

Morning Nourishment

Rom. For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through 5:17 the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be 15:22 made alive.

We want to see the divine transfer of the believers from Adam to Christ. Praise the Lord that in the whole universe there is such a divine transfer of the believers. This is not like a transfer of furniture...from one place to another. This is a transfer of God's chosen people, who were chosen by God in eternity to be holy and who were predestinated in eternity unto His sonship (Eph. 1:4-5). These elect of God need a transfer because they became fallen from the proper position to another position. They need a transfer that will bring them out of their fallen position back to God's ordained position.

We were walking according to the age of this world. This was the position we were in before we got saved. Thus, we needed a great transfer. This divine transfer is the totality of all the items of God's dynamic salvation. God's dynamic salvation is the transfer. This dynamic salvation rescues us from everything in Adam. (*Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans*, pp. 128, 130)

Today's Reading

In the sight of God, there are only two men in the universe: Adam and Christ. All men are in one of these two persons; that is, all are either in Adam or in Christ. Everything depends on where we are. If we are in Adam, we are a part of Adam. If we are in Christ, we are a part of Christ. Before we were saved, we were in Adam. But in God's salvation we have been transferred out of Adam into Christ.

Adam was the first man (1 Cor. 15:47). He was not only the first man but also the first Adam (v. 45a). Adam was created by God (Gen. 1:27), and he had nothing of the nature and life of God. He was merely God's creation, a work of His hand.

Christ is the second man (1 Cor. 15:47) and the last Adam (v. 45b) ...[This] means that Christ is the last man. After Him there is no

third man, for the second is the last. This second man was not created by God. He is a man mingled with God; He is God incarnated to be a man. Although the first man did not have the divine nature and the divine life, the second man is the mingling of God with His creature and thus is full of the divine life and nature.

In Adam we were born in death and were born to die; we were dead in him (Eph. 2:1, 5). In Christ we have been reborn in life and resurrected to live; we have been...made alive in Him (vv. 5-6).

In Adam there are three main things: sin, death, and being constituted sinners (Rom. 5:19). In Adam we inherited sin, we were under the reign of death (vv. 12, 14), and we were constituted sinners. Of course, in Adam we were also under God's condemnation.

We praise the Lord that we are no longer in Adam but in Christ. As a result of being in Christ, we have grace with righteousness (v. 17). In Adam we had sin; in Christ we have grace with righteousness. What we have is not righteousness alone or grace alone but grace with righteousness. Grace and righteousness work together because grace works through righteousness. Furthermore, in Christ we have eternal life instead of death. We can even reign in this eternal life (v. 17). Although death once reigned over us (v. 14), now we can reign in life. Moreover, in Christ we are not under God's condemnation. Instead, we are under His justification. In Christ we have all been justified.

We were transferred out of Adam into Christ by believing into Christ (John 3:15) and by being baptized into Him (Rom. 6:3). When we believed in Christ, we actually believed ourselves into Him. Likewise, being baptized into water is a sign indicating that we have been baptized into Christ. God has put us into Christ (1 Cor. 1:30), and we must believe this fact. We should testify boldly that we have been transferred out of Adam into Christ. We are no longer in Adam—we are in Christ. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1436-1437)

Further Reading: Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, msg. 12; Life-study of Romans, msg. 10

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John Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and
5:24 believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does
 not come into judgment but has passed out of death
 into life.

Acts To open their eyes, to turn *them* from darkness to
26:18 light and *from* the authority of Satan to God, that
 they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheri-
 tance among those who have been sanctified by faith
 in Me.

The believers have been made a new creation by being transferred. First, we have been transferred out of death into life... (John 5:24). Death is of the source of the tree of knowledge, and life is of the source of the tree of life (cf. Gen. 2:9, 17). Hence, to pass out of death into life is to change the source of living.

The Lord's word in John 5:24 brings us back to the fall in the garden of Eden. After man was created, he was put before two trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is related to death. Because of the fall, mankind was brought into death. For this reason, everyone born into Adam is born into death. When we repented of our sins and believed in the Lord Jesus, we were saved and regenerated. To be regenerated actually means to receive the tree of life, from which mankind was cut off through Adam's fall. By repenting and believing in the Lord Jesus, spontaneously we received the divine life into us, and at that very moment we passed out of death into life. In this way we were transferred out of death into life. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1432-1433)

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First John 3:14 says, "We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers. He who does not love abides in death." Death is of the devil, God's enemy Satan, signified by the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which brings death. Life is of God, the source of life, signified by the tree of life, which issues in life. Death and life are not only of these two sources, Satan and

God; they are also two essences, two elements, and two spheres. To pass out of death is to pass out of the source, the essence, the element, and the sphere of death into the source, the essence, the element, and sphere of life. This took place in us at our regeneration. We know this, we have the inner consciousness of this, because we love the brothers. Love toward the brothers is a strong evidence of this. Faith in the Lord Jesus is the way for us to pass out of death into life; love toward the brothers is the evidence that we have passed out of death into life. To have faith is to receive the eternal life; to love is to live by the eternal life and express it.

