

Outline of the Messages for the Memorial Day Conference

May 27-30, 2011

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE BIBLE

Message Four The Spirit

Scripture Reading: John 7:37-39; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:16;
1 Cor. 6:17; Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6; 22:17a

- John 7:37 Now on the ¹last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone ^athirsts, let him ^bcome to Me and ^cdrink.
- John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his ^ainnermost being shall ¹flow ²rivers of living water.
- John 7:39 But this He said concerning the ^{1a}Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for *the* Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been ^bglorified.
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam *became* a ^clife-giving Spirit.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is ^{1a}joined to the Lord is ^{2b}one spirit.
- Rev 1:4 John to the ^{1a}seven ^bchurches which are in ²Asia: ^cGrace to you and ^dpeace from ^{3c}Him ⁴who is and who was and who is coming, and from the ^{5f}seven Spirits who are before His throne,
- Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth ^alightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* ^{1b}seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the ^{2c}seven Spirits of God;
- Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a ^{1a}Lamb ²standing as ³having *just* been ^bslain, having ⁴seven ^chorns and ^{5d}seven ^eeyes, ⁶which are the ^fseven Spirits of God sent forth into ^aall the earth.
- Rev 22:17a And the ^{1a}Spirit and the ^bbride say, ^{2c}Come! ...

I. The Spirit of God moved in God's creation of the universe—Gen. 1:2.

Gen 1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.

II. The Spirit of Jehovah acted in God's reaching of men and in His care for men—Judg. 3:10; 6:34; Gen. 6:3a.

Judg 3:10 And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him, and he judged Israel. And he went out to battle, and Jehovah delivered Cushan-rishathaim the king of Aram into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.

Judg 6:34 And the Spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon; and he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called up behind him.

Gen 6:3a And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; ...

III. The Spirit of holiness was for God's making His chosen people holy unto Himself—Psa. 51:11; Isa. 63:10-11.

Psa 51:11 Do not cast me from Your presence, And do not take the Spirit of Your holiness away from me.

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved His Spirit of holiness; Therefore He turned to become their enemy; He fought against them.

Isa 63:11 Then He remembered the days of old, Moses and His people: Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put in their midst His Spirit of holiness;

IV. The Spirit was the Holy Spirit in the conception of John the Baptist to introduce God's becoming a man in His incarnation (Luke 1:13-17) and in the conception of Jesus in God's incarnation to be a man in the flesh (vv. 30-36; Matt. 1:18-20).

Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him, Do ^anot be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will ¹bear you a son, and you shall call his name ^{2b}John.

Luke 1:14 And you will have joy and exultation, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:15 For he will be ^agreat in the sight of the Lord, and he shall by ^{1b}no means drink wine and liquor. And he will be filled with the ^{2c}Holy Spirit, even from his mother's ^dwomb,

Luke 1:16 And many of the sons of Israel he will turn to the Lord their God.

Luke 1:17 And *it is* he *who* will go ^abefore Him in the spirit and power of ¹Elijah ²to turn the ^bhearts of the fathers to the children, and the ^cdisobedient to the ³prudence of the righteous, to ^dprepare for the Lord a people made ready.

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, Do ^anot be afraid, Mary, for you have found ^bgrace with God.

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will ^aconceive in *your* womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name ^{1b}Jesus.

Luke 1:32 He will be ^agreat and will be called ^bSon of the ^{1c}Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the ^dthrone of ^{2c}David His father,

Luke 1:33 And He will ¹reign over the house of Jacob ^aforever, and of His ²kingdom there will be ^bno end.

Luke 1:34 But Mary said to the angel, How will this be, since I have not known a man?

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The ¹Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the ^aMost High will ²overshadow you; therefore also the ^{3b}holy thing which is born will be called the ^cSon of God.

Luke 1:36 And behold, Elizabeth your relative, she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who is called barren,

Matt 1:18 Now the ^aorigin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, ^bMary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child ¹of the ^cHoly Spirit.

Matt 1:19 And Joseph her husband, being ^{1a}righteous and not willing to ^bdisgrace her openly, intended to ²send her away secretly.

Matt 1:20 But while he pondered these things, behold, an ^aangel of the Lord appeared to him in a ^bdream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been ¹begotten in her is ²of the ^cHoly Spirit.

V. The Spirit was the Spirit with whom Jesus was anointed and who was in the move of the man Jesus in His ministry to God on the earth—Mark 1:10, 12; Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:1, 18; John 1:32-33.

Mark 1:10 And ^{1a}immediately, coming up out of the water, He saw the ²heavens being ^bparted and the ^cSpirit as a ³dove descending upon ⁴Him.

Mark 1:12 And ^aimmediately the Spirit ¹thrust Him out into the ^bwilderness.

Matt 4:1 Then ¹Jesus was led up into the ^awilderness by the Spirit to be ^{2b}tempted by the ^{3c}devil.

Luke 4:1 And ¹Jesus, full of the ^{2a}Holy Spirit, returned from the ^bJordan and was led ³by the ^cSpirit in the ^dwilderness, while being tempted for forty days by the devil.

