

**LABORING ON THE ALL-INCLUSIVE CHRIST
TYPIFIED BY THE GOOD LAND
FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH
AS THE BODY OF CHRIST,
FOR THE REALITY AND THE MANIFESTATION
OF THE KINGDOM,
AND FOR THE BRIDE TO MAKE HERSELF READY
FOR THE LORD'S COMING**

Message Eight
**Experiencing and Enjoying the All-inclusive Christ
as the Good Land—
a Land in Which We Do Not Lack Anything**

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Scripture Reading: Col. 1:12; 2:6-15, 19;
Deut. 8:9; Gen. 17:1; Phil. 1:19

- Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,
- Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- Col 2:8 Beware that no one carries you off as spoil through his philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ;
- Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
- Col 2:10 And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.
- Col 2:11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,
- Col 2:12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- Col 2:13 And you, though dead in your offenses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our offenses;
- Col 2:14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.
- Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
- Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
- Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

I. Christ as the preeminent and all-inclusive One is the allotted portion of the saints in the light for our experience and enjoyment—Col. 1:12:

- Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- A. The allotted portion refers to the lot of the inheritance, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance—Josh. 14:1.
- Josh 14:1 And these are what the children of Israel received as inheritances in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel gave to them as inheritances,

B. The New Testament believers' allotted portion is not a physical land; it is the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit—Col. 2:6-7; Gal. 3:14:

Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,
Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

1. The riches of the good land typify the unsearchable riches of Christ in different aspects as the bountiful supply to His believers in His Spirit—Deut. 8:7-10; Eph. 3:8; Phil. 1:19.

Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;
Deut 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;
Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
Deut 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.
Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

2. By enjoying the riches of the land, the believers in Christ are built up to be Christ's Body as the house of God and the kingdom of God—Eph. 1:22-23; 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15; Matt. 16:18-19; Rom. 14:17.

Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
Matt 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.
Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

C. We must be *in the light* in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land; light is the presence of God—Col. 1:12; 1 Pet. 2:9; Isa. 2:5; 1 John 1:5:

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
Isa 2:5 House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.
1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1. God is light—v. 5.

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2. The word of God is light—Psa. 119:105, 130.

Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.

Psa 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.

3. Christ is light— John 8:12; 9:5.
 John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
 John 9:5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
4. The life of Christ is light—1:4.
 John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
5. The believers are light—Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15.
 Matt 5:14 You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden.
 Phil 2:15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,
6. The church is a lampstand shining with light—Rev. 1:20; Psa. 73:16-17.
 Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.
 Psa 73:16 When I considered this in order to understand it, / It was a troublesome task in my sight,
 Psa 73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; / Then I perceived their end.

II. Colossians 2:6-7 reveals that Christ as the good land, a land in which we do not lack anything (Deut. 8:9), is the rich soil in which we have been rooted so that we may grow with the elements that we absorb from the soil (Eph. 3:17b):

- Col 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,
 Col 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.
- Eph 3:17b ... that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- A. God is the real Farmer, and Paul was one of His co-workers (1 Cor. 3:6-9; 2 Cor. 6:1a); Paul planted the believers into Christ as the soil.
 1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.
 1 Cor 3:7 So then neither is he who plants anything nor he who waters, but God who causes the growth.
 1 Cor 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.
 1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.
 2 Cor 6:1a And working together with Him, ...
- B. Day by day we need to take time to absorb Christ, the One into whom we have been planted; we must take time to enjoy the Lord as the all-inclusive land so that all the elements of Christ as the rich soil may be absorbed into us for us to be made full in Him in our experience—Col. 2:10a; 4:2:
 Col 2:10a And you have been made full in Him, ...
 Col 4:2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,
1. If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots— 2 Kings 19:30; Isa. 37:31; Jer. 17:7-8; cf. Mark 4:16-17; 2 Cor. 4:16.
 2 Kings 19:30 And the remnant of those who have escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.
 Isa 37:31 And the remnant of those who have escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.
 Jer 17:7 Blessed is the man who trusts in Jehovah / And whose trust Jehovah is.
 Jer 17:8 And he will be like a tree transplanted beside water, / Which sends out its roots by a stream, / And will not be afraid when heat comes; / For its leaves remain flourishing, / And it will not be anxious in the year of drought / And will not cease to bear fruit.
 Mark 4:16 And likewise, these are the ones being sown on the rocky places, who, when

