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His Being the Living One, and His Becoming Dead and Living Forever and Ever

In Revelation 1:18 we see that the Lord is “the living One,” the One who “became dead” and who is “living forever and ever.” The Lord suffered death and lived again. He entered into death, but death could not hold Him (Acts 2:24), because He is the resurrection (John 11:25). Christ died, but in resurrection He will live forever. Resurrection is the lengthening of the Lord’s days. He will exist forever and ever in His resurrection. Jesus Christ today is the living One, the One who is in resurrection. **For Christ to dispense life, He must be the living One** since a dead person can never dispense life to others.

The importance of His being the living One is that He is living in us. He is living forever and is living in us. Therefore, He wants us to leave every kind of death and rise up to be the living church. The living One within us can never be dead. His church should be neither dead nor deadened; instead, **His church must be living all the time.** We must learn to enjoy Christ as the living One. His living forever is His testimony, for the testimony of Jesus is always related to the matter of being living. If a local church is not living, it will not have the testimony of Jesus. The more living we are, the more we are the testimony of the living Jesus.

The Christ who walks in the midst of the churches, who is the Head of the churches and to whom the churches belong, is the living One—full of life. Hence, the churches as His Body should also be living, fresh, and strong. **We have a living Christ who has overcome death.** Our Christ, who is the resurrected One, is living in us and among us. He is living forever and ever. What a living Christ we have in the recovery! In the recovery all the churches should be as living as Christ, full of life and overcoming death.

The Lord Jesus is the living One. For us to be living, we must have not only life but also the life supply. If we do not eat any food, we will not be so living, but if we eat nutritious meals, we will be living and even energetic. Our energy comes from our eating. **The living Christ cares for the churches by giving to the believers Himself as their food and life supply.** Therefore, in His seven epistles to the seven churches, the Lord as the living One presents **three promises of eating: the tree of life (Rev. 2:7), the hidden manna (v. 17), and a feast full of His riches (3:20).** **If we would be living, we need to eat Christ as the tree of life and the hidden manna and to feast with Him.**

It was to the church in Smyrna, the suffering church, that the Lord revealed Himself as the One who became dead and lived again. The suffering church needs to know Him as such a One so that she may endure all kinds of suffering. However severe the persecution may be, the church will still be alive, for the resurrection life of Christ within her can endure death. The most that suffering or persecution can do is to kill us. Following the death from persecution, there is resurrection. The Lord was persecuted to death. But that death was not the end—it was the gateway into resurrection. When He entered into death, He came to the threshold of resurrection. This indicates that the suffering church should not be frightened by persecution or terrified at the prospect of being killed; rather, she must welcome death and be happy, for once she has passed into death, she also will be on the threshold of resurrection. **Whenever we are undergoing persecution, we must rise up and declare, “Hallelujah, I am about to enter into the gateway of resurrection.”**

To the church, **tribulation is a test of life. The extent to which the church experiences and enjoys the resurrection life of Christ can be tested only by tribulation.** Moreover, tribulation also brings in the riches of the resurrection life of Christ. The Lord’s purpose in allowing the church to suffer tribulation is not only to testify that His resurrection life overcomes death but also to enable the church to enter into the riches of His life. The Lord’s resurrection life is in the church. Christ, the One who is the resurrection, is living in us. **Because we have resurrection life in us, there is no reason or excuse for us to fail.** We need not be defeated by persecution. Rather, we must suffer this persecution victoriously by His resurrection life...

If we consider the picture of Christ in Revelation 1, we will see that this chapter presents a fierce Christ. His eyes are as a flame of fire; His feet are like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; His voice is as the sound of many waters; and out of His mouth proceeds a sharp two-edged sword. **We must have a new impression of Christ.** Christ, the Son of Man, who is walking in the midst of the local churches, is living, burning, and fierce. He is gracious, yet He is terrifying. Particularly at the end of the age of the church, Christ must be fierce. **Because the days are so dark, evil, and dead, we need a fierce Christ.** If we contact the Christ in Revelation, **we will not be cold but burning, and we will not be silent but will shout to praise Him** (Excerpts from The Conclusion of the NT: Experiencing, Enjoying and Expressing Christ, Vol.3, Msg.407).

*Go therefore and disciple
all the nations, baptizing them
into the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
~ Matt.28:19*

Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by Area – June 30
2. Summer Training Open Sessions – July 1, Msgs 1 and 2
3. Children Bible Camp in Winnipeg – Aug 27-30. Registration deadline on July 5. Registration fee is \$55.
4. Brothers’ Mtg – June 28 at Zhang residence
5. Mtg Hall Pledge - \$81,800 (Received to Date: \$9,100)

Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Lord, we exercise our faith to know You as the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the ever-existing, unchanging One. You are the Originator and the Consummation of everything. Accomplish what You have begun in us and in Your recovery.
2. Lord, You are the living One, the One qualified to dispense life. Dispense life more into us that we may leave every kind of death and rise up to be the living church. Cause us to live by the second life, which is Your life, in our spirit. Make us more living day by day, that we may be more Your testimony
3. We praise You as the victorious One. Your death not only redeemed us but also shamed the enemy. You were put to death in the flesh but was made alive in the Spirit – proclaiming Your victory over the enemy.
4. Lord, we declare Your victory over Satan's power of darkness and the abyss where You conquered death and ascended in Your resurrection. Strengthen us to firmly stand by Your victory.
5. Thank You Lord for abolishing death on the cross and overcoming Hades in Your resurrection. We give You the ground, the opportunity, and the free way to move and act among us that both death and Hades would be subdued.
6. Grant us a new vision of who You are as revealed in Revelation. We want to know and experience You as One who is bold, fierce, rich, burning, and living. We give You the ground, the opportunity, and the free way to move and act among us so that death and Hades will be fully under Your control.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the gospel outreach during the FIFA World Cup in Vancouver and Toronto (June-July). Pray for the Lord's leading and the exercise of the spirit in coordination and service in the Body. May there be many seekers who will find us and be connected through the gospel outreach and Bible distribution.

Local Burdens

1. Pray for the finalization of the purchase of the meeting hall - [1550 Park St.](#) Please pray:
 - That all legal, financial, and practical matters be completed in peace, without hindrance, and in a timely manner leading up to the possession date of December 1, 2026.
 - For all the saints to be blessed abundantly and be faithful to give their offerings and pledges of \$100,000 by October 31, 2026.
 - For the strong financial support of \$250,000 and persistent prayers from all the saints in the local churches of Canada.
2. Pray for positive approval of the immigration papers of Liu/Qu, Aguador, Alforte and Gonzales families.
3. Pray for Sisters Maria Heibert and Malou Ballao's safe childbirth. Pray that both babies are strong and healthy and grow up to be consecrated, vessels of honour unto You.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM