Doctrinal Studies Occupation with Christ (OWC)

- 1. The only way a person can be occupied with Jesus Christ is to be a daily recipient of spiritual food by means of the Grace System of Comprehension (GSC)
 - > God loves us with a complete love
 - Christ bore our sins alone

 - Christ (the last or 2nd Adam) paid in full the penalty for sin
 God said to the 1st Adam ""... not good to be alone" and provided for him Eve
 - ➤ God said to the last Adam on the Cross-, "... not good to be alone I will provide for you a Bride." The Bride is also called the Body of Christ and is compose of all born-again believers of the Age of Grace (Church Age)
 - > The Age of Israel had a specialized priesthood.
 - > The Church Age has a universal priesthood
 - > God makes love to His Bride (the Body) by means of the communication of His thinking to her. When she responds properly (perception) then she receives His thinking and there is a fantastic closeness and relationship and she is tremendously blessed. (Jer 9:24, Eph 3:18-19, and Eph 4:20)
- 2. With a sufficient amount of spiritual food in the soul there will be a correctly functioning and effectively operating response to God. This will cause a person to be called $\phi \iota \lambda o \varsigma \theta \epsilon o \upsilon$ - (philos theou) Friend of God.
- 3. OWC is based upon the glorification of Christ. (Col 3:1-2)
- 4. OWC is the normal procedure for the Christian Life (Heb 12:1-2)
- 5. OWC is illustrated by the doctrine of Right Man/Right Woman (RM/RW) (Eph 5:25-32), (I Cor 11:7) - the woman is the responder to the man and the glory of the man; long hair is a symbol of her response to her husband.
- 6. When a believer responds to the GSC he is receiving God's love (James 1:22-23)
- 7. The sealing of the Holy Spirit guarantees an eternal love relationship between Jesus Christ and the believer.
- 8. OWC brings the born-again believer into total dependence upon HIS provision
- 9. OWC is related to stability and inner happiness. The greatest happiness that can come to a believer is when that believer is continually captivated and saturated with the thinking of God
- 10. OWC is the basis for blessing in time of suffering. When backslidden believers are in a time of suffering, that suffering is intensified by the emptiness of their souls. OWC minimizes suffering (Psalm 77)
- 11. OWC is necessary for effective witnessing (II Cor 5:14). Expression of love for Christ is witnessing. You talk joyfully, enthusiastically, freely about that which you love. Genuine love for Jesus Christ will be a normal expression of life.
- 12. OWC is the necessary ingredient for love in marriage (Deut 30:16)
- 13. OWC is the necessary ingredient for victory and happiness in life (Deut 23:20)
- 14. OWC provides courage, strength and stability for the many temptations, trials, tests, and conflicts in life (Josh 23:10-11)
- 15. OWC is an invisible experience, which becomes vividly evident when there is consistent utilization of metabolized Truth from where it is stored in the soul. (I Pet 1:18 and PS 119:165-167)