

LIVING UNDER THE UNIQUE HEADSHIP OF CHRIST AND IN THE UNIQUE DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

(Saturday—Second Morning Session)

Message Five

The Unique Divine Fellowship

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 21:21b; 22:1-2

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I. The unique divine fellowship is mysterious—1 John 1:3:

- 1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- A. The divine life and the divine fellowship are mysterious because they are divine—vv. 2-3, 7.
- 1 John 1:2 (And the ^{1a}life was ^{2b}manifested, and we have seen and ^ctestify and report to you ³the ^deternal life, which was ^{4e}with the ⁵Father and was ⁶manifested to us);
- 1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 1:7 But if we ^awalk in the light as He ¹is in the light, we ²have fellowship with one another, and the ^{3b}blood of ⁴Jesus His Son ⁵cleanses us from every ⁶sin.
- B. We, the believers in Christ, are mysterious, for we have the mysterious divine life and the mysterious divine nature—John 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:4.
- John 3:15 That every one who believes into Him may have ¹eternal life.
- 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.

II. The unique divine fellowship is intrinsically related to the unique divine nature, which is signified by the street of the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:21b; 22:1-2:

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- A. The street of the holy city is “pure gold, like transparent glass”—21:21b:
- Rev 21:21b ... And the ³street of the city was pure ^cgold, like ⁴transparent glass.
1. Gold symbolizes the divine nature—2 Pet. 1:4; Rev. 21:18b.
- 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.
- Rev 21:18b ... and the city was ²pure ^{3b}gold, like ⁴clear glass.
2. The fact that the river of water of life proceeds in the middle of the golden street signifies that the divine life flows in the divine nature as the unique way for the

daily life of God's redeemed people; the divine life and the divine nature always go together—22:1-2.

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B. All our fellowship must be based on God's golden nature—2 Pet. 1:4; 1 John 1:3, 7:

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.

1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:7 But if we ^awalk in the light as He ¹is in the light, we ²have fellowship with one another, and the ^{3b}blood of ⁴Jesus His Son ⁵cleanses us from every ⁶sin.

1. We may feel that our fellowship with God is our contacting God, and our fellowship with the saints is our contacting the saints, but this is not the deciding factor concerning whether or not our fellowship is the fellowship of God—vv. 3, 6-7.

1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we ¹have fellowship ²with Him and yet ³walk in the ^adarkness, we ^{4b}lie and are not ⁵practicing the ⁶truth;

1 John 1:7 But if we ^awalk in the light as He ¹is in the light, we ²have fellowship with one another, and the ^{3b}blood of ⁴Jesus His Son ⁵cleanses us from every ⁶sin.

2. The fellowship of God must be based upon God's divine nature; whether or not our fellowship with others is genuine fellowship is determined by whether or not it is based upon the golden nature within us—Rev. 21:21b.

Rev 21:21b ... And the ³street of the city was pure ^cgold, like ⁴transparent glass.

3. Living in the unique divine fellowship is not according to our outward doing but according to our inward being; the inward being of our Christian life must be God's golden nature—vv. 18b, 21b; 22:1-2.

Rev 21:18b ... and the city was ²pure ^{3b}gold, like ⁴clear glass.

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4. If we practice the unique divine fellowship based on the golden divine nature, we are living as part of the New Jerusalem—21:10-11.

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.

III. The unique divine fellowship is the fellowship of the apostles—Acts 2:42:

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the ¹teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the ^abreaking of bread and the ^bprayers.

A. Fellowship is the communion and communication between the believers in their communion and communication with God the Father and Christ the Son—1 John 1:3; Phil. 1:5; 2:1; 4:14-15.

1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:5 For your ^{1a}fellowship unto *the furtherance of the* ^{2b}gospel from the first day until now,

Phil 2:1 ¹If there is therefore any encouragement in Christ, if any ^{2a}consolation of love, if any ^bfellowship of spirit, if any ^{3c}tenderheartedness and ^dcompassions,
 Phil 4:14 Nevertheless you did well to have ^{1a}fellowship with me in my ²affliction.
 Phil 4:15 And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that in the beginning of the ^agospel, when I ^bwent out from ^cMacedonia, no church had ¹fellowship with me in the ^{2d}account of ³giving and receiving except ⁴you only;

B. The fellowship of the apostles is the fellowship of the Body of Christ, the divine fellowship between all the believers and the Triune God—Acts 2:42; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 1:3.

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 2 Cor 13:14 The ^{1a}grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the ^blove of God and the ^cfellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

C. The apostles' fellowship is universal in time and space, including all parts of the globe and all centuries.

D. The fellowship of the apostles is based on the apostles' teaching—Acts 2:42:

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the ¹teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the ^abreaking of bread and the ^bprayers.

1. Teaching creates fellowship, and fellowship comes from teaching; fellowship always comes after teaching—1 Cor. 4:17; 1:9; 10:16.

1 Cor 4:17 Because of this I have sent ^aTimothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful ^bchild in the Lord, who will remind you of my ¹ways which are in Christ, even as I teach ²everywhere in every ^cchurch.

1 Cor 1:9 ¹God is ^afaithful, through whom you were ^bcalled ²into the ^cfellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor 10:16 The ^acup of blessing which we ^bbless, is it not the ¹fellowship of the ^cblood of Christ? The ^dbread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the ^ebody of Christ?

2. The apostles' teaching is the element and realm of the apostles' fellowship—Acts 2:42:

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the ¹teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the ^abreaking of bread and the ^bprayers.

a. The unique fellowship is produced through the unique teaching, the apostles' teaching—v. 42.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the ¹teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the ^abreaking of bread and the ^bprayers.

b. Besides the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, the believers in Christ should not have any other teaching or fellowship—1 Tim. 1:3-4; Titus 1:9; 1 John 1:3.

