

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:**

- 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](#).
- 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:**
- 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](#).
 - 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](#).
- 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:**
- God is light—[1 John 1:5](#).
 - The word of God is light—[Psa. 119:105, 130](#).
 - Christ is light—[John 8:12](#); [9:5](#).
 - The life of Christ is light—[John 1:4](#).
 - The believers are light—[Matt. 5:14](#); [Phil. 2:15](#).
 - The church is a lampstand shining with light—[Rev. 1:20](#); [Psa. 73:16-17](#).

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

- A. God is the real Farmer, and Paul was one of His co-workers; Paul planted the believers into Christ as the soil—[1 Cor. 3:6-9](#); [2 Cor. 6:1a](#).
- 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:**
- 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](#).
 - 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](#).
- 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.**
- 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.**

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:

A. Christ as the soil is the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily—Col. 2:9:

- *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—Col. 2:9; 1:15, 18; 3:10-11.
- 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.
- In Christ as the soil we are filled, completed, perfected, satisfied, and thoroughly supplied; we do not lack anything—cf. Phil. 1:19.

B. Christ as the soil is the Head of all rule and authority—Col. 2:10.

C. In Christ as the soil there is the killing power, which puts the flesh to death—Col. 2:11.

D. In Christ as the soil there is an element that causes us to be buried—Col. 2:12a.

E. In Christ as the soil there is an element that causes us to be raised up—Col. 2:12b.

F. In Christ as the soil there is an element that vivifies us—Col. 2:13.

G. In Christ as the soil there is the wiping out of the handwriting in ordinances—Col. 2:14.

H. In Christ as the soil there is the victory over the evil spirits in the atmosphere—Col. 2:15.

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

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.

B. Christ is man—1 Tim. 2:5:

- He is the Apostle—Heb. 3:1.
- He is the Prophet—Acts 3:22-23.
- He is the Counselor—Isa. 9:6.
- He is the Teacher—Matt. 23:8, 10.
- He is the Leader—Heb. 2:10.
- He is the Master—Luke 5:5.
- He is the Slave—Isa. 42:1.
- He is the Shepherd—John 10:11.
- He is the Witness—Rev. 1:5.
- He is the Priest—Heb. 7:25-26.
- He is the Mediator—Heb. 8:6.
- He is the surety—Heb. 7:22.
- He is the King—Matt. 2:2.
- He is the Bridegroom—John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2.

IV. (cont.):**C. Christ is our necessities—John 14:6:**

- He is our light—John 8:12.
- He is our air—John 20:22.
- He is our water—John 4:14.
- He is our food—John 6:35.
- He is our clothing—Gal. 3:27.
- He is our lodging—John 15:5.
- He is our enjoyment and rest—Col. 2:16-17; Matt. 11:28.

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

- He is our power—1 Cor. 1:24b.
- He is our wisdom—1 Cor. 1:24b, 30b.
- He is our righteousness—1 Cor. 1:30b.
- He is our sanctification—1 Cor. 1:30b.
- He is our redemption—1 Cor. 1:30b.

E. Christ is to the church:

- He is the Head of the Body—Col. 1:18.
- He is the Body of the Head—1 Cor. 12:12.
- He is the foundation of the church—1 Cor. 3:11.
- He is the cornerstone of the house of God, the church—Eph. 2:20.
- He is all the members of the new man—Col. 3:10-11.

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—Col. 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.

