

- I. **We use the word surplus because the people of Israel put aside a certain portion of their produce from the labor on the good land for the purpose of worshipping God**—Deut. 12:5-15, 17-18, 20-22, 26-27; 14:22-23; 15:19-20; 16:16-17:
- A. The surplus of the produce of the good land typifies Christ—Deut. 8:7-10.
 - B. The people of Israel offered Canaan's produce to God and enjoyed it with God.
 - C. The enjoyment of the surplus of the produce of the good land typifies the corporate enjoyment of Christ as our worship to God—Eph. 3:8.
 - D. According to the New Testament fulfillment of this type, when we come to worship God in a corporate way, we must bring the Christ whom we have experienced—Eph. 3:17-18; Col. 1:27; 3:3-4, 11.
- II. **If we faithfully labor on the all-inclusive Christ, we will have the riches of Christ as the produce to exhibit Christ in the church meetings**—Eph. 3:8; 1 Cor. 14:26:
- A. The proper life of Christians is to labor on Christ every day and thus have the rich surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ—1 Cor. 14:26:
 - We come together in the church meetings to have an exhibition of Christ—Col. 1:18, 27.
 - Through our daily experiences of the riches of Christ, these riches will become an exhibition of the produce of Christ—Eph. 3:8, 17-18; Col. 2:6, 9-10, 17.
 - Our meetings should always be an exhibition to show forth what Christ is, what Christ has, and what Christ does—Heb. 1:3; 2:9, 14; 1 John 3:8; 4:9, 15; Acts 2:24, 32-33; Rev. 1:17b-18.
 - B. We meet to exhibit not only the Christ given to us by God but also the Christ we have produced, the Christ on whom we have labored and whom we have experienced; this is the Christ whom we come together to exhibit—Col. 1:12-13; Phil. 3:10.
 - C. If we continually labor on Christ, we will have the rich surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ—1 Cor. 1:24, 30; 10:3-4; 14:26.
 - D. Whenever we come together, regardless of the kind of meeting we are having, we should come with the Christ experienced by us as the surplus to be offered to God and exhibited to the whole universe and to the enemy, putting him to shame—John 4:23-24; Eph. 3:10, 17; 4:15:
 - Then our meetings will be enriched and strengthened because they are full of Christ—Col. 3:4, 10-11.
 - Such a church life is an exhibition of Christ, an expression of Christ—Eph. 3:21.
 - We need to bring the surplus of Christ to every meeting to exhibit Christ—Eph. 3:8.
 - We need to enjoy Christ in our daily life and come together to exhibit Him—1 Pet. 1:8.
 - E. To have proper Christian meetings, we need to contact the Lord daily in our personal life and then come to the meetings with the realization and understanding that we are coming to exhibit Christ and share Christ with others—1 Cor. 14:26.
 - F. "Whene'er we meet with Christ endued, / The surplus of His plenitude / We offer unto God as food / And thus exhibit Christ. / Let us exhibit Christ, / Let us exhibit Christ; / We'll bring His surplus to the church / And thus exhibit Christ"—Hymns, #864, stanza 1 and chorus.

III. **We need to labor on the all-inclusive Christ in order to have a surplus of Christ to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God our Father**—John 4:23-24; Eph. 3:21:

- A. “For more than forty years [spoken in 1982] I have been fighting the battle concerning the genuine worship of God. This battle has not yet been won”—*The Fulfillment of the Tabernacle and the Offerings in the Writings of John*, p. 142.
- B. For our worship of Him, the Father requires that we come to Him with a harvest of Christ; thus, we need to come to the church meetings with the riches of Christ—John 4:23-24; Eph. 3:8.
- C. Daily, we should labor on Christ to have a harvest of Christ’s riches to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God the Father; Christ will be exalted and glorified, and the Father will be pleased and satisfied—Deut. 12:6; 16:15-17; 1 Cor. 14:26; John 4:23-24.
- D. It is crucial that we diligently labor on Christ to have our hands full of Christ and then come to the church meetings to enjoy this rich and glorious Christ with God’s children and with God the Father Himself—1 Cor. 10:31; 14:26; John 4:23-24; Rom. 15:6.
- E. Whenever we come to the Lord’s table meeting to remember the Lord and worship the Father, we must come with the riches of Christ produced by our daily laboring on Christ—Deut. 16:15-17:
 - To worship God with Christ is to worship Him collectively with all the children of God by enjoying Christ with one another and with God—1 Cor. 14:26.
 - We need to produce enough of Christ so that there will be a surplus to share with others and to offer the best part of the produce to God the Father for His joy, delight, and satisfaction—Deut. 15:11; 18:3-4; 12:11.
- F. In these last days the Lord will recover the genuine experience of Christ for a surplus of His riches in the meetings for the building of the church as the Body of Christ and for the bride making herself ready for the Bridegroom’s coming.

IV. **According to John 4:23-24, we need to worship God our Father in spirit and in truthfulness:**

- A. Truthfulness is the revealed divine reality—the Triune God dispensed into man in the Son, Jesus Christ—becoming our genuineness and sincerity so that we may live a life that corresponds with the divine light and worship God, as God seeks, according to what He is—1 John 1:5; 2 John 1; 3 John 1.
- B. Out of the enjoyment of the divine reality issue human truthfulness, sincerity, and genuineness—John 4:23-24; 1 John 3:18; 2 John 1; 3 John 1.
- C. Truthfulness is the human genuineness, sincerity, honesty, trustworthiness, and faithfulness as a human virtue and as an issue of the divine reality—John 14:6.
- D. *Truthfulness* in John 4:23-24 denotes the divine reality becoming man’s genuineness and sincerity for the true worship of God.
- E. The divine reality is Christ as the fountain of living water, the life-giving Spirit, partaken of and drunk by the believers to be the reality within them, which eventually becomes their genuineness and sincerity in which they worship God with the worship He seeks—John 4:10, 14, 23.
- F. To worship the Father in truthfulness is to worship Him with the Christ who has saturated our being to become our personal reality through our experience and enjoyment of the Triune God as the divine reality—John 4:23-24.