1 Tim 1:3 Even as I exhorted you, when I was ¹going into ^aMacedonia, to remain in ^bEphesus in order that you might charge ²certain ones not to teach ^{3c}different things

1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to ^{1a}myths and unending ^{2b}genealogies, which produce ^cquestionings rather than God's ^{3d}economy, which is in ^{4e}faith.

Titus 1:9 ^{1a}Holding to the ^{2b}faithful word, which is according to the ³teaching of the apostles, that he may be able both to exhort by the ^{4c}healthy teaching and to ⁵convict ⁶those who ^doppose.

1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

c. If we teach wrongly or differently from the apostles' teaching, our teaching will produce a sectarian, divisive fellowship—1 Tim. 1:3-4; 6:3.

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1 Tim 6:3 If anyone teaches ^{1a}different things and does not consent to ^{2b}healthy words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the teaching which is according to ^{3c}godliness,

- d. In God's New Testament economy there is only one category of teaching revealed and recognized by God—the teaching of the apostles—and only one category of fellowship that is of God and is acceptable to Him—the fellowship of the apostles, which is with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, and which is the unique fellowship of the unique church, the Body of Christ—Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 13:14.

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2 Cor 13:14 The ^{1a}grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the ^blove of God and the ^cfellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- E. The fellowship of the Lord's recovery is the recovered fellowship of the apostles; we are in the unique divine fellowship—the fellowship of the Lord's recovery, which is the recovered apostles' fellowship—Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3.

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- F. We need a vision of the apostles' teaching and fellowship to guide us, control us, and restrict us—Prov. 29:18.

Prov 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

- G. In our work for the Lord, we must keep ourselves in the apostles' fellowship—1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10; Eph. 4:12.

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be ^{1a}steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the ^{2b}work of the Lord, knowing that your ^{3c}labor is not ^din vain in the Lord.

1 Cor 16:10 Now if ^aTimothy comes, see that he is with you without fear; for he is working the ^bwork of the Lord, even as I am.

Eph 4:12 For the ^{1a}perfecting of the saints ²unto the work of the ^{3b}ministry, unto the ^{4c}building up of the ^dBody of Christ,

IV. The unique divine fellowship requires that we join with the apostles and the Triune God for the carrying out of God's purpose—1 John 1:3; Phil. 1:5; 2:1; 4:14-15; Acts 11:23; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Tim. 1:9:

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Acts 11:23 Who, when he arrived and saw the ^{1a}grace of God, ^brejoiced and encouraged them all to ²remain with the Lord with ^cpurpose of heart;

Eph 1:11 In whom also we ¹were designated as an ^ainheritance, having been ^{2b}predestinated according to the ^{3c}purpose of the One who works all things according to the ⁴counsel of His ^dwill,

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

2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and ^{1a}called us with a holy calling, not according to our ^bworks but according to His own ^{2c}purpose and ^dgrace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus ³before the ^etimes of the ages

- A. John's word in 1 John 1:3 indicates the putting away of private interests and a joining with others for a certain common purpose.

1 John 1:3 That which we have ¹seen and heard we report ²also to you that you also may have ^{3a}fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the ⁴Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

- B. To have fellowship with the apostles, to be in the fellowship of the apostles, and to have fellowship with the Triune God in the apostles' fellowship is to put aside our private interests and join with the apostles and the Triune God for the carrying out of God's purpose—Eph. 1:11; 3:11.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we ¹were designated as an ^ainheritance, having been ^{2b}predestinated according to the ^{3c}purpose of the One who works all things according to the ⁴counsel of His ^dwill,

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

- C. Our participation in the apostles' fellowship—in their enjoyment of the Triune God—is our joining with them and with the Triune God for His divine purpose, which is common to God, the apostles, and all the believers—Rom. 8:28; 2 Tim. 1:9; 3:10.

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.

2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and ^{1a}called us with a holy calling, not according to our ^bworks but according to His own ^{2c}purpose and ^dgrace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus ³before the ^etimes of the ages

2 Tim 3:10 But you have ^aclosely followed my teaching, ¹conduct, ^{2b}purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, endurance,

- D. According to John's writings, the divine purpose is twofold:

1. The divine purpose is that the believers may grow in the divine life by abiding in the Triune God (1 John 2:12-27) and, based upon the divine birth, live a life of the divine righteousness and the divine love (2:28—5:3) to overcome the world, death, sin, the devil, and idols (5:4-21).

1 John 2:12 I write to you, ¹little children, because your sins have been ^{2a} forgiven you because of His ^bname.

1 John 2:13 I write to you, ¹fathers, because you ^{2a}know ³Him who is ⁴from the beginning. I write to you, ⁵young men, because you have ^{6b}overcome the ^{7c}evil one. I ⁸write to you, ⁹young children, because you ^dknow the ¹⁰Father.

1 John 2:14 I have ¹written to ²you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are ^astrong and the word of God ^babides in you and you have overcome the ³evil one.

1 John 2:15 ¹Do not love the ^{2a}world nor the things in the world. If anyone ^bloves the ^cworld, ^{3d}love for the ⁴Father is not in him;

1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the ^{1a}lust of the flesh and the lust of the ^beyes and the vainglory of ^{2c}life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 And the world is ^apassing away, and its ¹lust, but he who ^{2b}does the ^cwill of God abides forever.

1 John 2:18 ¹Young children, it is the ^alast hour; and even as you heard that ^{2b}antichrist is coming, even now ³many antichrists have ^ccome; whereby we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:19 They ^awent out from us, but they were ¹not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have ²remained with us; but *they went out* that they might be ^bmanifested that they all are not of us.