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- The riches of the good land of Canaan, the allotted portion given to the Israelites, typify the unsearchable riches of Christ in different aspects as the bountiful supply to His New Testament believers in His Spirit is our allotted portion. 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. We must be in the light in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land; light is the presence of God: ① God is light; ② The word of God is light; ③ Christ is light; ④ The life of Christ is light; ⑤ The believers are light; ⑥ The church is a lampstand shining with 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. [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; [Josh 14:1] And these are what the children of Israel received as inheritances in the land of Canaan, which ... gave to them as inheritances, [1 Pet. 2:9] ... Tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. [1 John 1:5] ... that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- II. **Colossians 2:6-7 reveals that Christ as the good land, a land in which we do not lack anything, is the rich soil in which we have been rooted so that we may grow with the elements that we absorb from the soil**
- God is the real Farmer, Paul, one of His co-workers, planted the believers into Christ as the soil. Day by day we need to take time to absorb and enjoy all the elements of the Lord as the all-inclusive land that we be made full in Him in our experience. We therefore need to have tender, new roots for absorbing; simply take time to absorb the Lord regardless of our situation, failures, and weaknesses; exercise our spirit to stay in the Lord's presence without rush to adore Him, praise and offer thanks to Him, speak to Him freely as we take time to absorb Him; we would grow with the growth of God within us subjectively for the growth of the Body of Christ, the growth of God's building; the actual building of the church is by the believers' growth in life. [Col. 2:6-7] As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, Having been rooted and being built up in Him, ... [Col. 2:19] ... 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.
- 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**
- Christ as the soil is the One in whom not only the riches of the Godhead dwells bodily but the expression of the riches of what God is. 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; we do not lack anything. Christ as the soil is the Head of all rule and authority. In Him, there is: the killing power, which puts the flesh to death; an element that causes us to be buried; an element that causes us to be raised up; an element that vivifies us; the wiping out of the handwriting in ordinances; and the victory over the evil spirits in the atmosphere. [Col. 2:9-10] For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.
- IV. **Furthermore, Christ as the soil is the history and mystery of God with all the riches of His person and processes**
- Christ is God and He is also man serving in different roles: Apostle, Prophet, Counselor, Teacher, Leader, Master Slave, Shepherd, Witness, Priest, Mediator, Surety, King, Bridegroom. Christ is our necessities: our light; our air; our water; our food; our clothing; our lodging; our enjoyment and rest. Christ is our divine provision: our power; our wisdom; our righteousness; our sanctification; our redemption. To the church, Christ is the Head of the Body; the Body of the Head; the foundation of the church; the cornerstone of the house of God, the church; all the members of the new man. [John 8:12] ... Jesus ... 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 4:14] ... the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water springing up into eternal life. [1 Cor. 1:24] But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [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.
- 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**
- [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;

Every morning we need to take an adequate amount of time to absorb the Lord. Although even ten minutes is good, it is best to spend thirty minutes to enjoy Him at the start of each new day. If you spend thirty minutes to absorb the Lord and to enjoy Him in the morning, you will not be bothered by negative things during the day. However, we should spend time with the Lord not only in the morning but also throughout the day. If we have a good time with the Lord in the morning, afternoon, and evening, not only shall we be supplied with the most effective pest control, we shall also enjoy a feast. Let us turn from our thought, emotion, and intention and open ourselves to the Lord, exercising our spirit to say, "O Lord Jesus, I love You, I worship You, and I adore You. Lord, I give myself to You. I give You my heart and everything concerning this day." As you contact the Lord in this way, do not be hurried. Take time, the more the better. As you spend time contacting the Lord, spontaneously you will absorb into you the riches of the soil. The fullness, the circumcision, the burial, the raising up, the imparting of life, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the authorities will be yours. All these facts.

<Excerpts from "Life-study of Colossians", Chapter 53, "In Christ made full, circumcised, raised, and made alive together with Him">

In Christ we do not lack anything. We should not talk about how much we lack. Because we are in Christ, we lack nothing. In Him is the fullness, the perfection, the completion. Actually, He Himself is the fullness, perfection, and completion. Because we are in Him, we also are complete and perfect. We are those who possess the riches of Christ.

In Christ, on the one hand, we have been made full, and, on the other hand, we have been circumcised. Because we have been made full in Him, we are short of nothing. Because we have been circumcised in Him, all the negative things have been removed. Regarding the positive things, we are complete. Regarding the negative things, everything has been cleared up, and we have no problems. Therefore, regarding the positive things, we are not short of anything, and regarding the negative things, we are no longer troubled by anything.

<Excerpts from "Conclusion of the New Testament, The (Msgs. 346-366)", Message 351, "Experiencing and enjoying Christ in the Epistles (61)">