

THE GOSPEL OF GOD IN ROMANS

Message Eight

The Dispensing of the Triune God as Life into the Tripartite Man according to His Righteousness, through His Holiness, and unto His Glory

Scripture Reading: Rom. 1:17; 6:19, 22; 8:2, 6, 10-11, 18, 21; 9:23; 11:36; 12:1-5; 16:27

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- Rom 8:10 But if ^{1a}Christ is ²in you, though the ³body is ⁴dead because of sin, the ⁵spirit is ⁶life because of ⁷righteousness.
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- Rom 11:36 Because ^aout from Him and ^bthrough Him and ^cto Him are all things. ^dTo Him be the glory forever. Amen.
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I. God's eternal economy is to dispense Himself as the law of the Spirit of life into man so that His divine attributes of righteousness, holiness, and glory would become man's human virtues for God's corporate expression as the reality of the Body of Christ in the local churches to consummate the New Jerusalem as the city of righteousness, holiness, and glory—Gen. 2:9; John 10:10b; 14:6a; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:2; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:2, 9-11:

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

John 10:10b ...I ^ahave come that they may have ¹life and may have *it* abundantly.

John 14:6a Jesus said to him, I am the ¹way and the ^{2a}reality and the ^blife; ...

1 Cor 15:45b ...the last Adam *became* a ^clife-giving Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the ^{1a}law of the ²Spirit of ³life has ⁴freed ⁵me in Christ Jesus from the ⁶law of sin and of death.

2 Pet 3:13 But according to His ^{1a}promise we are expecting ^{2b}new heavens and a new earth, in which ³righteousness ⁴dwells.

- Rev 21:2 And I saw the ^aholy city, ^{1b}New Jerusalem, ²coming down out of heaven from God, ^cprepared as a ^{3d}bride adorned for her ^ehusband.
- Rev 21:9 And ¹one of the ^aseven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, ^bCome here; I will show you the ^{2c}bride, the ^dwife of the Lamb.
- Rev 21:10 And he ^acarried me away ^bin spirit onto a ¹great and high mountain and showed me the ^choly city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:11 Having the ^{1a}glory of God. Her ^{2b}light was like a most ^{3c}precious stone, like a ^{4d}jasper stone, as clear as ^ecrystal.

A. God's desire is to work Himself into us to the extent that He becomes us and we become Him, that we and He become completely identical in life, nature, and image; this is the pinnacle of His economy—John 1:12-13; 2 Pet. 1:4; 2 Cor. 3:18.

John 1:12 But as many as ^{1a}received Him, to them He gave the authority to become ²children of God, to those who believe into His name,

John 1:13 Who were begotten not ¹of ²blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

2 Pet 1:4 ¹Through ²which He has granted to us precious and ³exceedingly great ^apromises that through ⁴these you might become ^bpartakers of the divine nature, ⁵having ^cescaped the ⁶corruption which is in the ^dworld ⁷by ^elust.

2 Cor 3:18 ¹But ²we all with ³unveiled face, ^{4a}beholding and reflecting like a ^{5b}mirror the ^{6c}glory of the Lord, are ⁷being ^dtransformed into the ⁸same ^eimage ⁹from glory to ^fglory, even as ¹⁰from the ¹¹Lord Spirit.

B. Man was created in the image of God as a living vessel to receive and contain God as life for the reproduction, the duplication, of God in life—Gen. 1:26; 2:7; Rom. 9:21, 23; 2 Cor. 4:7; John 12:24.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man with the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Rom 9:21 Or does not the ^apotter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one ^{1b}vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

Rom 9:23 In order that He might make known the ^ariches of His ¹glory upon ^bvessels of ^cmercy, which He had before prepared unto ^dglory,

2 Cor 4:7 ¹But we have this ^{2a}treasure in earthen ^bvessels that the ^{3c}excellency of the ^dpower may be of God and not out of us.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aUnless the grain of wheat ¹falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears ^{2b}much fruit.