1 John 2:20 And you have an ^{1a}anointing from the ^bHoly One, and ^{2c}all of you ^dknow.

1 John 2:21 I have not written to you because you do not know the ¹truth, but because you ²know it and because no ^alie is of the truth.

1 John 2:22 Who is the ^aliar if not he who ^{1b}denies that ^{2c}Jesus is the Christ? This is the ^dantichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:23 Everyone who ¹denies the Son does not have the ^aFather either; he who confesses the ^bSon has the Father also.

1 John 2:24 As for you, ¹that which you ^aheard ²from the beginning, let it ³abide in you. If that which you heard from the beginning ^babides in you, you also will ^cabide in the ^dSon and in the Father.

- 1 John 2:25 And this is the promise which ¹He Himself ²promised us, the ^{3a}eternal life.
- 1 John 2:26 These things I have written to you ¹concerning those who ^{2a}lead you astray.
- 1 John 2:27 And as for you, the ¹anointing which you have received from ²Him ³abides in you, and you have ⁴no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing ^{5a}teaches you concerning ⁶all things and is ⁷true and is not a ^blie, and even as it has taught you, ^{8c}abide in Him.
- 1 John 2:28 And now, ¹little children, ²abide in Him, so that if ³He is ^amanifested, we may have ^bboldness and not be ⁴put to ^cshame ⁵from Him ⁶at His ^dcoming.
- 1 John 2:29 If you ¹know that ²He is ^{3a}righteous, ⁴you ⁵know that everyone who ^{6b}practices ^crighteousness also has been ⁷begotten of Him.
- 1 John 3:1 ¹Behold what manner of ^{2a}love the ³Father has given to us, that we should be called ^{4b}children of God; and we are. ⁵Because of this the world does not ^{6c}know us, ⁷because it did not know Him.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and ¹it has not yet been ^amanifested what we will be. We ²know that if ³He is manifested, we will be ^blike Him because we will ^{4c}see Him even as He is.
- 1 John 3:3 And everyone who has ¹this ^ahope *set* on Him ^{2b}purifies himself, even as ^{3c}He is pure.
- 1 John 3:4 Everyone who ^{1a}practices ^bsin practices ²lawlessness also, and sin is lawlessness.
- 1 John 3:5 And you know that He was ^amanifested that He might ¹take away ^bsins; and sin is not in ²Him.
- 1 John 3:6 Everyone who ^{1a}abides in Him ^{2b}does ^cnot sin; everyone who ³sins ⁴has not seen Him or ^dknown Him.
- 1 John 3:7 ¹Little children, let no one ^{2a}lead you astray; he who ^{3b}practices righteousness is ^{4c}righteous, even as He is ^drighteous;
- 1 John 3:8 He who ^{1a}practices sin is of the ^{2b}devil, because the devil has sinned ³from the beginning. ⁴For this purpose the Son of God was ^cmanifested, that He might ^{5d}destroy the works of the devil.
- 1 John 3:9 Everyone who has been ¹begotten of God does ²not practice sin, because His ^{3a}seed ^babides in him; and he ⁴cannot sin, because he has been begotten of God.
- 1 John 3:10 ¹In this the ^achildren of God and the ^bchildren of the devil are manifest. Everyone who does not ^cpractice righteousness is not of God, neither he who ^ddoes not ²love his brother.
- 1 John 3:11 For this is the ¹message which you ^aheard ²from the beginning, that we should ^{3b}love one another,
- 1 John 3:12 Not as ^aCain was ¹of the ^{2b}evil one and ^cslew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's, ^drighteous.
- 1 John 3:13 Do not marvel, brothers, if the ¹world ^ahates you.
- 1 John 3:14 We know that we have ^apassed out of ¹death into life because we ^blove the brothers. He who ^cdoes ²not love abides in death.
- 1 John 3:15 Everyone who ^{1a}hates his brother is a ^{2b}murderer, and you know that no murderer has ^ceternal life abiding in him.
- 1 John 3:16 In this we know love, that ^aHe ^blaid down His ¹life on our behalf, and we ought to ^clay down our ²lives on behalf of the brothers.
- 1 John 3:17 But whoever has the livelihood of the world and sees that his brother has ^aneed and ^bshuts up his ¹affections from him, how does the ^{2c}love of God abide in him?
- 1 John 3:18 ¹Little children, let us not ^alove in word nor in tongue but in ²deed and ^{3b}truthfulness.
- 1 John 3:19 And in this we will know that we are of the ¹truth, and we will ²persuade our heart before Him,
- 1 John 3:20 Because if our ¹heart ^ablames *us*, *it is* because God is ^bgreater than our heart and ^cknows all things.
- 1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our ^aheart does not blame *us*, we have ^{1b}boldness ^ctoward God;
- 1 John 3:22 And ¹whatever we ^aask we receive from Him because we ^{2b}keep His commandments and ³do the things that are ^cpleasing in His sight.
- 1 John 3:23 And this is His ^{1a}commandment, that we ^bbelieve in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and ^clove one another, even as He gave a commandment to us.
- 1 John 3:24 And he who ^akeeps His commandments ^{1b}abides ^cin Him, and ²He in him. And in this we know that He abides in us, ³by the ^{4d}Spirit whom He gave to us.
- 1 John 4:1 Beloved, do ^anot believe ¹every ^bspirit, but ^{2c}prove the spirits whether they are ³of God, because many ^{4d}false prophets have ^egone out into the world.

- 1 John 4:2 In this you know the ^aSpirit of God: Every ¹spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come ²in the ^bflesh is of God,
- 1 John 4:3 And every ¹spirit which does ^anot confess Jesus is not of God; and this is the *spirit* of the ²antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming and now is already in the world.
- 1 John 4:4 You are ¹of God, ²little children; and you have ^aovercome ³them because ^bgreater is ⁴He who is ^cin you than ⁵he who is in the ^dworld.
- 1 John 4:5 They are ¹of the ^aworld; therefore they speak out of the world, and the world hears them.
- 1 John 4:6 We are ^{1a}of God; he who knows God ^bhears us; he who is ²not of God does not hear us. ³From this we know the ⁴Spirit of ⁵truth and the ^cspirit of deception.
- 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us ^{1a}love one another, because ²love is of God, and everyone who ³loves has been ^{4b}begotten of God and ⁵knows God.
- 1 John 4:8 He who ^adoes ¹not love has not ^bknown God, because God is ^{2c}love.
- 1 John 4:9 In this the ^alove of God was manifested ¹among us, that God ^bsent His ^conly begotten Son into the ²world that we might ³have life and ^dlive through Him.
- 1 John 4:10 ¹Herein is ^alove, not that we have ^bloved God but that He ^cloved us and sent His Son as a ²propitiation for our sins.
- 1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God has loved us in this way, we also ought to ^{1a}love one another.
- 1 John 4:12 No one has ^{1a}beheld God at any time; if we ²love one another, God abides in us, and ³His love is ^{4b}perfected in us.
- 1 John 4:13 In ¹this we know that we ^{2a}abide in Him and He in us, that He has given to us ³of His Spirit.
- 1 John 4:14 And we have ^abeheld and ^btestify that the Father has ^{1c}sent the Son as the ^dSavior of the ²world.
- 1 John 4:15 Whoever ^{1a}confesses that Jesus is the ^bSon of God, God ^cabides in him and he in God.
- 1 John 4:16 And we know and have ^abelieved the ¹love which God has ²in us. God is ³love, and he who ⁴abides in love ⁵abides in God and ⁶God abides in him.
- 1 John 4:17 In ¹this has love been ²perfected with us, that we may have ³boldness in the day of the ⁴judgment because even as ⁵He is, *so* also are we in this world.
- 1 John 4:18 There is no ^{1a}fear in love, but ²perfect love casts out fear because fear has punishment, and he who fears has ³not been perfected in love.
- 1 John 4:19 We love because He ¹first ^aloved us.
- 1 John 4:20 If anyone says, I love God, and ^{1a}hates his brother, he is a ^bliar; for he who ^cdoes ^dnot love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.
- 1 John 4:21 And this ^acommandment we have from Him, that he who ^bloves God ^clove his brother also.
- 1 John 5:1 Everyone who ^{1a}believes that ^bJesus is the Christ has been begotten of God, and everyone who ^cloves Him who has ^dbegotten ^eloves him also who has been begotten of Him.
- 1 John 5:2 In this we ^aknow that we ¹love the ^bchildren of God, when we love God and ²do His ^ccommandments.
- 1 John 5:3 For this is the ¹love of God, that we ^{2a}keep His commandments; and His commandments are not ^{3b}burdensome.
- 1 John 5:4 For ¹everything that has been ²begotten of God ^{3a}overcomes the ⁴world; and this is the ^bvictory which has overcome the world—our ⁵faith.
- 1 John 5:5 And who is he who overcomes the world except him who ¹believes that ^aJesus is the Son of God?
- 1 John 5:6 This is ¹He who came through ^awater and ^bblood², Jesus Christ; not ³in the water only, but ³in the water and ³in the blood; and the ^cSpirit is He who ⁴testifies, because the Spirit is the ⁵reality.
- 1 John 5:7 For there are three who testify,
- 1 John 5:8 The Spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are ¹unto the one thing.
- 1 John 5:9 If we receive the ^atestimony of men, the ^{1b}testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God that He has testified concerning His ^cSon.
- 1 John 5:10 He who ^{1a}believes into the Son of God has the ^btestimony in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a ^cliar because he has ^dnot believed in the testimony which God has testified concerning His Son.
- 1 John 5:11 And this is the ^atestimony, that God ¹gave to us ^beternal ^clife and this life is in His Son.

