

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Fall Term of 2024**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—  
GALATIANS**

Message Four

**Having Died to Law So That We May Live to God  
by Being in the Organic Union with Christ**

Scripture Reading: Gal. 2:16, 19; John 15:4-5; Acts 26:19; Rom. 11:17; 1 John 2:27-28

**I. “I through law have died to law that I might live to God”—Gal. 2:19:**

- A. Galatians 2:19 mentions two goals—the law and God.
- B. There are two kinds of dealings in Galatians 2:19: one is to be dead, and the other is to live, that is, to deal with the law by being dead and to deal with God by living.
- C. The law requires us, as sinners, to die, and according to that requirement, Christ died for us and with us; hence, through law we have died in Christ and with Christ—v. 19:
  - 1. *Died to law* means that the relationship to the law was terminated.
  - 2. *Live to God* means to be obligated to God in the divine life.
  - 3. In Christ's death our relationship with the law has been terminated; in His resurrection we are responsible to God in the resurrection life.
  - 4. Whenever we are dead to the law, not only are we dead, but the law is also dead.
  - 5. When we live to God, both we and God live.
  - 6. We and God, God and we, live together; this is really wonderful and is truly a mystery.
  - 7. Only by being dead to law can we live to God—v. 19.
- D. To live to God is to be filled with God and to have fellowship with God by putting aside all the ordinances of our human life as well as all our hopes, resolutions, and longings so that God can have the ground in us to reign and operate in us—Rom. 5:17; 7:4; Gal. 2:8; Col. 1:29.
- E. If we live to the law, we are dead to God—Rom. 7:4, 9.
- F. If we maintain a relationship with the law, our relationship with God is severed.
- G. When we have fellowship with God day by day and allow Him to live in us moment by moment, then we are dead to law, our relationship with the law is severed, and we are living to God—Gal. 2:19.
- H. Living to God is not ordinances or methods, but it is the living God being our life within us—v. 19.
  - I. Living to God is living to the processed Triune God as the consummated Spirit with all His organic attributes, which will become our virtues to express Christ as our living in resurrection—2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 10:16.
  - J. We live to God who is embodied in Christ and realized as the Spirit, who is the consummation of the Triune God to impart the Triune God as life to us and to live in us as our life to express Christ—8:10; 10:16.

**II. We have died to the law and live to God through the organic union with Christ:**

- A. The word *organic* denotes that the organic union is absolutely a matter of life.

- B. The Bible unveils the organic union in God's relationship with man—John 15:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Thes. 1:1.
- C. The grafted life between the grafted branches and the cultivated tree is the best illustration of our organic union with Christ—Rom. 11:17:
  - 1. We were the branches of the wild olive tree, but now we are branches grafted into Christ—v. 17.
  - 2. Christ is the olive tree into which we have been grafted.
  - 3. Grafting produces an organic union:
    - a. It is not the exchanging of a poor life for a better life.
    - b. Rather, it is the uniting of two lives as one so that they may share one mingled life and one living.
    - c. Such a mingling of life takes place when two similar yet different lives pass through death (cutting) and resurrection (growth); this depicts our organic union with Christ.
- D. The organic union is the most crucial aspect of experiencing Christ—John 15:4-5.
- E. For us to experience Christ and enjoy Him, we must see a clear vision concerning our organic union with Him—Acts 16:9; 26:19.
- F. The Bible first reveals to us the person of Christ, and then it reveals to us the work of Christ; after these two basic revelations, the Bible reveals to us the organic union that we have with Christ—Eph. 3:3-4, 9-10.
- G. Whatever Christ is and whatever He has done is altogether for one thing—that He could be united to us organically—1 John 2:27-28.
- H. Through our believing in Christ and our being baptized into Christ, we, the believers, have been brought into an organic union with Christ—John 15:16; Rom. 6:3, 5.
- I. When we believed in Christ and were baptized into Him, an organic union took place in our being—Gal. 3:26-27.
- J. The emphasis on the organic union is an outstanding feature of Paul's writing—Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2:
  - 1. *Faith in Jesus Christ* denotes an organic union through believing—Gal. 2:16.
  - 2. Through the organic union with Christ, we share whatever Christ is and has—1 Cor. 1:30.
  - 3. Galatians 2:16 speaks of the faith of Christ, and verse 20, of the faith of the Son of God.
  - 4. The phrase *through faith in Jesus Christ* in Galatians 2:16 means believing in Christ through His faith; this is related to the believers' appreciation of the person of the Son of God as the most precious One.
  - 5. The believers are infused with the preciousness of Christ through the gospel preached to them—1:6-7, 9, 11, 16, 23; 2:2, 5, 7, 14; 3:8; 4:13.
  - 6. This Christ becomes in them the faith by which they believe and the capacity to believe through their appreciation of Him.
  - 7. This faith issues in an organic union in which we and Christ are one—2:16.
- K. Christ and we have only one purpose, one goal, and one aim; this is the ultimate consummation in full of our organic union with Him—Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 1 Cor. 9:26.