

Announcements

- Living Stream Ministry is getting ready to put in a production order for the Collected Works of Witness Lee. This is a historic project compiling published and unpublished ministry from 1963 to 1997. There is a significant discount for orders this month. The last day to order the Collected Works of Witness Lee is December 31, 2017. Information and payment options can be found at www.livingstream.com/cwwl.
- Audio messages for the Puget Sound conference are available on the church in Bellevue website.
- Today is the deadline for early registration for the webcast training on Leviticus. Any registration after this date will include a late fee. The final registration deadline is LD December 24.
- We are not permitted to park next door in the Presbyterian parking lot, if the meeting hall parking lot is full, please use nearby street parking or the Chevron parking lot.
- This week we will begin reading chapter 10, “Dealing with the Self”.
- The 2018 International Chinese-speaking Conference in Taipei, Taiwan is February 16-18, 2018. Registration has been extended to December 20, 2017.

Schedule

- Wednesday night ministry webcast 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Andy Wu - Redmond (206) 617-7767, in English
 - Miyake - Central Bellevue (425) 451-7294, in English
 - Smith – South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
 - Kim – South Bellevue, (714) 213-5213, in Korean
 - Lancaster – Kenmore, (425) 482-4499, in English

Burdens for Prayer

- Germany
- Fruits to be borne from Bible distributions in Europe
- Winter Training on Leviticus
- Israel

This Week: December 11 – December 17

Morning Revival: *The Recovery of the Church, Week 3*

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Kirkland
Upstairs – Downtown

Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer meeting
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Ministry Webcast
Saturday	8:30 am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

Ministry Reading Portion

The Practical Way to Live in the Mingling of God with Man

CHAPTER ONE
**THE EIGHT STAGES
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN ROMANS
THE FIFTH STAGE—
TRYING TO DO GOOD IN THE FLESH**

Yet herein lies a great temptation. When we rejoice that we are in Christ, the enemy often comes and subtly asks us whether or not we are in Christ. When we answer that we are indeed in Christ, he often challenges us, asking, "But do you do good? If you are in Christ, you must do your best to please God. You must make up your mind and make a decision to please God and keep His law." Although we may often think that such a thought is from the Holy Spirit, we must realize that it is nothing less than a temptation and a challenge from Satan himself. This temptation comes especially when we are in the midst of praising and thanking Christ that we are in Him. If we have learned this lesson well, we will tell Satan, "Get away from me, Satan. I will not go along with you. It is impossible for me to do good. I am flesh, and in my flesh nothing good dwells. Because there is nothing good in me, I cannot do any good thing. Satan, I have been fooled by you long enough; do not try to tempt me anymore. Get away from me!"

**THE SIXTH STAGE—
WALKING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT**

In Romans 7 we see a picture of a man trying to do good in his flesh, whereas in Romans 8 we see one who walks according to the Spirit in his human spirit. However, many Christians do not know the

difference between doing good and walking according to the Spirit. Doing good is one thing; walking in the Spirit is entirely another. Yet many Christians think that doing good is synonymous with following the Holy Spirit and walking according to the Spirit. We must be delivered from doing good to walking according to the Spirit. For a number of years after I was saved, I prayed to the Lord every morning and made the decision to please Him by doing good. Yet despite my prayer and decisions, I simply could not make it. By the time evening came, I would have to go to the Lord to confess my failure and ask Him to cleanse me with His precious blood. When I experienced forgiveness and the cleansing of the precious blood, I would have peace in my conscience. The next morning I would go to the Lord again and pray, "Lord, I praise You for this new day. I wish to have a new start. Lord, help me to do good." In other words, every day I made up my mind to do good, yet every day I would fail. Year after year I was in such a state—the state described in Romans 7. Then one day the Lord opened my eyes to show me that there was no need for me to try to do good. He caused me to realize that I was in Christ, that the Holy Spirit was within me, and that consequently all I had to do was simply follow the Spirit. I realized that I did not have to make any more decisions to be good; I only had to go along with the Spirit. After I saw this, my morning prayer changed. I began to pray, "Praise You, Lord! Not only am I in You; Your Spirit is within me. There is nothing for me to do or to try to do. All I must do is simply enjoy and experience You. Hallelujah!"

We need to praise the Lord by saying Hallelujah. Sometimes the young people ask me what I do after I say Hallelujah. When Satan comes to tempt me, there is nothing for me to do but praise. I do not know anything except to say Hallelujah. We were not saved to do good; we were saved to praise, glorify, and thank the Lord (1 Thes. 5:16-18). We must remember that we are in Christ and that the Spirit of Christ is within us (Rom. 8:2, 9). Once we have such a realization, we must simply praise the Lord and say Hallelujah all day long. There is nothing left for us to do except praise Him. One day when I spoke concerning this matter in a meeting, a sister came to me afterwards and said, "Brother Lee, I am very glad to have heard the message tonight. I realize what you mean when you tell us that we should say Hallelujah. But when I go back to my home, I will be met by my husband, who is a very hard man. What you say is very good, but what shall I do in my difficult situation?" I responded to her, "Sister, the harder your husband is, the more you have to say Hallelujah. Do not make up your mind to be patient. Do not try to do anything. The more you try to be patient, the more impatient you will be. Simply remember that whenever your husband is hard toward you, you must just say, 'Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!'" This is all we must do. For

eternity we will say Hallelujah. A Christian is not someone who tries to do something; a Christian is a person who always enjoys and experiences Christ. We are not called by the Lord to do things to please Him. We are called to enjoy, experience, and participate in Christ. Never try to do good by yourself. Just remember that you are in Christ and that the Spirit of Christ is in you. If you need electricity, there is no need for you to do anything but turn on the switch. Saying Hallelujah is the way to switch on to enjoy and experience Christ. If you try to be good by yourself, the switch will be turned off. Always remember to praise the Lord, for this is the way to switch on. This is the way to be a victorious person who is in Christ and walks according to the Spirit. We are set free from sin, death, and bondage simply by saying Hallelujah and walking according to the Spirit.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Sunday, December 10 th	Zech. 1:1-21
Monday, December 11 th	Zech. 2:1-13
Tuesday, December 12 th	Zech. 3:1-10
Wednesday, December 13 th	Zech. 4:1-14
Thursday, December 14 th	Zech. 5:1-6:15
Friday, December 15 th	Zech. 7:1-8:23
Saturday, December 16 th	Zech. 9:1-17