- 1 John 5:12 He who ¹has the Son has the ^alife; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
- 1 John 5:13 I have written ¹these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who ^abelieve into the name of the Son of God.
- 1 John 5:14 And ¹this is the ²boldness which we have toward Him, that if we ^{3a}ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
- 1 John 5:15 And if we ¹know that He hears us in whatever we ²ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
- 1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not ¹unto death, he shall ^{2a}ask and he ³will give ^{4b}life to him, to those sinning not unto death. There is a ⁵sin unto ^cdeath; I do not say that he should ^dmake request concerning that.
- 1 John 5:17 All ^{1a}unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not unto death.
- 1 John 5:18 We know that everyone who is ¹begotten of God ^adoes not sin, but ²he who has been begotten of God ^{3b}keeps himself, and the ⁴evil one does not ⁵touch him.
- 1 John 5:19 We know that we are ¹of God, and the ²whole ^aworld ³lies in the ^{4b}evil one.
- 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has ^{1a}come and has given us an ^{2b}understanding that we might ³know ⁴Him who is ^{5c}true; and we are ⁶in Him who is true, ⁷in His Son Jesus Christ. ⁸This is the ^dtrue God and ^eeternal life.
- 1 John 5:21 ¹Little children, ²guard yourselves from ^{3a}idols.
2. The divine purpose is that the local churches may be built up as the lampstands for the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1—3) and consummate in the New Jerusalem as the full expression of God for eternity (chs. 21—22); this is the divine purpose of the unique divine fellowship.
- Rev 1:1 The ^{1a}revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to Him to ^bshow to His ^cslaves the things that must quickly take place; and He made *it* known by ^{2d}signs, sending *it* by His ^eangel to His slave John,
- Rev 1:2 Who ^atestified the ^bword of God and the ^{1c}testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* all that he ^dsaw.
- Rev 1:3 ^aBlessed is he who reads and those who ^bhear the ^cwords of the ¹prophecy and ^dkeep the things written in it, for the time is ^enear.
- Rev 1:4 John to the ^{1a}seven ^bchurches which are in ²Asia: ^cGrace to you and ^dpeace from ^{3e}Him ⁴who is and who was and who is coming, and from the ^{5f}seven Spirits who are before His throne,
- Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful ^aWitness, the ^bFirstborn of the dead, and the ^cRuler of the kings of the earth. To Him who ^dloves us and has ¹released us from our sins ²by His ^eblood
- Rev 1:6 And made us a ^{1a}kingdom, ^{2b}priests ^cto His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.
- Rev 1:7 Behold, He ^{1a}comes with the ^{2b}clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who ^cpierced Him; and all the ³tribes of the ⁴land will ^{5d}mourn over Him. Yes, amen.
- Rev 1:8 I am the ^{1a}Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, ^bHe who is and who was and who is coming, the ^cAlmighty.
- Rev 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow ^apartaker in the ^btribulation and ^ckingdom and ^{1d}endurance in ²Jesus, was on the island called ³Patmos because of the ^eword of God and the ^ftestimony of Jesus.
- Rev 1:10 I was in ^{1a}spirit on the ²Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a ^btrumpet,
- Rev 1:11 Saying, What you ^asee ^bwrite in a scroll and ¹send *it* to the ^cseven ^dchurches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.
- Rev 1:12 And I ¹turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw ^aseven ²golden ^{3b}lampstands,
- Rev 1:13 And ¹in the ^amidst of the lampstands One like the ^{2b}Son of Man, clothed with a ^{3c}garment reaching to the feet, and ^{4d}girded about at the breasts with a golden ^egirdle.
- Rev 1:14 And His head and ^{1a}hair were as ^{2b}white as white wool, as snow; and His ^{3c}eyes were like a flame of ^{4d}fire;
- Rev 1:15 And His ^{1a}feet were like shining bronze, as having been ²fired in a furnace; and His voice was like the ^{3b}sound of many waters.

- Rev 1:16 And He had in His right hand ^aseven ¹stars; and out of His ^{2b}mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged ^csword; and His ^{3d}face *shone* as the sun shines in its power.
- Rev 1:17 And when I saw Him, I ^afell at His feet as dead; and He ^bplaced His right hand on me, saying, ^cDo not fear; I am the ^{1d}First and the Last
- Rev 1:18 And the ^{1a}living One; and I became ^bdead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the ^ckeys of ²death and of Hades.
- Rev 1:19 ^aWrite therefore the things which you have seen and the things which are and the things which are about to take place ^bafter these things.
- Rev 1:20 The ¹mystery of the ^aseven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the ^bseven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the ²messengers of the ^cseven churches, and the seven ^dlampstands are the seven churches.
- Rev 2:1 ¹To the messenger of the church in ^{2a}Ephesus write: These things says ³He who ⁴holds the ^bseven stars in His right hand, He who walks in the ^cmidst of the ^dseven golden lampstands:
- Rev 2:2 I ^aknow your ^bworks and your labor and your ^cendurance and that you cannot bear evil men; and you have ^dtried those who call themselves ^eapostles and are not, and have found them to be false;
- Rev 2:3 And you have endurance and have borne *all things* because of My ^aname and have not grown weary.
- Rev 2:4 But I have *one thing* ^aagainst you, that you have left your ¹first ^{2b}love.
- Rev 2:5 ^aRemember therefore where you have fallen from and ^brepent and do the first works; but if not, I am ^ccoming to you and will ¹remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.
- Rev 2:6 But this you have, that you hate the works of the ^{1a}Nicolaitans, which I also ^bhate.
- Rev 2:7 He who has an ^{1a}ear, let him hear what the ^{2b}Spirit says to the ³churches. To him who ^{4c}overcomes, to him I will give to ^{5d}eat of the ^{6c}tree of life, which is in the ^{7f}Paradise of God.
- Rev 2:8 And to the messenger of the church in ¹Smyrna write: These things says the ^{2a}First and the Last, who became ^bdead and ³lived *again*:
- Rev 2:9 I know your ^{1a}tribulation and ^{2b}poverty (but you are rich) and the ^{3c}slander from those who call themselves ^dJews and are ⁴not, but are a ^{5c}synagogue of ^{6f}Satan.
- Rev 2:10 Do not ^afear the things that you are about to ^bsuffer. Behold, the ^{1c}devil is about to cast some of you into ^dprison that you may be ^etried, and you will have ^ftribulation for ^{2g}ten days. Be ^hfaithful ⁱunto death, and I will give you the ^{3j}crown of life.
- Rev 2:11 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches. He who ^{1c}overcomes shall by no means be hurt of the ^{2d}second death.
- Rev 2:12 And to the messenger of the church in ¹Pergamos write: These things says He who has the ^asharp two-edged sword:
- Rev 2:13 I know where you dwell, where ^{1a}Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My ^{2b}name and have ^cnot denied ^dMy faith, even in the days of ³Antipas, My ^ewitness, My ^ffaithful one, who was ^gkilled among you, where ^hSatan dwells.
- Rev 2:14 But I have a few things ^aagainst you, that you have some there who hold the ^{1b}teaching of ^{2c}Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat ^{3d}idol sacrifices and to commit ^efornication.
- Rev 2:15 In the same way you also have some who hold in like manner the ^{1a}teaching of the ^{2b}Nicolaitans.
- Rev 2:16 ^aRepent therefore; but if not, I am ^{1b}coming to you quickly, and I will make war with them with the ^csword of My mouth.
- Rev 2:17 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches. To him who ^{1c}overcomes, to him I will give of the ^{2d}hidden ^emanna, and to him I will give a white ^{3f}stone, and upon the stone a ^{4g}new name written, which ^hno one knows except him who receives *it*.
- Rev 2:18 And to the messenger of the church in ^{1a}Thyatira write: These things says the ^{2b}Son of God, He who has ^{3c}eyes like a flame of fire, and His ^dfeet are like shining bronze:
- Rev 2:19 I ^aknow your ^{1b}works and love and faith and service and your endurance and that your last works are more than the first.
- Rev 2:20 But I have *something* ^aagainst you, that you tolerate the ¹woman ^bJezebel, she who calls herself a ²prophetess and ^cteaches and ³leads My slaves astray to commit ^{4d}fornication and to eat ^eidol sacrifices.