II. Christ died on the cross to satisfy the requirements of God's righteousness, holiness, and glory and was resurrected to become the life-dispensing Spirit as the reality of the tree of life to be our righteousness, holiness, and glory—Gen. 3:24; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 1:30; cf. Eph. 5:25-27:

Gen 3:24 So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

1 Cor 15:45b ...the last Adam *became* a ^clife-giving Spirit.

1 Cor 1:30 But ^{1a}of Him you are ^bin Christ Jesus, who became ^cwisdom to us from God: both ^{2d}righteousness and ^esanctification and ^fredemption,

Eph 5:25 Husbands, ^{1a}love your wives even ²as Christ also ^bloved the church and gave Himself up for her

Eph 5:26 That He might ^{1a}sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the ^{2b}washing of the ³water in the ^{4c}word,

Eph 5:27 That He might ^{1a}present the ^{2b}church to Himself ³glorious, not having ⁴spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be ^{5c}holy and ^dwithout blemish.

A. The life of the Triune God dispensed into our tripartite being makes us men of life to be God's sons and the members of Christ to constitute the Body of Christ for His expression, thus fulfilling God's original intention—Gen. 2:7, 9; Rom. 8:14; 12:5:

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- Rom 8:14 For as many as are ¹led by the ²Spirit of God, these are ^{3a}sons of God.
- Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one Body ¹in Christ, and individually ^{2a}members one of another.
1. "The law of the Spirit of life [Gk. *zoe*] has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death"—8:2.
 2. "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life [Gk. *zoe*] because of righteousness"—v. 10.
 3. "The mind set on the spirit is life [Gk. *zoe*] and peace"—v. 6.
Rom 8:6 For ¹the mind set on the flesh is ²death, but ³the mind set on the spirit is ^alife and ^bpeace.
 4. "If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life [Gk. *zoe*] to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you"—v. 11.
- B. The three primary colors of the rainbow around God's throne are blue (the color of the sapphire throne, which signifies God's righteousness—Ezek. 1:26; Psa. 89:14), red (the color of the sanctifying fire, which signifies God's holiness—Ezek. 1:4, 13, 27; Heb. 12:29), and yellow (the color of the glowing electrum, which signifies God's glory—Ezek. 1:4, 27; Heb. 1:3):
- Ezek 1:26 And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was One in appearance like a man, above it.
- Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before Your face.
- Ezek 1:4 And I looked, and there came a storm wind from the north, a great cloud and a fire flashing incessantly; and there was a brightness around it, and from the midst of it there was something like the sight of electrum, from the midst of the fire.
- Ezek 1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; the fire went to and fro among the living creatures, and the fire was bright; and out of the fire went forth lightning.
- Ezek 1:27 Then I saw something like the sight of electrum, like the appearance of fire encased all around, from the appearance of His loins and upward; and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw something like the appearance of fire. And there was brightness all around Him.
- Heb 12:29 For our God is also a ¹consuming ^afire.
- Heb 1:3 Who, being the ¹effulgence of His glory and the ^aimpress of His ^bsubstance and upholding and bearing all things by the ²word of His power, having made ³purification of sins, ^{4c}sat down on the right hand of the ^{5d}Majesty on ⁶high;
1. The rainbow around God's throne signifies that God is the covenanting God, the faithful God, who will keep His new covenant to impart the newness of life into His chosen ones to make them the New Jerusalem while executing His judgment upon the earth—Gen. 9:13; Rev. 4:3; 21:2; Rom. 6:4; Ezek. 1:26-28; 36:26-27.
Gen 9:13 I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.
Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a ^{1a}jasper stone and a ^{2b}sardius in appearance, and *there was* a ^{3c}rainbow around the throne like an ^{4d}emerald in appearance.
Rev 21:2 And I saw the ^aholy city, ^{1b}New Jerusalem, ²coming down out of heaven from God, ^cprepared as a ^{3d}bride adorned for her ^ehusband.
Rom 6:4 We have been ^{1a}buried therefore with Him through ²baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was ^braised from the dead through the ^{3c}glory of the Father, so also we might ⁴walk in ^dnewness of ^elife.
Ezek 1:26 And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was One in appearance like a man, above it.

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Ezek 1:28 Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

Ezek 36:26 I will also give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take away the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Ezek 36:27 And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and My ordinances you shall keep and do.

2. The spiritual reality of this rainbow should be manifest in the church today; we need to allow God to fill us with His righteous presence by giving Him the full opportunity to work in us as the sanctifying fire for His radiant expression of glory through our coordination as the corporate Christ—1:5-14, 26-28.