- they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.
- Mark 4:17 Yet they have no root in themselves, but last only for a time; then when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately they are stumbled.
- 2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
2. We need to forget our situation, our condition, our failures, and our weaknesses and simply take time to absorb the Lord; as we take time to absorb Him, we grow with the growth of God in us for the building up of the Body of Christ—Luke 8:13; Matt. 14:22-23; 6:6; Col. 2:7a, 19.
- Luke 8:13 And those on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; yet these have no root, who believe only for a while, and in time of trial they draw back.
- Matt 14:22 And immediately He compelled the disciples to step into the boat and to go before Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.
- Matt 14:23 And after He sent the crowds away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone.
- Matt 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
- Col 2:7a Having been rooted and being built up in Him, ...
- Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
- C. Our contact with the Lord should not be rushed; we must exercise our spirit to stay in the Lord's presence to absorb Him; we must spend more time to absorb the Lord—to adore Him, to praise Him, to offer thanks to Him, and to speak to Him freely—Psa. 27:4; Exo. 33:11, 14; Matt. 6:6; 14:22-23; Mark 1:35; cf. Eph. 4:20-21.
- Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
- Exo 33:11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.
- Exo 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
- Matt 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
- Matt 14:22 And immediately He compelled the disciples to step into the boat and to go before Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.
- Matt 14:23 And after He sent the crowds away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone.
- Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still night, He went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.
- Eph 4:20 But you did not so learn Christ,
- Eph 4:21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,
- D. The growth of the Body depends on the growth of God, the increase of God, within us in a very subjective way; the growth of the Body is the growth of God's building; the actual building of the church is by the believers' growth in life—Col. 2:19; Eph. 2:20-22; 4:16.
- Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
- Eph 2:20 Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;
- Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
- Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

III. Colossians 2:8-15 presents a full description and definition of Christ as the soil, in which we do not lack anything; as we take time to absorb Him as the all-inclusive land, the facts in these verses become our experience; the facts are in Christ, and the experience is by Christ and with Christ:

- Col 2:8 Beware that no one carries you off as spoil through his philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ;
- Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
- Col 2:10 And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.
- Col 2:11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,
- Col 2:12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- Col 2:13 And you, though dead in your offenses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our offenses;
- Col 2:14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.
- Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
- A. Christ as the soil is the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily—v. 9:
- Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
1. *Fullness* refers not to the riches of God but to the expression of the riches of God; what dwells in Christ is not only the riches of the Godhead but the expression of the riches of what God is—v. 9; 1:15, 18; 3:10-11.
Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
 2. When we are rooted in Christ as the soil, we are made full in Him; we are filled up with all the divine riches to become His expression—Eph. 3:8, 19.
Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
 3. In Christ as the soil we are filled, completed, perfected, satisfied, and thoroughly supplied; we do not lack anything—cf. Phil. 1:19.
Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- B. Christ as the soil is the Head of all rule and authority—Col. 2:10.
Col 2:10 And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.
- C. In Christ as the soil there is the killing power, which puts the flesh to death—v. 11.
Col 2:11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,
- D. In Christ as the soil there is an element that causes us to be buried—v. 12a.
Col 2:12a Buried together with Him in baptism, ...
- E. In Christ as the soil there is an element that causes us to be raised up—v. 12b.
Col 2:12b ... in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- F. In Christ as the soil there is an element that vivifies us—v. 13.
Col 2:13 And you, though dead in your offenses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He

- made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our offenses;
- G. In Christ as the soil there is the wiping out of the handwriting in ordinances—v. 14.
Col 2:14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.
- H. In Christ as the soil there is the victory over the evil spirits in the atmosphere—v. 15.
Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