- Rev 2:21 And I gave her time that she might ^arepent, and she is ^bnot willing to repent of her fornication.
- Rev 2:22 Behold, I cast her into a ¹bed, and those who commit ^aadultery with her, into ²great tribulation, unless they repent of her works;
- Rev 2:23 And her children I will ¹kill with death; and all the churches will know that I am He who ^asearches the ²inward parts and the hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your ^bworks.
- Rev 2:24 But I say to you—the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this ^ateaching, who have not known the ^{1b}deep things of ^cSatan, as they say—I put no other burden upon you;
- Rev 2:25 Nevertheless what you have ^ahold fast ¹until I ^bcome.
- Rev 2:26 And he who ^{1a}overcomes and he who keeps ^{2b}My works ^cuntil the end, to him I will give ^{3d}authority over the nations;
- Rev 2:27 And he will ¹shepherd them with an ^airon rod, as ^bvessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as ^{2c}I also have received from My Father;
- Rev 2:28 And to him I will give the ^{1a}morning star.
- Rev 2:29 He who has an ^{1a}ear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches.
- Rev 3:1 And to the messenger of the church in ¹Sardis write: These things says He who has the ^{2a}seven Spirits of God and the ^bseven stars: I ^cknow your works, that you have a ³name that you are ^dliving, and yet you are ^edead.
- Rev 3:2 Become ^awatchful and establish the ¹things which remain, which were about to die; for I have found none of your works ^{2b}completed before My God.
- Rev 3:3 ^aRemember therefore how you have received and heard, and keep *it* and ^brepent. If therefore you will not watch, I will ^ccome as a ^{1d}thief, and you shall by no means know at what ^ehour I will come upon you.
- Rev 3:4 But you have a few names in Sardis who have not ^{1a}defiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in ^{2b}white because they are worthy.
- Rev 3:5 He who ^{1a}overcomes will be ²clothed thus, in ^bwhite garments, and I shall by no means ^{3c}erase his name out of the ^{4d}book of life, and I will ^{5e}confess his name before My Father and before His angels.
- Rev 3:6 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches.
- Rev 3:7 And to the messenger of the church in ¹Philadelphia write: These things says the ^{2a}Holy One, the ^btrue One, the One who has the ^{3c}key of David, the One who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one opens:
- Rev 3:8 I ^aknow your works; behold, I have put before you an ^{1b}opened door which ^cno one can shut, because you have a ²little power and have ^dkept My ³word and have not ^edenied My name.
- Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make those of the ^{1a}synagogue of ^bSatan, those who call themselves ^cJews and are ²not, but lie—behold, I will cause them to come and ^dfall ³prostrate before your feet and to know that I have ^eloved you.
- Rev 3:10 Because you have ^akept the ¹word of My ^bendurance, I also will ^{2c}keep you out of the hour of ^dtrial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who ^edwell on the earth.
- Rev 3:11 I ^{1a}come quickly; ^bhold fast what you have that no one take your ^{2c}crown.
- Rev 3:12 He who ^{1a}overcomes, him I will make a ^{2b}pillar in the ^ctemple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the ^{3d}name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the ^eNew Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My ^fnew name.
- Rev 3:13 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches.
- Rev 3:14 And to the messenger of the church in ^{1a}Laodicea write: These things says the ^{2b}Amen, the faithful and true ^cWitness, the ^{3d}beginning of the creation of God:
- Rev 3:15 I ^aknow your works, that you are neither cold nor ^{1b}hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.
- Rev 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am about to ¹spew you out of My mouth.
- Rev 3:17 Because you ¹say, I am ^awealthy and have become rich and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are ^{2b}wretched and miserable and poor and ^cblind and ^dnaked,
- Rev 3:18 I counsel you to ^{1a}buy from Me ^{2b}gold ^crefined by ^dfire that you may be ^erich, and ^{3f}white garments that you may be clothed and *that* the shame of your ^gnakedness may not be manifested, and ⁴eyesalve to ^hanoint your eyes that you may see.
- Rev 3:19 As many as I ^alove I reprove and ^bdiscipline; be ¹zealous therefore and ^crepent.

- Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the ^{1a}door and ^bknock; if anyone ^chears My ^dvoice and ²opens the door, then I will ^ecome in to him and ³dine with him and he with Me.
- Rev 3:21 He who ^{1a}overcomes, to him I will give to ²sit with Me on My ^bthrone, as I also ^covercame and ^dsat ^ewith My Father on His throne.
- Rev 3:22 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the ¹churches.
- Rev 21:1 And I saw a ^{1a}new heaven and a new earth; for the ^{2b}first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the ³sea is no more.
- 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 21:3 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.
- Rev 21:4 And He will ^{1a}wipe away every tear from their eyes; and ^{2b}death will be no more, nor will there be ^csorrow or crying or pain anymore; for the ^{3d}former things have passed away.
- Rev 21:5 And He ^awho sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things ^bnew. And He said, Write, for these words are ^cfaithful and true.
- Rev 21:6 And He said to me, ¹They have come to pass. I am the ^aAlpha and the Omega, the ^bBeginning and the End. I will give to him who ^cthirsts from the ^dspring of the ^ewater of life freely.
- Rev 21:7 He who ^{1a}overcomes will inherit these things, and ^bI will be God to him, and he will be a ^{2c}son to Me.
- Rev 21:8 But the cowardly and unbelieving and ^aabominable and murderers and ^bfornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all the ¹false, their part will be in the ^{2c}lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the ^dsecond death.
- 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.
- Rev 21:12 It had a ¹great and high ^awall and had ^{2b}twelve ^cgates, and at the gates twelve ³angels, and names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of ⁴Israel:
- Rev 21:13 On the ¹east three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.
- Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve ^{1a}foundations, and on them the twelve names of the ^btwelve ²apostles of the Lamb.
- Rev 21:15 And he who spoke with me had a ¹golden reed as a ^ameasure that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall.
- Rev 21:16 And the city lies ^{1a}square, and its length is as great as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed to *a length of* ²twelve thousand ³stadia; the ⁴length and the breadth and the height of it are ^bequal.
- Rev 21:17 And he measured its wall, a ¹hundred and forty-four cubits, *according to* the measure of a ²man, that is, of an ^aangel.
- Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was ^{1a}jasper; and the city was ²pure ^{3b}gold, like ⁴clear glass.
- 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, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- Rev 21:21 And the ^atwelve gates were twelve ^{1b}pearls; each ²one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the ³street of the city was pure ^cgold, like ⁴transparent glass.
- Rev 21:22 And I saw ¹no ^atemple in it, for the ^bLord God the Almighty and the ^cLamb are its ^{2d}temple.
- Rev 21:23 And the city has ^{1a}no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the ^bglory of God illumined it, and its ^{2c}lamp is the Lamb.

- Rev 21:24 And the ^{1a}nations will walk by its ²light; and the ^{3b}kings of the earth bring their ⁴glory into it.
- Rev 21:25 And its gates shall by ^{1a}no means be shut by day, for there will be no ^{2b}night there.
- Rev 21:26 And they will bring the ^{1a}glory and the ²honor of the nations into it.
- Rev 21:27 And anything ^acommon and he who makes an ^babomination and a ^clie shall by no means ^denter into it, but only ¹those who are ^ewritten in the Lamb's ²book of life.
- Rev 22:1 And ¹he ^ashowed me a ^{2b}river of ^{3c}water of life, bright as ^{4d}crystal, ^eproceeding out of the ^{5f}throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its ^{6g}street.
- Rev 22:2 And on this ^aside and on that side of the river was the ^{1b}tree of life, producing twelve ^{2c}fruits, yielding its fruit ³each ⁴month; and the ^{5d}leaves of the tree are for the ^ehealing of the ^fnations.
- Rev 22:3 And there will no longer be ^{1a} ^{2a}curse. And the ³throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His ^bslaves will ^{4c}serve ⁵Him;
- Rev 22:4 And they will ^{1a}see His ^bface, and His ^cname will be on their foreheads.
- Rev 22:5 And ^{1a}night will be ^bno more; and they have no need of the ²light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the ³Lord God will shine upon them; and they will ^{4c}reign forever and ever.
- Rev 22:6 And ¹he said to me, These words are ^afaithful and true; and the ²Lord, the ^bGod of the ^{3c}spirits of the ^dprophets, has sent His angel to ^eshow to His slaves the things which must quickly take place.
- Rev 22:7 And behold, ¹I ^acome quickly. ^bBlessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this scroll.
- Rev 22:8 And I ^aJohn am he who hears and sees these things. And when I heard and saw, I ^bfell to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
- Rev 22:9 And he said to me, ^aDo not do that! I am your fellow slave and *a fellow slave* of your brothers the ^bprophets and of those who ^ckeep the words of this scroll. ^dWorship God.
- Rev 22:10 And he said to me, Do ¹not ^aseal the words of the ^bprophecy of this scroll, for the ^ctime is near.
- Rev 22:11 ¹Let ^ahim who does unrighteousness do unrighteousness still; and let him who is filthy be filthy still; and let him who is righteous do righteousness still; and let him who is holy be holy still.
- Rev 22:12 Behold, ¹I ^acome quickly, and My ^{2b}reward is with Me to render to each one as his work is.
- Rev 22:13 ¹I am the ^aAlpha and the Omega, the ^{2b}First and the Last, the ^cBeginning and the End.
- 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.
- Rev 22:15 ^{1a}Outside are the ^bdogs and the sorcerers and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone who loves and ^cmakes a lie.
- Rev 22:16 I Jesus have ^asent My angel to testify to you these things ¹for the ^{2b}churches. I am the ^{3c}Root and the ^dOffspring of David, the bright ^{4c}morning star.
- Rev 22:17 And the ^{1a}Spirit and the ^bbride say, ^{2c}Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is ^dthirsty ^{3e}come; let ⁴him who wills take the ^fwater of life freely.
- Rev 22:18 ¹I testify to everyone who hears the words of the ^aprophecy of this scroll: If anyone ^badds to them, God will add to him the ^{2c}plagues which are written in this scroll;
- Rev 22:19 And if anyone ^atakes away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the ^{1b}tree of life and out of the ^choly city, which are written in this scroll.
- Rev 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, ¹I ^acome quickly. ^bAmen. ^{2c}Come, Lord Jesus!
- Rev 22:21 The ^{1a}grace of the Lord ²Jesus be with all ³the ^bsaints. ^cAmen.

