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

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- 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:

Rom. 8:10—But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

- 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.
 - **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.
- 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.
 - **Rom. 15:5**—Now the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus,
- 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:

 Acts 7:2—And he said, Men, brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,
 - **Acts 7:55**—But being full of the Holy Spirit, he looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;
 - **Gen. 12:1**—Now Jehovah said to Abram, Go from your land And from your relatives And from your father's house To the land that I will show you;
 - **Gen. 12:4**—So Abram went as Jehovah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out of Haran.
 - Second Peter says that God has called us by His own glory—1:3.
 Pet. 1:3—Seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness, through the full knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and virtue,

- 2. First Peter 5:10 says that God has called us into His eternal glory.

 1 Pet. 5:10—But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.
- 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

2 Tim. 2:10—Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the chosen ones, that they themselves also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Rom. 8:21—In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

- 4. God's salvation leads us into His glory—Heb. 2:10.
 - **Heb. 2:10**—For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- 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.
 John 1:1—In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 1:18—No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

- 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).
 - **2 Cor. 3:18**—But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
 - **Heb. 2:10**—For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- 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.

Rom. 8:17—And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Rom. 8:30—And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.

8. The outstanding feature of the New Jerusalem is that it has the glory of God, His expression—Rev. 21:11:

- **Rev. 21:11**—Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.
- 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. Acts 7:2—And he said, Men, brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,
 - **Eph. 1:17**—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,
 - **Eph. 3:14**—For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,
 - **Eph. 3:16**—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
 - **1 Cor. 2:8**—Which none of the rulers of this age have known; for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;
 - **2 Cor. 4:6**—Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
 - **2 Cor. 4:15**—For all things are for your sakes that the grace which has abounded through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.
 - 2. God's purpose is to bring many sons into glory—Heb. 2:10; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:6-7
 - **Heb. 2:10**—For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
 - **1 Cor. 2:7**—But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the *wisdom* which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages for our glory,
 - **Eph. 1:6-7**—To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved; ⁷In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
 - 3. God created us as vessels prepared unto glory—Rom. 9:23; 8:28. Rom. 9:23—In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,
 - **Rom. 8:28**—And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

- 4. Sin is falling short of God's glory—3:23. **Rom. 3:23**—For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 5. Christ's redemption has fulfilled the requirements of God's glory—vv. 24-25; Heb. 9:5.

Rom. 3:24-25—Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

Heb. 9:5—And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now *the time* to speak in detail.

- 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.
 - **2** Cor. **4:4**—In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine *on them*.
 - **1 Tim. 1:11**—According to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, with which I was entrusted.
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 - **1 Thes. 2:12**—So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.
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- 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.
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10. We will enter into the highest stage of oneness—the oneness of the divine glory—John 17:22.

John 17:22—And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;

11. There is glory to God in the church—vv. 22-23; Eph. 3:21.

John 17:22-23—And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one; ²³I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

Eph. 3:21—To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

12. There will be the glory of God in the kingdom—Matt. 6:13; 16:27; 26:64; Rev. 5:13.

Matt. 6:13—And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matt. 16:27—For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

Matt. 26:64—Jesus said to him, You have said *rightly*. Nevertheless I say to you, From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Rev. 5:13—And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.

13. The New Jerusalem will have the glory of God—21:10-11.

Rev. 21:10-11—And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

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.

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