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How should we declare the Christ &

New Testament Christianity vs. Completed Testament Christianity

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In our relationship with Christ and in our relationship with True Father as the Returning Jesus, it is critical not only that we relate with him, grow with him etc, but also, as we show here with Jesus, that we don't just stay quiet but we testify. But you do it in context depending on the growth of that person. It's easy just to declare it to people that you just don't know and you have no stake with.

What witnessing is

Any witnessing process always takes time, and it takes lots of prayers, and it takes lots of conversations and it takes many lectures as well. A lecture is basically a communication of the Principle. There's a process of digesting the information that they're receiving, the new knowledge that they're receiving; and it's a big pill to swallow. I mean there are people who believe that they're bold in telling people, *"How many people are you witnessing to now?"* And we can see that people who are overly self-righteous don't witness to anybody.

But people that are patient and prayerful with the people that they're witnessing to, God will bless with fruits. Hardly anybody just run straight and says, *"Jesus is God,"* even in a Christian context, in a normal New Testament church context, and that somebody will say, *"Oh really! I'll join, I'm going to join. I believe it."* That was of course rare in the case in Christian history as well. Witnessing was the process of building relationships; it was not just proclaiming. Proclaiming is just one aspect of it. Witnessing is building relationships, becoming family with that person; showing the fruits of the spirit of God within you and your belief in Christ as the son of God. That would testify, because, *"Faith without works is dead."*

There are people who just like to say, *"Well, why aren't you doing this? Why aren't you doing that? Why aren't you proclaiming every single chance you get?"* No, because there's a process in witnessing. The best thing to ask those kinds of people is, *"Okay, how many people have you witnessed to? How many people under your tutelage are new people? I'm talking about new people under your tutelage that are going to Christ and have accepted True Father as the Returning Jesus."* It's probably zero.

Because witnessing is not just about proclaiming; it requires boldness, wisdom, discernment, patience, and knowing in the end that you don't witness to that person. It's God and the Holy Spirit that witnesses to that person; it's not you in the end. So you can see people who may be very self-righteous, they say, " *I proclaim to everybody I meet.*" And they have absolutely no spiritual children or very few; they have no ability to actually create a relationship with these people long term. They just want to proclaim and get the credit for witnessing.

No! Witnessing is being patient with that person, dwelling with that person in relationship, and then letting the Spirit of God work on that person as that person is digesting the material.

How many of you joined the Church just by somebody proclaiming True Father as the Messiah, and you didn't have to hear the presentation of the Divine Principle, you didn't have to hear anything else? You just heard it, *bam*, and you knew? Maybe there are some, but they are very few. You had to hear chapter two and the fall, you had to hear about the providential course of indemnity and about restoration; you had to hear about all that stuff. You had to hear the whole presentation and you had to reflect and fight with all the things in your mind, in the spirit world etc. You had to fight that, to finally realize, " *Yes!*" That's more often the case. It's not just some random guy proclaiming something, and you're like, " *Oh, really? I believe now, okay! I give my life and I'll do whatever!*"

No! Witnessing is a different type of process. It's a process in trying to

- *find family members,
- *people who can be saved into God's family. Witnessing is
- *not just simply proclaiming stuff- anybody can do that - but it's
- *building relationships with these people,
- *relating to them as a human being,
- *relating to them as a sinner saved by grace,
- *relating to them;
- *not just proclaiming to them right but
- *relating with them,
- *building common base,
- *sharing, and
- *giving and receiving.

And through that process God is using you as His hand and feet so- to- speak, to communicate not only a proclamation, but to communicate a relationship of love, communicate something more that that person has experienced, than just some proclamations. Because in the end God wants to relate with us; He wants to be in a relationship with us, not just proclaim things to us. It's the same with our spouse, or it's the same with our children. These are all relationships, and through these relationships we should become stronger for Christ; not only in terms of the spiritual side but also the physical side.

New Testament Christianity vs. Completed Testament Christianity

And that's the big difference between New Testament Christianity and Completed Testament Christianity. The Completed Testament realm is not only a manifestation of the Kingdom in our faith or in the spiritual aspect, but also the physical aspect where we actually become greater individuals, more powerful individuals, and we become greater defenders, greater shepherds of the people. That's why the Rod of Iron Kingdom is very different from any kingdom of Christianity or any church of Christianity; because in any church of Christianity they're talking only about spiritual fruits. They have no sense of responsibility that they have to become for example a great defender, a more powerful human individual, so that they can protect human life. They don't have any concept of Peace Police, Peace Militia that preserves peace and quells evil physically, as well as a decentralized armed citizenry. They have no concept of that whatsoever. Why?

Because they reside only in the spiritual kingdom; whereas God's prayer that all Christians must be praying is: *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."* So just like in the spirit world where God's forces fight Satan's forces, and God's forces are capable and powerful of defending the spiritual Body of Christ; so too as it is in heaven, it is also on earth. The physical Body of Christ, his physical Kingdom must be able to also defend those in his Kingdom and of course the greater humanity. That's a very substantive difference with only spiritual salvation, because we can receive the fruits of the Kingdom of God. But we don't have the actual physical kingdom; we don't have any of that type of authority on the physical yet. Of course we should never live for that type of authority on the physical; the spiritual always is leading it.

But this is the difference: in the Complete Testament Age all the nations of the earth receive back the inheritance of their rightful dominion; the people in the Kingdom of God, centered on God and His Kingship, receive the dominion of the world again, which they lost physically in the beginning. But of course because it's also spiritually anchored they do not fall into materialism. They have the responsibility to be the police force and the militia; that is to say, they are the ones that uphold justice, jurisprudence, and they are the ones that defend the innocent from predators, or people who chose by free will to do evil.