Ezek 1:5 And from the midst of it there came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man.

Ezek 1:6 And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings.

Ezek 1:7 And their feet were straight feet, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze.

Ezek 1:8 And the hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides. And the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:

Ezek 1:9 Their wings were joined one to another; they did not turn as they went; each went straight forward.

Ezek 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side, and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four of them had the face of an eagle.

Ezek 1:11 And thus their faces were. And their wings were spread out upward; two wings of each were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

Ezek 1:12 And each went straight forward; wherever the Spirit was to go, they went; they did not turn as they went.

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Ezek 1:14 And the living creatures ran to and fro like the appearance of a lightning bolt.

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3. Christ Himself, signified by the rainbow of righteousness, holiness, and glory, is the covenant of God given to His people for their "Christification," which is to make them exactly the same as He is in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead—Isa. 42:6; Heb. 8:10-12.

Isa 42:6 I am Jehovah; I have called You in righteousness; I have held You by the hand; I have kept You and I have given You As a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;

Heb 8:10 For ^athis is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My ¹laws into their ²mind, and on their hearts I will ³inscribe them; and ⁴I will be God to them, and ⁵they will be a people to Me.

- Heb 8:11 And they shall by no means each ^ateach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying,
¹Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them.
- Heb 8:12 For ^aI will be ¹propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore."

C. Christ is wisdom to us from God, transmitting Himself into us as righteousness (that we might be reborn in our spirit), sanctification (that we might be transformed in our soul), and redemption (that we might be glorified in our body)—1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 8:10; 12:2; 8:23; Phil. 3:21.

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Rom 8:23 And not only *so*, but we ourselves also, who have ¹the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves ²groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting ^{3a}sonship, the ^bredemption of our body.

Phil 3:21 Who will ^{1a}transfigure the ^{2b}body of our humiliation to be ^cconformed to the ³body of His ^dglory, ⁴according to His operation by which He is able even to ^esubject all things to Himself.

D. The transmission of Christ, as the multifarious wisdom of God, into our being makes us the masterpiece of the Triune God as the wise exhibition of all that He is, a poem expressing His infinite wisdom and divine design—1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 2:10; 3:9-11.

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Eph 2:10 For we are His ¹masterpiece, ^{2a}created in Christ Jesus for ^bgood works, which God prepared ³beforehand in order that we would ^cwalk in them.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the ^{1a}economy of the ^{2b}mystery is, which ³throughout the ages has been ^chidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 3:10 In order that now to the ^{1a}rulers and the authorities in the ^bheavenlies the multifarious ^{2c}wisdom of God might be made known through the ^{3d}church,

Eph 3:11 According to the ¹eternal ^apurpose which He ²made in ³Christ Jesus our Lord,

E. In eternity as the New Jerusalem (a city whose foundations have the appearance of a rainbow—Rev. 21:19-20), we will be a rainbow to testify of God's faithfulness to carry out His new covenant in making us exactly the same as He is as righteousness, holiness, and glory—vv. 10-11.

Rev 21:19 The ^{1a}foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every ^bprecious stone: the first foundation was ²jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

Rev 21:20 The fifth, ^asardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysopease; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

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III. Romans reveals that in every church there must be the base of God's righteousness (God's procedure), the process of God's holiness (God's nature), and the goal of God's glory (God's expression) to bring us into the heart of God to have the reality of the Body of Christ through the local churches—1:17; 8:10; 6:19, 22; 8:18, 21; 9:23; 11:36—12:5; 16:27:

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A. Romans reveals the tabernacle of God as the Body life realized in the church life (chs. 12—16) with the basic structure of righteousness (3:21—5:11), holiness (v. 12—8:13), and glory (vv. 14-39):

1. Justification through Christ's redemption is in the outer court, sanctification is in the Holy Place, and glorification is in the Holy of Holies.
2. The church life is the Triune God mingled with His chosen people, who are justified, sanctified, glorified, and built together to be the tabernacle, the reality of the Body of Christ in the local churches to consummate in the New Jerusalem, the ultimate tabernacle of God—Rev. 21:3.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a ^aloud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the ^{1b}tabernacle of God is with men, and He will ^ctabernacle with them, and ^dthey will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

3. The dispensing of the Triune God is according to His righteousness, through His holiness, and unto His glory; the ultimate goal of the dispensing of the Triune God as life is glory, the expression of God in and through the church as the Body of Christ—Rom. 5:17; 6:19-23; 8:18, 21; 16:27; Eph. 3:16-21.

