

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Fall Term of 2008**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT: THE JUBILEE**

Message Eleven

**The Testimony of the Apostle Paul  
concerning the Experience and Enjoyment of Christ as the Jubilee**

Scripture Reading: Phil. 1:19, 21a; 2:5, 17; 3:1, 10, 13-15; 4:4-5, 11-13, 23

- I. Because Paul lived the life of the jubilee, he lived a life of rejoicing and could therefore encourage us to rejoice in the Lord always; to rejoice in the Lord is a safeguard, a security—Phil. 1:18; 2:17-18; 3:1; 4:4.
- II. If we would experience and enjoy Christ as the jubilee, we need to receive continuously the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit with divinity, after the Lord’s resurrection, compounded with the Lord’s incarnation (humanity), human living under the cross, crucifixion, and resurrection—1:19.
- III. Paul was a person who continually experienced and enjoyed Christ in His inward parts; he was one with Christ in His inward parts—in His affection, tender mercy, and sympathy—and his inner being was reconstituted with the inward parts of Christ—v. 8.
- IV. Paul’s life was to live Christ; Christ was not only his life but also his living, for he and Christ lived together as one person—v. 21a.
- V. In his living a life of jubilee, Paul experienced constant salvation, a practical, daily, moment-by-moment salvation; when Christ as the pattern becomes our inward life, the pattern becomes our salvation—v. 19; 2:12.
- VI. The mind that was in Christ Jesus was also in Paul; therefore, he had “this mind”—the mind to pursue and gain Christ—v. 5; 3:15.
- VII. Paul had no confidence in the flesh, he counted all things loss, he forgot the things that were behind, and he stretched forward to the things that are before—all that he might experience and enjoy Christ—vv. 7-8, 12-14.
- VIII. Paul could experience and enjoy Christ as the jubilee because, experientially, he knew the power of Christ’s resurrection—Christ’s resurrection life, which raised Him from the dead and the reality of which is the Spirit—v. 10.
- IX. We need to learn of Paul to beware of the negative things that hinder our experience and enjoyment of the jubilee—rivalry, murmurings and reasonings, seeking our own things, evil workers, confidence in the flesh, anxiety, and want—1:17; 2:14, 21; 3:2, 4-8; 4:6, 11.

- X. Whatever state we have attained in our spiritual life, we must walk as Paul did by the same rule, in the same path; that is, we must pursue Christ toward the goal that we may gain Christ to the fullest extent—3:15-16.**
- XI. If we, like Paul, would experience and enjoy Christ as the jubilee, we should take care of our physical need but not indulge in excessive physical enjoyment—vv. 17-19.**
- XII. As one who lived in the jubilee, experiencing and enjoying Christ as the jubilee, Paul lived a life that was full of forbearance—4:5.**
- XIII. Like Paul, we need to practice fellowship with God in prayer, letting our requests be made known to Him and enjoying the peace of God that guards our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus—vv. 6-7.**
- XIV. In order to progress in the experience and enjoyment of Christ as the jubilee, we should practice the things that we have learned, received, heard, and seen in the apostle Paul—v. 9.**
- XV. As one who experienced and enjoyed Christ as the jubilee, Paul had learned the secret of being content in all circumstances—vv. 10-12.**
- XVI. When we experience and enjoy Christ as the jubilee, we realize that we are able to do all things in the One who empowers us, who makes us dynamic inwardly—v. 13.**
- XVII. To experience and enjoy Christ as the jubilee is to live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is with our spirit; this grace is God in Christ as our supply and enjoyment—v. 23; 1:2, 7.**
- XVIII. If we would experience and enjoy Christ as the jubilee, we must live in the union and mingling of the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit with our regenerated spirit—v. 19; 4:23.**
- XIX. The full experience and enjoyment of the jubilee is not an individualistic matter but a Body matter; hence, for the sake of the jubilee, we need to live in the Body, by the Body, through the Body, and for the Body and always do what is best for the Body—1:19, 22-26; 2:1-2.**
- XX. The climax of the experience and enjoyment of Christ as the jubilee is to become a drink offering poured out upon the sacrifice and service of the saints' faith; if we contact the sacrificing Christ typified by the vine and experience His sacrificing life, He will energize us to live a life of sacrifice, producing wine to make others and the Lord happy; by experiencing Christ as the wine-producing vine and by being filled with Him as new wine, we may become a drink offering in Him and with Him poured out upon the sacrifice and service of the faith of the saints—v. 17.**