As believers in Christ, we have also been transferred out of darkness into light. Acts 26:18 speaks of being turned from darkness to light, and 1 Peter 2:9, of being called out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Darkness is the expression and sphere of Satan in death. Light is the expression and sphere of God in life. God has transferred us out of Satan's death-realm of darkness into His life-realm of light. Just as Satan and darkness are one, so God and light are one. Light is God Himself (1 John 1:5). When we are in the light, we are in God. Therefore, it is a great matter to be transferred out of darkness into light.

The authority of Satan is Satan's kingdom (Matt. 12:26), which belongs to darkness... He has his authority and his angels (Matt. 25:41), who are his subordinates as principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world (Eph. 6:12). Hence, Satan has his kingdom, the authority of darkness (Col. 1:13). According to Acts 26:18, we have been transferred out of the authority of Satan to God. Actually, to be transferred to God is to be transferred to the authority of God, which is God's kingdom belonging to light. Formerly we were in darkness under the authority of Satan, but we have been transferred out of darkness and the authority of Satan into light and God. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1433-1434)

Further Reading: Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans, msg. 2; Life-study of Acts, msg. 69

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Col. Giving thanks to the Father...who delivered us out of 1:12-13 the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

1 John He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have 5:12 the Son of God does not have the life.

John For the law was given through Moses; grace and real- 1:17 ity came through Jesus Christ.

Rom. ...You are not under the law but under grace. 6:14

Colossians 1:13 tells us that the Father has "delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." The authority of darkness denotes Satan. God is light, and Satan is darkness. Satan's authority of darkness is the authority of evil in the heavenlies, in the air (Eph. 6:12). This evil refers to something that is in rebellion against God. The authority of evil, of rebellion, in the heavenlies is the kingdom of Satan, the authority of darkness (Matt. 12:26).

To be delivered out of the authority of darkness is to be delivered from the devil, who has the might of death (Heb. 2:14; John 17:15). We have been delivered from the devil, Satan, by the death of Christ (Col. 2:15) and by the life of Christ in resurrection (John 5:24).

We have been not only delivered out of the authority of darkness but also transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God's love. The kingdom of the Son is the authority of Christ (Rev. 11:15; 12:10). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1434-1435)

Today's Reading

The Son of the Father is the expression of the Father as the source of life (John 1:18, 4; 1 John 1:2)...The Son of the Father's love is the object of the Father's love to be the embodiment of life to us in the divine love with the authority in resurrection. The Son, as the embodiment of the divine life, is the object of the Father's love. The divine life embodied in the Son is given to us in the divine love. Therefore, the object of the divine love becomes to us the embodiment of life in the divine love with the authority in resurrection. This is the kingdom of the Son of His love.

To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love is to be transferred into the Son who is life to us (1 John 5:12). The Son in resurrection (1 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 6:4-5) is now the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). He rules us in His resurrection life with love. This is the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love. When we live by the Son as our life in resurrection, we are living in His kingdom, enjoying Him in the Father's love.

We have been transferred into a realm where we are ruled in love with life. Here, under the heavenly ruling and restriction, we have genuine freedom, the proper freedom in love, with life, and under light. This is what it means to be delivered out of the authority of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love.

The believers in Christ have also been transferred from law to grace. In Romans 6:14 Paul says, "You are not under the law but under grace." Although the law continues to exist, we are not under it any longer. Once we were under the law, but now we are under grace. This grace is nothing less than the Triune God processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to be everything to us for our enjoyment.

John 1:17 says, "The law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ." The law makes demands upon man according to what God is, but grace supplies man with what God is to meet God's demands. No one can partake of God through the law, but grace is the enjoyment of God for man. Actually, grace is...God in Christ dispensed into our being for our enjoyment in our experience....In brief, the grace to which we have been transferred is the Triune God experienced and enjoyed by us.

For Paul, grace was a living person, God Himself in Christ with all He is for the believers' enjoyment. As believers in Christ, we have been transferred from law to such a marvelous grace. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1435, 1437-1438)

Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 131;
Life-study of Colossians, msg. 4

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