

# LIVING AND SERVING IN THE DIVINE DISPENSING OF THE DIVINE TRINITY

(Thursday, Evening Session)

## Message Three

### **The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Believers' Enjoyment of Christ and Growth in Life**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:3-23; Col. 2:19; Rom. 10:12-13; Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2:2

#### **I. We need to see the vision of the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity in Ephesians 1 so that we may live and serve in the realm of this vision:**

- A. Ephesians 1:3-22 reveals that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ; in the entire universe the unique blessing is the Triune God, and His blessing us is His dispensing of His Divine Being into us in His Divine Trinity—in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—2 Cor. 13:14; Num. 6:22-27.
- B. The Father dispenses His divine life and nature into us:
  - 1. The Father's dispensing in His choosing and predestinating us issues in His sonship through His sanctifying of His chosen people, making them as holy as He is in His life and nature but without His unique Godhead—Eph. 1:3-6; cf. Heb. 2:10-11.
  - 2. The phrase *to be holy* indicates that God has dispensed His holy nature into us, and the word *sonship* indicates that God has dispensed His divine life into us—Eph. 1:4-5.
- C. The Son dispenses His divine element into us:
  - 1. The Son's dispensing in His redemption and transformation of the believers issues in a heritage of worth, a private possession, transforming God's chosen people, with Christ as the element of life, into a treasure to be God's inheritance as His personal possession—vv. 7-12.
  - 2. This is to bring the redeemed universe from the collapse into a good order, to head up all things (collapsed in death and corruption) in Christ through the church built up as the Body of Christ.
  - 3. *In Christ* means that Christ is the sphere, the realm, and the element in which and with which we have been redeemed; within the element is the essence of Christ—v. 10:
    - a. In our organic union with Christ, our identification with Him, all our weaknesses, defects, and faults are taken on by Him, and all His virtues become ours—Lev. 1:4; Rom. 6:3-4.
    - b. This requires us to exercise our spirit through the proper prayer so that we may be one with Him and experience the reality of being in Christ in an experiential way—Eph. 1:17-18a; 3:16-19; 6:17-18.
- D. The Spirit dispenses His divine essence into us:
  - 1. The Spirit seals us with Himself as the sealing ink to saturate us vertically through our fellowship with God and permeate us horizontally through our fellowship with one another—1:13; 1 John 1:3.

2. The Spirit's dispensing in His sealing with His pledging is the divine dispensing of the divine life into our tripartite being, and this divine dispensing continues unto the day of the redemption of our body—Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; Rom. 8:10, 6, 11, 23; Phil. 3:21.
  3. The sealing Spirit as the seal is sealing everything of the all-inclusive Christ, all that He has attained and obtained, into us (Eph. 1:13-14, 19-22a); the result is that we all become one as the church, the Body of Christ, the fullness of the One who fills all in all (vv. 22b-23).
- E. By the dispensing of the Divine Trinity revealed in Ephesians 1, we have the divine nature, the divine life, the divine element, and the divine essence—this is the intrinsic constitution of the Body of Christ, and this is our stewardship, the stewardship of the grace of God given to us for the Body—3:2.

## **II. The believers' growth in life is the increase of the element of God in the believers—1 Cor. 12:4-11; Col. 2:19b:**

- A. The Lord as the Head is the Spirit with our spirit; when we enjoy Him in the spirit, we are holding the Head, out from whom we receive His rich supply for the growth of God in us—v. 19; Rom. 8:16; Eph. 4:16.
- B. We are plants on God's farm, and for us to grow, we need Christ as the good land; we also need Him as the light, the air, the water of life, and the nutrients of life—1 Cor. 3:9; Col. 2:6-7; John 8:12; 20:22; 7:37-39; 6:27, 33.

## **III. The Bible reveals that we grow in life through eating, drinking, and enjoying God—Gen. 2:9; Exo. 12:21-28; 16:4, 14-15, 35; 17:6; Psalms 34:8; 68:19; Luke 14:17; John 4:14; 6:35, 51, 57; 7:37-39; Rev. 2:7, 17; 22:14, 17:**

- A. We can eat, drink, and enjoy God by loving His priceless presence—1 Cor. 2:9; 2 Cor. 2:10; 4:5-7; Exo. 33:11, 14; Psalms 27:4:
  1. Nothing but love can keep us in a proper relationship with the Lord; loving the Lord, enjoying the Lord, and being the testimony of the Lord go together—Rev. 2:4-5, 7.
  2. We need to love Christ, keep Christ, teach Christ, and wear Christ—Deut. 6:5-9; 10:12; 30:19-20; Matt. 22:37; 1 Cor. 2:9; 2 Cor. 11:2-3; Rom. 13:14.
- B. We can eat, drink, and enjoy God by calling on His precious name:
  1. In Romans 10 Paul speaks of calling on the name of the Lord and applies the word spoken by Moses in Deuteronomy 30:11-14 to Christ, indicating that the commandment, which is the word of God, is Christ as the Word, who, as the breath that proceeds out of God's mouth, is in our heart and in our mouth—Rom. 10:6-8; cf. Deut. 30:11-20.
  2. As the Word of God, the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Christ Himself, who has become the life-giving Spirit as the breath breathed out by the speaking God, is the word of the law rehearsed by Moses in Deuteronomy; thus, every word in this book is the very Christ, who is now the word of God for us to receive as our life and life supply by calling on Him—Rom. 10:12-13; Deut. 8:3; Psalms 119:9; Deut. 30:11-14.
- C. We can eat, drink, and enjoy God by loving His pure word—Psalms 119:140; Hebrews 5:12-14:

1. The words in the Bible are God's breathing, and they all refer to Christ, who is the totality of God's word to be the life and life supply to God's people—2 Tim. 3:16; John 1:1; Rev. 19:13.
2. To live by every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God is to live by Christ, the embodiment of the divine breath—Matt. 4:4; John 6:57, 63.
3. By inhaling the word of the Scriptures, we receive the Spirit and enjoy the riches of Christ and are thus enabled to fulfill its requirements—Eph. 6:17-18a; Gal. 3:5; Matt. 4:4; Deut. 8:3.
4. Our reading of the word of the Bible should be our inhaling of God, and our teaching should be our exhaling of God into others—Ezek. 37:4-5, 7-10.
5. In order to eat God, drink God, and enjoy God, we need to enjoy the living words of God, the words of spirit and life, the words of God that dispense the immeasurable Spirit of God—John 6:63; 3:34.
6. Christ is our daily manna, our spiritual food; the most important time to receive Christ as our spiritual food in the Word is the time of morning revival—Psa. 119:147-148; 143:8; Lam. 3:22-26.
7. When we pray-read God's word, we also receive the word's enlightening and reproving with the killing function of the Spirit in His word—Eph. 5:13-14; 6:17-18.
8. We all need to be God's living channels—men of God with the breath of God—with the words of God proceeding out through us into others for teaching, for conviction, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness to equip and train the faithful ones so that they may be one with the Lord to carry out His economy—2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2:2.