IV. Furthermore, Christ as the soil is the history and mystery of God with all the riches of His person and processes—v. 2:

- Col 2:2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,
- A. Christ is God—John 1:1; 20:28-29; Isa. 9:6; John 14:9-10; 2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 2:36.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God!
John 20:29 Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.
Isa 9:6 For a child is born to us, / A Son is given to us; / And the government / Is upon His shoulder; / And His name will be called / Wonderful Counselor, / Mighty God, / Eternal Father, / Prince of Peace.
John 14:9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father?
John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.
2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.
- B. Christ is man—1 Tim. 2:5:
- 1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
1. He is the Apostle—Heb. 3:1.
Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus,
 2. He is the Prophet—Acts 3:22-23.
Acts 3:22 Moses said, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear in whatever things He speaks to you.
Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."
 3. He is the Counselor—Isa. 9:6.
Isa 9:6 For a child is born to us, / A Son is given to us; / And the government / Is upon His shoulder; / And His name will be called / Wonderful Counselor, / Mighty God, / Eternal Father, / Prince of Peace.
 4. He is the Teacher—Matt. 23:8, 10.
Matt 23:8 But you, do not be called Rabbi, for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.
Matt 23:10 Neither be called instructors, because One is your Instructor, the Christ.
 5. He is the Leader—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.
 6. He is the Master—Luke 5:5.
Luke 5:5 And Simon answered and said, Master, through the whole night we toiled and caught nothing; but based on Your word I will let down the nets.
 7. He is the Slave—Isa. 42:1.

- Isa 42:1 Here is My Servant, whom I uphold, / My chosen One in whom My soul delights; / I have put My Spirit upon Him, / And He will bring forth justice to the nations.
8. He is the Shepherd—John 10:11.
John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
 9. He is the Witness—Rev. 1:5.
Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood
 10. He is the Priest—Heb. 7:25-26.
Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,
 11. He is the Mediator—8:6.
Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry inasmuch as He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted upon better promises.
 12. He is the surety—7:22.
Heb 7:22 By so much Jesus has also become the surety of a better covenant.
 13. He is the King—Matt. 2:2.
Matt 2:2 Saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.
 14. He is the Bridegroom—John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2.
John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.
2 Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.
- C. Christ is our necessities— John 14:6:
John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.
1. He is our light—8:12.
John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
 2. He is our air—20:22.
John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.
 3. He is our water—4:14.
John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water springing up into eternal life.
 4. He is our food—6:35.
John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.
 5. He is our clothing—Gal. 3:27.
Gal 3:27 For as many as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
 6. He is our lodging—John 15:5.
John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
 7. He is our enjoyment and rest—Col. 2:16-17; Matt. 11:28.
Col 2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,
Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.
Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

D. Christ is our divine provision—1 Cor. 1:30:

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1. He is our power—v. 24b.

1 Cor 1:24b ... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

2. He is our wisdom—vv. 24b, 30b.

1 Cor 1:24b ... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Cor 1:30b ... who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

3. He is our righteousness—v. 30b.

1 Cor 1:30b ... who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

4. He is our sanctification—v. 30b.

1 Cor 1:30b ... who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

5. He is our redemption—v. 30b.

1 Cor 1:30b ... who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

E. Christ is to the church:

1. He is the Head of the Body—Col. 1:18.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

2. He is the Body of the Head—1 Cor. 12:12.

1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

3. He is the foundation of the church—3:11.

1 Cor 3:11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

4. He is the cornerstone of the house of God, the church—Eph. 2:20.

Eph 2:20 Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;

5. He is all the members of the new man—Col. 3:10-11.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

V. Christ as our allotted portion, our unsearchably rich good land in which we do not lack anything, is our All-sufficient God and the great I Am, whom we can experience and enjoy day by day; what He is meets our every need in order to meet His need for the building up of His church as His Body and the preparation of His church as His bride for His coming back—1:12; Deut. 8:9; Gen. 17:1; Phil. 1:19; John 8:58; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 16:18; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

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Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the

gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousneses of the saints.

Rev 19:9 And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.