Rom 5:17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the ¹abundance of grace and of the gift of ²righteousness will ³reign in ⁴life through the One, Jesus Christ.

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Rom 6:20 For when you were ^aslaves of sin, you were free with regard to righteousness.

Rom 6:21 What fruit then did you have at that time? Things of which you are now ashamed, for the end of those things is death.

Rom 6:22 But now, having been ^afreed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto ^{1b}sanctification, and the end, ^ceternal ²life.

Rom 6:23 For the ¹wages of sin is ^{2a}death, but the gift of God is ^{3b}eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- Rom 16:27 To the ^aonly ¹wise God through Jesus Christ, to Him be the ^bglory forever and ever. Amen.
- Eph 3:16 ¹That He would grant you, according to the ^{2a}riches of His glory, to be ^{3b}strengthened with ^{4c}power through His ⁵Spirit ⁶into the ^dinner man,
- Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His ^ahome in your ¹hearts through ²faith, that you, being ^{3b}rooted and grounded in ^{4c}love,
- Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to ¹apprehend with ^{2a}all the saints what the ³breadth and length and height and depth are
- Eph 3:19 And to know the ¹knowledge-surpassing ^alove of Christ, that you may be ^bfilled ²unto all the ^{3c}fullness of ⁴God.
- Eph 3:20 ¹But ^ato Him who is ^bable to do superabundantly above all that we ²ask or think, according to the ^{3c}power which operates in us,
- Eph 3:21 ^aTo Him be the ¹glory in the ^{2b}church ³and in ⁴Christ Jesus unto ⁵all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

B. Christ's death is for God's righteousness, Christ's resurrection is for God's holiness, and Christ's ascension is for God's glory; when Christ comes back, the glorification of His saints will be consummated.

C. As our Substitute, Christ died on the cross for us in order to fulfill God's righteous requirements for our justification so that He could dispense Himself as life into us—John 19:34; Rom. 1:17; 3:23-25; 5:18; Rev. 22:14:

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out ^{1a}blood and ^bwater.

Rom 1:17 For the ^{1a}righteousness of God is revealed in it ²out of faith to faith, as it is written, "^bBut the righteous shall ³have life and live by ⁴faith."

Rom 3:23 For ^aall have sinned and fall short of the ¹glory of God,

Rom 3:24 Being ¹justified ²freely by His grace through the ³redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Rom 3:25 Whom God ¹set forth as a ^{2a}propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God ³passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

Rom 5:18 So then as *it was* through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also *it was* through one ¹righteous act unto justification of ²life to all men.

Rev 22:14 ^{1a}Blessed are those who ^{2b}wash their ^crobes that ³they may have ^{4d}right to the ^etree of life and may ^fenter ⁵by the ^ggates into the city.

1. A proper Christian is one who has died with Christ and who conducts himself daily according to this fact; if a believer lives in a natural way, he will be unrighteous, but if he experiences the death of the cross, he will be righteous in everything, with everyone, and in every way—Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 3:9.

Gal 2:20 I am ^{1a}crucified with Christ; and *it is* ²no longer I *who* live, but *it is* ^{3b}Christ *who* lives in me; and the ⁴life which I now live in the flesh I ^clive in ⁵faith, the ^dfaith ⁶of the ⁷Son of God, who ^{8c}loved me and ^fgave Himself up for me.

2 Cor 3:9 For if there is glory with the ministry of ^{1a}condemnation, much more the ministry of ^{2b}righteousness ³abounds with glory.

2. Only the death of Christ and our death with Christ fulfill the requirements of God's righteousness and give God the ground to righteously dispense Himself as the divine life into our entire being so that we may be swallowed up by life to be the city of life—Rom. 8:10, 6, 11; 2 Cor. 5:4.

Rom 8:10 But if ^{1a}Christ is ²in you, though the ³body is ⁴dead because of sin, the ⁵spirit is ⁶life because of ⁷righteousness.