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 - The Israelites offered surplus of Canaan's produce (Christ) to God and enjoyed it with God and fellow Israelites. This typifies the corporate enjoyment of Christ as our worship to God. This type is fulfilled in the New Testament when we come to worship God corporately, we must bring the Christ whom we have experienced. [Deut. 16:16-17] Three times a year all your males shall appear before Jehovah your God in the place which He will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before Jehovah empty-handed; Each man shall give as he is able to give, according to the blessing of Jehovah your God, which He has given you. [Eph. 3:17] That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- II. **If we faithfully labor on the all-inclusive Christ, we will have the riches of Christ as the produce to exhibit Christ in the church meetings**
 - The proper life of Christians is to labor and experience the riches of Christ every day that we may have surplus of the riches of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ. Our meetings should always be an exhibition to show forth what Christ is, what Christ has, and what Christ does; exhibiting not only the Christ given to us by God but also the Christ we have produced, the Christ on whom we have labored and experienced. This is the Christ whom we come together to exhibit. Laboring continually ensure the surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ. Regardless of the meeting kind, we should come every time with our surplus of experienced Christ to be offered to God, exhibited to the whole universe and to the enemy, putting him to shame. Our meetings are then enriched and strengthened; full of the expressions of Christ. Proper Christian meetings require us contacting and enjoying Christ daily in our personal life that we can come to exhibit Christ and share Christ with others. [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. 3:10] In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church, [1 Col. 14:26] What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- III. **We need to labor on the all-inclusive Christ in order to have a surplus of Christ to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God our Father**
 - "For more than forty years [spoken in 1982] I have been fighting the battle concerning the genuine worship of God. This battle has not yet been won" said Brother Lee. This genuine worship of the Father requires us laboring daily on Christ to have a harvest of Christ's riches to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God the Father. Christ will be exalted and glorified, and the Father will be pleased and satisfied. Diligent labor daily on Christ is crucial to produce surplus and have our hands full of the rich and glorious Christ for enjoyment with God's children, and offer the best part of the produce to God the Father Himself for His joy, delight, and satisfaction at the Lord's table meeting and all other church meetings. In these last days the Lord will recover the genuine experience of Christ for a surplus of His riches in the meetings for the building of the church as the Body of Christ and for the bride making herself ready for the Bridegroom's coming. [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 Cor. 10:31] Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. [Eph. 3:21] To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.
- IV. **According to John 4:23-24, we need to worship God our Father in spirit and in truthfulness**
 - Truthfulness is the revealed divine reality—the Triune God dispensed into man in Jesus Christ—becoming our genuineness and sincerity that we may live a life that corresponds with the divine light, and worship God, as God seeks, according to what He is. The divine reality is Christ as the fountain of living water (the life-giving Spirit) partaken of, drunk and enjoyed by the believers to become their genuineness, sincerity, honesty, trustworthiness, and faithfulness as a human virtue for the true worship of God that God seeks. To worship the Father in truthfulness is to worship Him with the Christ who has saturated our being to become our personal reality through our experience and enjoyment of the Triune God as the divine reality. [John 14:6] Jesus said to him, I am...the reality... [3 John 1] The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truthfulness. [John 14:14] 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 fountain of water springing up into eternal life. [John 14:23-24] But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

This is the life after the possession of the good land. It is a life of working on Christ, producing Christ, enjoying Christ, sharing Christ with others, and offering Christ to God that He may enjoy Him with us. This kind of enjoyment and sharing is an exhibition of Christ to the entire universe. It is a worship to God and a shame to the enemy. Every time after such a worship, not one of the Lord's children will be poor. Everyone will be rich, everyone will be satisfied, and everyone will go from "Jerusalem" rejoicing. At the conclusion of such a meeting all the brothers and sisters will be richly and abundantly nourished. They came with a surplus, and they leave with a greater surplus. Everything of the life in the land is Christ, but it is a Christ related to us. It is not merely an objective Christ but a very subjective Christ. It is a Christ who is labored on by us, a Christ who is produced by us, a Christ who is enjoyed by us, a Christ who is shared with others and offered to God by us.

<Excerpts from "The All-inclusive Christ", Chapter 15, "Life in the land">

For more than forty years I have been fighting the battle concerning the genuine worship of God. This battle has not yet been won, for in our meetings we can still see certain traditional things. We do not have that much reality of Christ as our offerings. Whenever you come to a church meeting, you should come with Christ as your sin offering and also as your burnt offering or meal offering. Actually, we all should come to the meetings with Christ as all the offerings. However, many still come to the meetings in a traditional way simply to sit quietly.

The way of worship practiced by many Christian groups is composed of traditional elements. There may be a program, or order of worship, that includes hymns, a solo, a prayer offered by the minister, the reading of the Bible, the taking of an offering, a sermon, and the benediction. Although we do not follow such an order in our worship, we still may be too much under the influence of tradition. Therefore, we need to exercise ourselves to have the kind of worship that will satisfy the Father. The worship that God the Father desires is in spirit and with Christ as the reality of the offerings.

<Excerpts from "The Fulfillment of the Tabernacle and the Offerings in the Writings of John", Chapter 15, "The two traditional signs in John 4: Jacob's well and Mount Gerizim (2)">