Excerpts from the Ministry:

THE BASE OF THE NEW JERUSALEM—PURE GOLD

The base of the New Jerusalem is pure gold, signifying the divine nature of God as the base for its building (Rev. 21:18b). The New Jerusalem is a golden mountain. Because we are the constituents of this New Jerusalem, we must be gold. We were made of dust, but when we received Christ as our life, we were regenerated into gold. In regeneration we received the divine life, the golden life. In the old creation, represented by Adam, we were dusty men, but when we were regenerated, we became golden men.

The base of the New Jerusalem is the solid foundation of the divine throne for the divine administration (22:1b). The river of water of life, signifying the Spirit, proceeds from this administration in the middle of the New Jerusalem's street as the supply to the entire city (v. 1a). In the river grows the tree of life, signifying Christ, as the main supply to the entire city through the river (v. 2). The divine and human communication, signified by the street, proceeds from this glorious center to reach all twelve gates of the city, in order to bring the entire city into the submission to the one divine administration and to blend the entire city into the oneness of the one divinity-mingled-with-humanity communication, fellowship (21:21b).

The throne on which God reigns is the center of the glory of the New Jerusalem. It signifies God's ruling, God's reigning. A street comes out from the throne. This street connected to the throne is for communication and mainly for the throne's administration. The divine ruling has the divine administration.

On the street there is the traffic, the going and coming. First, the street is for God's going and coming, which are for God's administration. Eventually, this street becomes a "fellowship street." This fellowship is between the redeeming God and His redeemed people. The redeeming God and His redeemed people must have going and coming fellowship. Not only so, God's redeemed people must have going and coming fellowship among themselves.

From the throne proceeds the river of water of life, signifying the Spirit, and this Spirit is God's flowing out. On the throne, God is the Ruler. He is the One who reigns. But when He comes out, He is the Spirit. In the middle of the street is the river, which is God proceeding out to be life as water to quench the thirst of the entire city. First, the city has a throne and second, a street for administration and fellowship. Third, in the fellowship is the river of water of life. Fourth, there is the tree of life, signifying the second Person of the Godhead.

God flows out in the third Person of the Trinity. Then the second Person of the Trinity is Christ, the Son of God, as the tree of life that grows in the river and along its two sides to supply life to nourish the entire city. This picture shows us that with the fellowship street we enjoy the Spirit as the river and Christ as the tree of life. These three things—the street, the river, and the tree of life—reach all the twelve gates, which signify God's redeemed elect. The divine fellowship brings God to all His redeemed people, to all the twelve gates, to bring all His redeemed people back to Himself. First, the street goes from the throne to the twelve gates. Then it comes from the twelve gates to the throne. (*The Application of the Interpretation of the New Jerusalem to the Seeking Believers*, pp. 12-13)

TO JOIN WITH THE APOSTLES AND THE TRIUNE GOD FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF GOD'S PURPOSE

In the fellowship of the divine life we join with the apostles and the Triune God for the carrying out of God's purpose. John's word in 1 John 1:3 indicates the putting away of private interest and joining with others for a certain common purpose. Hence, to have fellowship with the apostles, to be in the fellowship of the apostles, and to have fellowship with the Triune God in the apostles' fellowship is to put aside our private interest and join with the apostles and the Triune

God for the carrying out of God's purpose. According to John's writings, this purpose is twofold. First, this purpose is that the believers may grow in the divine life by abiding in the Triune God (2:12-27) and, based upon the divine birth, live a life of the divine righteousness and the divine love (2:28—5:3) to overcome the world, death, sin, the devil, and idols (5:4-21). Second, it is that the local churches may be built up as the lampstands for the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1—3) and consummate in the New Jerusalem as the full expression of God for eternity (Rev. 21—22). Our participation in the apostles' enjoyment of the Triune God is our joining with them and with the Triune God for His divine purpose, which is common to God, the apostles, and all the believers.

When we enjoy the Triune God in the divine fellowship, we shall be brought into a situation where spontaneously we join ourselves to the apostles and the Triune God for a common purpose. God has a purpose, and the apostles work out God's purpose. By enjoying the divine life in the divine fellowship, we participate in this purpose and its outworking.

The purpose God desires to fulfill through the apostles and also through us is first that the believers would grow in the divine life by abiding in the Triune God. Furthermore, God intends that, based upon the divine birth, the believers would live a life of the divine righteousness and the divine love to overcome the world, sin, death, the devil, and idols. Second, God's purpose is that the local churches would be built up as the testimony of Jesus and that ultimately this testimony would consummate in the New Jerusalem. Therefore, God's purpose is to have every child of His grow in the divine life and live a life of righteousness and love to overcome all negative things. Then the local churches will be built up as the testimony of Jesus, and ultimately there will be the New Jerusalem as the eternal expression of the Triune God. This is God's purpose, and this is the burden of the apostles in their work. They have this purpose in common with God. Now we should join them in the fellowship of the divine life, and this enjoyment of fellowship in the divine life will usher us into the interests the apostles have in common with the Triune God. Along with the Triune God and the apostles, our purpose will be the believers' growth in life and their living a life of righteousness and love to overcome negative things so that the local churches may be built up and issue in the New Jerusalem as the consummate expression of the Triune God.

If we see what fellowship really is, we shall realize that fellowship is a great matter. However, for years we have understood fellowship to be merely a kind of enjoyment in the divine life. We have not seen that fellowship also involves a common interest. God does not supply us with enjoyment without a purpose. God is purposeful, and He has a purpose in giving us the enjoyment in the fellowship of His life. God's purpose is to feed us so that we may grow in the divine life and that with the divine birth as the basis we may live a life of the divine righteousness and divine love to overcome the evil one, the world, sin, and all idols. It is also God's purpose that the local churches may be built up as the testimony of Jesus. Eventually, this testimony will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the complete and eternal expression of the Triune God. This is the purpose of the fellowship of the divine life. (*Life-study of 1 John*, pp. 48-50)