Rom 8:6 For ¹the mind set on the flesh is ²death, but ³the mind set on the spirit is ^alife and ^bpeace.

Rom 8:11 And if the ¹Spirit of ²the One who raised Jesus from the dead ^{3a}dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also ^{4b}give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

2 Cor 5:4 For also, we who are in this tabernacle groan, being ^{1a}burdened, ²in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that ³what is ^bmortal may be ^{4c}swallowed up by life.

3. To live and serve as a minister of the new covenant is to take the way of righteousness, the living out and genuine expression of Christ, by recognizing that we do not have any qualification to be a servant of God, that as a man in the flesh we are good for nothing except death and burial—Matt. 3:13-17; 21:32.

Matt 3:13 Then Jesus came from ^aGalilee to the Jordan to John to be ^{1b}baptized by him.

Matt 3:14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, It is I *who* have need of being baptized by You, and You come to me?

Matt 3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, Permit it for now, for it is fitting for us in this way to ^afulfill all ¹righteousness. Then he permitted Him.

Matt 3:16 And ¹having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water, and behold, the ²heavens were ^aopened to Him, and He saw the ³Spirit of God descending like a ^{4b}dove and coming ^cupon Him.

Matt 3:17 And behold, a ^avoice out of the heavens, saying, ¹This is My ^bSon, the Beloved, in whom I have found My ^cdelight.

Matt 21:32 For John came to you in the ^away of ¹righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him. And you, when you saw *it*, did not later regret *it* to believe him.

D. Sanctification is the subjective activity of holiness; it is holiness in action:

1. Sanctification is the resurrected Christ as "the Spirit the Holy," the sanctifying Spirit in our spirit, working Himself as God's holy nature into our being to make us the holy city—1 Thes. 5:23; Rom. 6:19, 22; 15:16; 8:4.

1 Thes 5:23 ¹And the ²God of ^apeace Himself ^{3b}sanctify you ⁴wholly, and may your ^{5c}spirit and ^dsoul and ^ebody be ^fpreserved ⁶complete, ^gwithout blame, ⁷at the ^{8h}coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 6:19 I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness ¹unto lawlessness, so now ^apresent your members as slaves to righteousness unto ^{2b}sanctification.

Rom 6:22 But now, having been ^afreed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto ^{1b}sanctification, and the end, ^ceternal ²life.

Rom 15:16 That I might be a ¹minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a ²laboring ^{3a}priest of the gospel of God, in order that the ^boffering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been ^csanctified in the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be ¹fulfilled in us, who do not ^{2a}walk according to the flesh but according to the ³spirit.

2. The divine sanctification is the holding line in the carrying out of the divine economy, the process of God's organic salvation as God's move to deify man, making man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—Heb. 2:10-11; Eph. 1:4-5; Rev. 21:2.

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting ^afor ¹Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading ^{2b}many sons into ^{3c}glory, to make the ^{4d}Author of their ^esalvation ^{5f}perfect through sufferings.

Heb 2:11 For both ¹He who ^asanctifies and those who are being ^bsanctified are all ²of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them ^cbrothers,

Eph 1:4 Even as He ^{1a}chose us in Him ^{2b}before the foundation of the world to be ^{3c}holy and ⁴without blemish ⁵before Him ⁶in ^{7d}love,

Eph 1:5 ^{1a}Predestinating us unto ^{2b}sonship ³through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the ^{4c}good pleasure of His ^dwill,

Rev 21:2 And I saw the ^aholy city, ^{1b}New Jerusalem, ²coming down out of heaven from God, ^cprepared as a ^{3d}bride adorned for her ^ehusband.

3. To live and serve as a minister of the new covenant is to walk in newness of life and serve in newness of spirit as a laboring priest of the gospel of God in order to present the saved sinners to God as an acceptable offering sanctified in the Holy Spirit—Rom. 6:4; 7:6; 15:16.

Rom 6:4 We have been ^{1a}buried therefore with Him through ²baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was ^braised from the dead through the ^{3c}glory of the Father, so also we might ⁴walk in ^dnewness of ^elife.

Rom 7:6 But now we have been ¹discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we ²serve in ³newness of ⁴spirit and not in oldness of letter.

