

**Outline of
the Messages for the Conference in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex
January 23-24, 2021**

GENERAL SUBJECT:

**PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S IMMINENT RETURN BY PERSEVERING UNTO
UNCEASING PRAYER AS SEEN IN THE BOOKS OF COLOSSIANS AND PHILIPPIANS
AND IN THE REALITY THAT IS IN JESUS**

Message Two

**Persevering unto Unceasing Prayer for the Lord's Imminent Return
as Seen in the Book of Philippians**

- I. Jointly positioned in the heart of the divine revelation, the Book of Colossians is closely related to the book of Philippians:**
 - A. Just as in the book of Colossians the revelation of the all-inclusive, all-extensive Christ is versus culture, so also the book of Philippians presents the utmost subjective experience of Christ in contrast to culture— Phil. 3:4-7.
 - B. Just as the principle of persevering unto unceasing prayer permits the displacement of culture for the sake of the progressing experience of Christ in His all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness, so also unceasing prayer is revealed as the key to living Christ for the utmost enjoyment of Him— Phil. 1:19, 21a; 4:6.
- II. Thus, through persevering unto unceasing prayer (4:4, 6) we are able to pursue the utmost experience of Christ (3:8-16) unto the inception of His ultimate Parousia (3:11 and 3:20-21) with the concurrent spontaneous displacement of our personal culture.**
- III. Representative guidance from *Life Messages* and from *Perfecting Training* indicates that it is through our persevering unto unceasing prayer that we spontaneously live Christ for this utmost subjective experience of Him:**
 - A. “In a twenty-four hour day, how much of the time was I living Christ? ... by praying I would come into my spirit and live Christ. The more I prayed, the more I would live Him...”— *Life Messages* (2): 187-188.
 - B. “Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, pray unceasingly to contact Him within. When this becomes your way of living... You will be in spirit living Christ. This is what God wants...”— *Life Messages* (2): 190-191.
 - C. “As you converse with Him, open, prepared, and available, He will work in you, speaking and reacting... You and He, He and you, will have one life and one living... This kind of life should not be occasional or accidental... Keep focused on Him, conversing with Him...”— *Life Messages* (2): 105-106.
 - D. “Instead of living ourselves, we must practice living Christ... Before doing anything you can pray, “Lord, You live in me.” Pray in this way all the day long. Then you will build up a habit always not to live yourself but to live Christ...”— *Perfecting Training*: 158-159
 - E. “Let me repeat: to live Christ, to practice the one spirit with the Lord, is by the continual and unceasing prayer. To have such a prayer life, we all must learn to watch... When you discover that there is something within you reluctant to pray, you have to fight against it ...”— *Perfecting Training*: 174.

- F. “To pray unceasingly is to pray that the Spirit within you would never be quenched... You have to pray this kind of breathing prayer unceasingly in order to keep you living Christ...”— *Perfecting Training*: 160.
- G. “If you try to live Christ without praying you will fail. Don’t try to live Christ, but pray. It is only by a continual living prayer, a breathing prayer, that we spontaneously will live Christ...”— *Perfecting Training*: 163.
- H. “If you are an accountant working on your books, you have to keep praying. Don’t do your accounting work by yourself. Do it with the Lord Jesus. Do it by having the Lord with you...”— *Perfecting Training*: 185.

IV. Through unceasing prayer we are able to live Him, not only in extraordinary circumstances, but also in the ordinary and repetitive circumstances of our daily living, and can be saved continually from the shame of not magnifying Him— Phil. 2:12-13.

“Because it is so easy to slip out of Christ and revert to living in ourselves, doing things by ourselves, saying things in ourselves, or loving others by ourselves, Paul exhorts us to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12). We need to be saved daily, even hourly, from anything outside of Christ. We must be in fear and trembling to work out our instant salvation, lest we say a word outside of Him, answer a question apart from Him, or react in our feelings rather than in Him.— *Life Messages* (1): 187

- A. Persevering unto unceasing prayer enables us to do all things without murmuring and reasoning— Phil. 2:14.
- B. Persevering unto unceasing prayer enables us to hold forth the word of life— Phil. 2:16 and footnote 16-1.
- C. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we are spontaneously subjectively righteous, “found in Him” at all times— Phil. 3:9.
- D. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we spontaneously “know Him” — Phil. 3:10a.
- E. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we spontaneously attain to the experience of the out-resurrection from among the dead— Phil. 3:11.
- F. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we spontaneously advance toward the goal of the utmost subjective experience of Christ— Phil. 3:14.
- G. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we spontaneously live with Him a life of forbearance— Phil. 4:5.
- H. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we spontaneously converse with Him in a living safeguarded from anxiety— Phil. 4:6.
 “Learn to converse with Him.... Learn to tell the Lord: “Lord, I’m not ambitious in anything except loving You. I only want You, Lord; I only love You. Whatever You want, I want. But, Lord, I must tell You regardless of how much I want it, I won’t do it. I just won’t do it, because I can never make it. I love You, Lord.” This will be a big field where you can go every day....”— *Perfecting Training*: 249.
- I. As we persevere unto unceasing prayer, we spontaneously find ourselves empowered to “do all things”— Phil. 4:12b-13.

V. It is by the persevering unto unceasing prayer that we are able to live Christ as revealed in the book of Philippians, forgetting the formerly important things that are behind, and stretching forward to the things which lie before— Phil. 1:21a; 3:13b; 1 Thes. 5:17-19.

A. Reaching the goal of the utmost experience of Christ— Phil. 3:14a.

B. Meriting participation in the Lord's secret appearing, the inception of the prize unto which God in Christ is calling us upward— 3:14b, 11.