

Message Two

**Experiencing and Enjoying Christ  
in the Kingdom of the Son of God's Love**

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:12, 27; 2:9, 16-17; 3:1, 4, 11

- I. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, there is only one person—the all-inclusive Christ—and one way—the cross—Col. 2:9, 14-15:**
- A. The one person, Christ, is the center, the focal point, of the universe—1:15-17.
  - B. God's intention is not to give us many items; His intention is to give us one person, the all-inclusive Christ—2:10.
  - C. The cross is the center of God's government—vv. 14-15:
    - 1. By the cross God has dealt with all the negative things in the universe.
    - 2. God governs everything by the cross and deals with everything by the cross.
- II. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, Christ has the first place, the preeminence, in all things—1:18:**
- A. Both in the old creation and in the new creation, in the universe and in the church, Christ is the first and occupies the first place, the place of preeminence.
  - B. If we see the vision of the preeminence of Christ, our Christian life and our church life will be revolutionized, for we will realize that in all things Christ must be the first:
    - 1. To give the Lord the first place in all things is to love Him with the first love, the best love—Rev. 2:4.
    - 2. In order to give Christ the preeminence, we must be willing to be adjusted, to be broken, and to be made nothing so that He can have a way in us, through us, and among us for the building up of His organic Body.
- III. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, we experience and enjoy Christ in His all-inclusiveness—Col. 1:12, 27; 2:9, 16-17; 3:1, 4, 11:**
- A. Christ is the embodiment of the Triune God, the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily—2:9.
  - B. Christ is our allotted portion, our good land—the divine inheritance for our enjoyment—1:12.
  - C. Christ is the reality of every positive thing in the universe—2:16-17.
  - D. Christ is the One sitting at the right hand of God—3:1.
  - E. Christ dwells in us as our hope of glory—1:27.
  - F. Christ is our life—3:4.
  - G. Christ is the constituent of the one new man—vv. 10-11.