So it's a totally different understanding of the Scripture that says, *"Christ will have the government upon his shoulders."* Many in the New Testament Church may see that and just say, *"Well that's why we're going to be like in a socialist country basically. Christ will have the government upon his shoulders and we'll receive the benefits of that. The kingdom of God will be there and there will be no more weeping and gnashing of teeth."* But we saw very clearly that there will be wars. So those are spiritual.

We will not fear those physical things even wars, because we know we will be on the right side with God. So for us there will be no ultimate shedding of tears, no ultimate death in that way; no ultimate fear because we are totally in the presence of God and we have the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which shall never end. It will be tested as Revelation Chapter 20 shows; it will be tested and Satan will try to destroy it.

The noble aim: Love God, Love thy neighbor

But we will have the competence and we'll have the spiritual fortitude to know that, *"no, it will not collapse; the liberty that we have in the Kingdom will not fade away,"* because it's not only liberty. The Cheon Il Guk Constitution does not only speak about liberty. The Cheon Il Guk Constitution which is the manifestation of the jurisprudence of God's nature preserves liberty, but also imbues the population with what? Responsibility! There's liberty but there's responsibility, and there's no ability for the people to try to use government to circumvent or escape their responsibility to *"Love God, and love thy neighbor."*

The greatest form of love even the New Testament language is to lay down your life for your friend, that is to sacrifice your own life for the sake of your friend; that is to be willing to die physically for your friend or your neighbor. And that is what every self-defender or every police officer or military man has to do; they have to make the commitment. Every armed citizen, every self-defender who carries lethal force must make the determination and decide inside, *"Yes, I am willing to die if I have to. If some evil wicked person through free will has chosen to do evil and wreak havoc and hell upon innocent people, I'm willing to die to stop him."*

Every defender must make that commitment, and in the Kingdom every Peace Militia man, every Peace Militia woman, every Peace Police man, every Peace Police woman must make that determination. That's why training is so important, and training is an expression of that desire of *"loving God and loving thy neighbor."* Training and pushing yourself hard and doing the hard arts is that expression of love. Nobody wants to just do them for the sake of doing them, because it's painful to do them; it's tedious and painful and you have to fight people so that you become stronger. You need to experience that real force- on- force resistance to become stronger.

You're becoming stronger not for yourself but for the noble aim of loving your neighbor and protecting them. And it's not just your physical neighbor of your neighborhood; it's the symbolic neighbor as well. That level of neighbor has many different layers and many different levels.

So,

*the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven, through

*the victory of True Parents,

*the Three Generation Kingship,

*the unity of Cain and Abel which brings about

*the foundation for the continuation of

*the Kingdom to the next generation, and of course

*the Kingdom Constitution, the Cheon Il Guk Constitution;

all those things are expressions of God's love and preservation of His love for the next generations.

Because it protects both the gifts of God's love and the liberty that He has given us, the liberty to choose to love Him, the liberty to choose to actualize all the gifts that He has given us, the potentialities He has given us.

But we have to do that through hard work. So that's the duty: the hard work. And the duty, because there's no centralized law enforcement nor is there any centralized military. The duty also is to become a defender, to become a shepherd and to raise people up, for them not to just be become sheep but for them to also become shepherds and to become kings and priests in their families as the head of the house.

Fathers are called to be kings and priests, mothers are called to be queens and evangelists, having power, authority but ruling justly as the CIG Constitution shows; ruling with justice in the home, not with abuse but with justice. Pushing your kids to strengthen themselves and to unlock their epigenetics and do hard things and to do things that they're afraid of. But ruling with justice, correcting and disciplining with justice, not with emotionality but with justice, just like any other nation. You never want to live in a nation where leaders can just make emotional laws and rules that will abuse you. Hell no! Nobody wants to live in that; we call that a dictatorship.

It's the same way in our family life. We want to create a just place where there is a semblance of justice, where kids are pushed and they're disciplined, but they're disciplined in a manner that is just and proportional to the level of the infraction; where we have a clear understanding of a just use of force. At the same time as a priest or evangelist- the mother is an evangelist, the father is a priest- then also leading our children in spiritual battle, and spiritual warfare.

“Be fruitful, multiply and have dominion”

That's the difference with the Christian life; it's not just seeking peace because peace is Christ. It's not just seeking peace; it's finding a solace and strength in that relationship with Christ and obtaining peace as well.

But also you then join the war; you join the war and the Commander-in-Chief has commanded you to *“love God and love your neighbor.”* So it's not a suggestion; it's not a holy suggestion. It is the Commandment, and it's hard and it requires lots of work. It doesn't mean work saves you, but it requires a lot of effort to *“love God and love your neighbor,”* which means that you have the responsibility then to be prepared. You have the responsibility then to get out of your comfort zone and do hard things and do hard training, in which you have to get beat up and humiliated, etc. But that makes you stronger as a Peace Police man and a Peace Police woman, and a Peace Militia man and a Peace Militia woman to what?

Protect your neighbor, to love them, to have manifestation of your love for them, and just like as a manifestation of your love for your children you protect them. You don't just let devils attack them, take them away, use them and exploit them. No! You protect them, as a manifestation of your parental love. In the same way we must also protect our neighbor.

So that's the real big difference between the New Testament Age, and the Completed Testament Age, in which these things are no longer just in the spiritual realm; they have to be physically manifested because it's no longer only dominion over the spiritual realm. The victory of Christ at his Second

Advent and the establishment of the Kingship of God are now reclaiming all the inheritance that God desired to give to Adam and Eve: *"Be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the earth."* That inheritance comes to the earth through Christ, through his kingship, through his Kingdom, and people bear that gift but also that responsibility with his Kingship, with his Constitution, with his Kingdom.