

ND2-013: Manifestation of Christ — Live out Christ by Pastor Yu

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Outline:

Newly Created Life (新造的生命 or can be simply “new life”?) — Christ Indwelling/Formation/Substitution/Manifestation

Through the indwelling of Christ, He becomes our life; as this new life is growing, forming, maturing, we will inevitably manifest Christ more and more in our lives, service, and various life experiences to reveal his glorious life and become a witness of Christ in the flesh.

A. Through the new creation in Christ, God wants to restore His original intention of creation and His relationship with man

- “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)
- “For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)
- “Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.” (Isaiah 43:7)
- “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.” (Isaiah 60:1-3)
- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

B. To live out Christ in the new creation, so that we can glorify God and partake His glory

- “And without controversy great is the [i]mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16)

- "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal 2:20)
- "To Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:21)
- "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:11-12)
- "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." (Romans 8:28-30)

Our mission is: "Whether individuals, families, or churches, we hope to become witnesses of Jesus Christ in the flesh." In other words, in any situation, Christ will be magnified in my body and to live out the glory of Christ. Glory be to God.

- " ...as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:20-21a)
- "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." (2 Corinthians 2:14)

C. Manifest Christ in real life, glorify God and benefit others

1. Accept the substitution of Christ is the key of living out Christ

"Christ is our life, and the cross is the way." Only by experiencing death and resurrection with the Lord through the cross, in the Holy Spirit, can we truly live out "no longer I, but Christ"! Because the love of Christ compels us, we are not only willing "to live for Jesus", but also hope that because of Christ's substitution, we can say "to live is Christ!"

- "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection...Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him." (Romans 6:5, 8)
- "For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him." (2 Timothy 2:11)
- "Always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh." (2 Corinthians 4:10-11)

2. Seize the opportunity to live out Christ, and imitate the example of Christ

The life of a Christian and the different experiences in life all provide us opportunities to "experience Christ," "obtain Christ" and "live Christ," to honor God and benefit others.

- "... whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God... just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. (1 Corinthians 10:31-33)
- "...you appear in this age as bright light shining, revealing the way of life." (Philippians 2:15b-16)
- "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:29)
- "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)
- "The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:9)

3. Live out Christ to influence others

- "Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and [b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- "So then death is working in us, but life in you. " (2 Corinthians 4:12)
- "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)
- "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

Meditation, Practice, Discussion

☐ Content Review: Based on the theme verses and content of this lesson, what are the key points or questions you may have?

1. From accepting the salvation of Christ, to living out Christ in life, what are the essential spiritual practices? (Hint: from the four themes of the stage two new man discipleship) Which step is the most critical to you in your current spiritual journey?

2. How would “live out Christ” let us glorify God and partake God’s glory?

3. What impact do we have when we “live out Christ” in real life? Please list examples to explain.

☐ Further Reflection: The impact of this lesson on me, the revelation from the Holy Spirit, and additional insights

1. Conclusion from the new man discipleship stage two— “Newly created life,” Please share your insights from the following statement: Only in the new creation of Christ, can God restore his original intention of creation and the relation with man.

2. Please list the practical steps from the lesson for Christians to “live out Christ”. From these interrelated spiritual practices, which is your greatest obstacle personally?

❑ The Path to Implementation:

1. Certainly, everyone desires to "live out Christ," or seeks to break through their spiritual bottleneck. After praying and meditating, please select two practical exercises to "live out of Christ," practice these in the next two weeks. Examples such as: personal daily devotions, church attendance, overcoming bad habits, family life, interpersonal relationship, church service, career ministry, entertainment, etc.
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2. In the next two weeks, please focus on meditating passages listed in the outline each day, and experience the substitution of Christ, to live out Christ. Please record your insights and practice below.

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Week Two

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