Being IN CHRIST Conference

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The Outliving of the Indwelling Christ

Religion begins by demanding; Christianity begins by bestowing

2 Peter 1:2-3 NASB [2] Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; [3] seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Every fresh blessing along the path of faith is connected with some new unfolding of the Person of Christ to the soul. It is a revelation of what you already have in possession, it is true; but we know that it is a law in the spiritual life that Christ is to you practically what He is to your faith.

We don’t attain victory; We began with the victory He attained

Romans 8:1-2 NASB [1] Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Holiness is Jesus living His own holy life through us; which is the only holy life possible to us- the good news is that He is our life

IF HE EXPECTS MUCH, IT IS BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN ALL UP AGAINST THE IMPOSSIBLE, WE ENCOUNTER HIM OUR EXTREMITIES ARE HIS OPPORTUNITIES

1. Knowing that I am in Christ and that Christ is alive in me how do I get his life to live through me?

A. Jesus is already actively living His life in me right now

* Galatians 2:19-20 NASB [19] For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. [20] I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

B. Jesus is actually living victoriously in me right now

* 1 Corinthians 15:57 NASB [57] but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (continually giving us the victory in the now)

C. I am already full in him with his fullness, and he is filling me with fresh fullness every minute without my asking

* Colossians 2:9-10 NASB [9] For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, [10] and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;
* Ephesians 1:22-23 NASB [22] And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2. His grace is sufficient – the power of Is

* 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB [9] And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
* 2 Corinthians 9:8 NASB [8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

3. Put on what you have put on – sink into

* Colossians 3:5-11 NASB [5] Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. [6] For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, [7] and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. [8] But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, [10] and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him- [11] a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.
* Ephesians 4:22-24 NASB [22] that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, [23] and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, [24] and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
* Romans 13:11-14 NASB [11] Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. [12] The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13] Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. [14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

4. The vine and the branches – (John 15)

* How does the branch get the sap out of the vine into the branch? The branch is part of the vine, and they are one. I am in the vine and the vine is in me. I don't have to try to pull the life of the vine into me the branch; instead I simply have to remember that I am one with divine and that the life is flowing, and I can simply rest and its riches supply. Can the vine have anything in the branch not have? Yes, I am part of the vine called branch through which the vine bears fruit.

5. Faith and surrender simply acknowledges his victorious life which is actively alive in me and simply saying yes and thank you

* WE TAKE; HE UNDERTAKES
* FAITH ISN’T BELIEVING THAT HE CAN; IT IS TRUSTING THAT HE IS
* GIVE ALL; TAKE ALL

6. We can't do anything to get him to live through us, we can only through rebellion and unbelief prevent him from full manifestation in and through us

7. Entering into His rest –

* Living by His faith
* Galatians 2:20 NASB [20] I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in the faith of Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
* Ephesians 3:8-12 NASB [8] To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, [9] and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; [10] so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and confident access through His faith.
* Hebrews 4:1-11 NASB [1] Believer’s Rest Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. [2] For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. [3] For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "As I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. [4] For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "And GOD rested ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS"; [5] and again in this passage, "They SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST." [6] Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, [7] He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "Today IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." [8] For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. [9] So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. [10] For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. [11] Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. …

8. How do I increase my faith? By thinking only of all that Jesus is, the one who is all and in all – looking off to his faithfulness

* 2 Timothy 2:13 NASB [13] If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

WE WILL ONLY EXPERIENCE THE LIFE OF THE LORD LIVED THROUGH TO THE DEGREE THAT HE REIGNS AS

THE DECISION - Accepting Christ as your indwelling Lord and Life

THE CONTINUAL OUTFLOW- (A PIPE OPENED AT BOTH ENDS)

LET GO-LAY HOLD-HOLD FAST-HOLD FORTH

My Savior, Thou hast offered rest:

Oh, give it then to me;

The rest of ceasing from myself,

To find my all in Thee.

O Lord, I seek a holy rest,

A victory over sin;

I seek that Thou alone shouldst reign

O’er all without

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life, and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 - Take my hands, and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 - Take my voice, and let me sing

Always, only, for my King;

Take my lips, and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee,

Filled with messages from Thee.

4 - Take my silver and my gold;

Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect, and use

Every power as Thou shalt choose,

Every power as Thou shalt choose.

5 - Take my will, and make it Thine;

It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart; it is Thine own;

It shall be Thy royal throne,

It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 - Take my love; my Lord, I pour

At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be

Ever, only, all for Thee,

Ever, only, all for Thee.