ rescued us from Satan’s captivity (Psa. 68:18; Eph. 4:8); now that we belong to Him, He alone is our Teacher and Master (Matt. 23:8; Exo. 21:6), and we are “free indeed” (John 8:36; cf. 2 Cor. 10:3-5).

IV. The living of the jubilee is a living in the enjoyment of Christ as the law of the Spirit of life, a living of enjoying God as our inheritance and real freedom:

- A. The only way to be released from the three kinds of labor in human life—the labor to be a good person, the labor of anxiety, and the labor of suffering—is to take Christ as our enjoyment, satisfaction, and rest—Rom. 7:24—8:2; Phil. 4:5-7; 2 Cor. 12:9.
- B. The Christian life should be a life full of enjoying the Lord, a life full of joy and praises; when we enjoy the Lord fully, He becomes our jubilee; the tone of an overcoming living is the tone of rejoicing, thanking, and praising God continually—1 Thes. 5:16-18; Psa. 50:14, 23; 106:12.
- C. The living of the jubilee is a life in which we take God Himself, Christ Himself, in every situation; then He becomes the primary factor and center in us to lead us and overrule all the troubles of human life—John 6:16-21; Col. 1:17b, 18b.
- D. Paul learned the secret of living in the jubilee, the secret of gaining Christ in any kind of environment (Phil. 3:8-9); because everything is under His sovereignty, we should pray, “Lord, fill me, gain me, and possess me; no matter what my outward situation is, I just want to enjoy You”—4:5-7, 11-13.
- E. We should all have one heart—to love God, to seek God, to live God, and to be constituted with God that we may be His expression—and one way—the Triune God Himself as the inner law of the Spirit of life with its divine capacity—Jer. 32:39.

V. The experience and enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of life as the reality of the jubilee in Romans 8 is the reality of the Body of Christ—the corporate living of the perfected Godmen—displayed in Romans 12 through 16; this reality consummates in the New Jerusalem:

- A. God accomplishes His economy by dispensing Himself into us as the law of the Spirit of life—8:2, 6, 10-11; Rev. 22:1-2a.
- B. The law of the Spirit of life constitutes us to be the members of the Body of Christ, with all kinds of functions—Col. 2:19; Eph. 4:11, 16; Rom. 12:4-8.
- C. Through the spontaneous, automatic function of the law of the Spirit of life within us, we are enabled to know God, gain God, and thereby live God, causing us to be constituted with God that we may become His increase and His enlargement to be His fullness for His expression—Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19-21.