Rom 15:16 That I might be a ¹minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a ²laboring ^{3a}priest of the gospel of God, in order that the ^boffering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been ^csanctified in the Holy Spirit.

E. The ultimate goal of the dispensing of the Triune God is that God would be expressed through the Body of Christ for His glory in the church—Eph. 3:20-21; Rom. 8:19, 21, 28-30; 16:27:

Eph 3:20 ¹But ^ato Him who is ^bable to do superabundantly above all that we ²ask or think, according to the ^{3c}power which operates in us,

Eph 3:21 ^aTo Him be the ¹glory in the ^{2b}church ³and in ⁴Christ Jesus unto ⁵all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

Rom 8:19 For the ¹anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the ²revelation of the sons of God.

Rom 8:21 In hope that the creation itself will also be ¹freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the ^aglory of the children of God.

Rom 8:28 And we know that ¹all things ²work together for ³good to those who ⁴love God, to those who are ^acalled according to *His* ⁵purpose.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He ¹foreknew, He also ^{2a}predestinated to be ³conformed to the ^bimage of His Son, that He might be the ^{4c}Firstborn among ⁵many ^dbrothers;

Rom 8:30 And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also ^{1a}justified; and those whom He justified, these He also ^{2b}glorified.

Rom 16:27 To the ^aonly ¹wise God through Jesus Christ, to Him be the ^bglory forever and ever. Amen.

1. The oneness in John 17 is the church; when the oneness is realized in a thorough way, by the full denial of the self, the Son glorifies the Father in the church—vv. 1, 21-23.

John 17:1 These things Jesus spoke, and ^alifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, ^bFather, the hour has come; ^{1c}glorify Your Son that the Son may ^dglorify You;

John 17:21 That they all may be ^{1a}one; even as You, Father, are ^bin Me and I ^cin You, that they also may be ^din Us; that the ^eworld may believe that You have ^fsent Me.

John 17:22 And the ^{1a}glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be ^{2b}one, even as We are ^cone;

John 17:23 I ^ain them, and You ^bin Me, that they may be perfected into ^cone, that the world may know that You have ^dsent Me and have ^{1e}loved them even as You have loved Me.

2. This indicates that wherever there is the proper church life, there is the glorification of the Father, for the church life expresses the Father.

3. To live and serve as a minister of the new covenant is to do all to the glory of God for the exaltation of Christ—Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 1:20; 2 Cor. 4:5.

Rom 11:36 Because ^aout from Him and ^bthrough Him and ^cto Him are all things. ^dTo Him be the glory forever. Amen.

1 Cor 10:31 ¹Therefore ²whether you ^aeat or drink, or ^bwhatever you do, do all to the ^cglory of God.

Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to ^ashame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be ¹magnified ^bin my body, whether through life or through ^cdeath.

2 Cor 4:5 ¹For we do not ^apreach ourselves but Christ Jesus as ^{2b}Lord, and ourselves as your ^{3c}slaves for Jesus' sake.

F. The dispensing of the Triune God as life according to His righteousness, through His holiness, and unto His glory is for us to become the New Jerusalem with Christ as our solid foundation of righteousness, our pure constituent of holiness, and our radiant expression of glory—Rev. 21:2, 9-11.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the ^aholy city, ^{1b}New Jerusalem, ²coming down out of heaven from God, ^cprepared as a ^{3d}bride adorned for her ^ehusband.

Rev 21:9 And ¹one of the ^aseven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, ^bCome here; I will show you the ^{2c}bride, the ^dwife of the Lamb.

Rev 21:10 And he ^acarried me away ^bin spirit onto a ¹great and high mountain and showed me the ^choly city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 Having the ^{1a}glory of God. Her ^{2b}light was like a most ^{3c}precious stone, like a ^{4d}jasper stone, as clear as ^ecrystal.

G. Thus, the Spirit, as the processed and consummated God, and the bride, as the processed and consummated church, are joined to become a loving pair of one entity in life for eternity—22:17a; cf. 1 Cor. 6:17.

Rev **22:17a** And the ^{1a}Spirit and the ^bbride say, ^{2c}Come! And let him who hears say, Come! ...

1 Cor **6:17** But he who is ^{1a}joined to the Lord is ^{2b}one spirit.