Luke 4:18 ^aThe ^{1b}Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has ^canointed Me to ^{2d}announce the gospel to the ^{3c}poor; He has sent Me to proclaim ^frelease to the ⁴captives, and ⁵recovery of sight to the ^{6e}blind, to send away in release those who are ^{7b}oppressed,

John 1:32 And John testified, saying, I beheld the Spirit descending as a ^{1a}dove out of heaven, and He abode upon Him.

John 1:33 And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water, He said to me, He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and abiding upon Him, this is He who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

VI. The Spirit was there to anoint and to move with Christ, but at that time the Spirit had not yet entered into the believers to flow out as rivers of living water; in this sense, the Spirit was not yet, because by that time Jesus had not yet been glorified in His resurrection—7:37-39; Luke 24:26.

John 7:37 Now on the ¹last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone ^athirsts, let him ^bcome to Me and ^cdrink.

John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his ^ainnermost being shall ¹flow ^{2b}rivers of living water.

John 7:39 But this He said concerning the ^{1a}Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; *for* the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been ^bglorified.

Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to ^asuffer these things and ¹enter into His ^bglory?

VII. Through and in His resurrection Christ as the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit to enter into His believers to flow out as rivers of living water—1 Cor. 15:45b; Rev. 21:6; 22:17c:

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

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 ^ethirsts from the ^dspring of the ^ewater of life freely.

Rev 22:17c ... let ⁴him who wills take the ^fwater of life freely.

- A. The life-giving Spirit as the Spirit of Jesus is concerning Jesus in His humanity, who passed through human living and death on the cross, indicating that in the Spirit there are not only the divine element of God but also the human element of Jesus and the elements of His human living and of His suffering of death as well—Acts 16:7.

Acts 16:7 And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the ^{1a}Spirit of Jesus did ²not allow them.

- B. The life-giving Spirit as the Spirit of Christ is concerning Christ in His divinity, who conquered death and became the life in resurrection with the resurrection power, indicating that in the Spirit there is the element of divinity that became the death-conquering and life-dispensing Spirit—Rom. 8:9b.

Rom 8:9b ... Yet ³if anyone does not have the ⁴Spirit of Christ, he is not ⁵of Him.

- C. The life-giving Spirit as the Spirit of Jesus Christ comprises all the elements of Jesus' humanity with His death and Christ's divinity with His resurrection, which become the bountiful supply of the unsearchable Christ for the support of His believers—Phil. 1:19b.

Phil 1:19b ... *the* ³bountiful ^esupply of the ^{4d}Spirit of Jesus Christ,

- D. The life-giving Spirit as the Lord Spirit, the pneumatic Christ, is for the metabolic transformation of the believers into the Lord's image from glory to glory by the renewing of the mind (2 Cor. 3:17-18; Rom. 12:2b) and is for the growth and the building up of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 3:6, 9b, 12a; Eph. 4:16b).

2 Cor 3:17 ¹And the ²Lord is the ^{3a}Spirit; and where the ^{4b}Spirit of the Lord is, there is ^{5c}freedom.

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 ^{1a}Lord Spirit.

Rom 12:2b ... but be ^{3c}transformed by the ^{4d}renewing of the ^emind that you may ^{5f}prove what the ^{6g}will of God is, that which is good and ^hwell pleasing and perfect.

1 Cor 3:6 ^{a1} ¹planted, ^bApollos watered, but ^cGod caused the growth.

1 Cor 3:9b ... you are God's ^{2b}cultivated land, God's ^ebuilding.

1 Cor 3:12a ¹But if anyone builds upon the foundation ²gold, silver, precious stones, ...

Eph 4:16b ... ⁸causes the ^{9e}growth of the Body unto the ^fbuilding up of itself in ^{10a}love.

- E. When the man Jesus became the life-giving Spirit, the Triune God was fully completed, consummated:

1. The Triune God was consummated in Christ's resurrection, so after His resurrection, the Lord came back to say that we are to baptize people into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—Matt. 28:19b.

Matt 28:19b ... ³baptizing them ⁴into the ⁵name of the ⁶Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2. The Triune God has been consummated in the life-giving Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and the Lord Spirit, so this Spirit today is the consummation of the Triune God.

- F. The life-giving Spirit as the consummation of the processed Triune God is the Paraclete, the Comforter, to the believers—John 14:16-17.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^{1a}Comforter, that He may be with you forever,

John 14:17 *Even* the ^{1a}Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know *Him*; but you know Him, because ²He abides with you and shall be ^{3b}in you.

- G. The life-giving Spirit is the reality of the processed Triune God—v. 17a; 15:26b; 16:13; 1 John 5:6b.
 John 14:17a *Even the ^{1a}Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because ²He abides with you and shall be ^{3b}in you.*
 John 15:26b *But when the ^aComforter comes, whom I will ^bsend to you ^{1c}from the Father, the ^dSpirit of reality, who proceeds from the Father, He will ^etestify concerning Me;*
 John 16:13 *But when He, the ^aSpirit of ^breality, comes, He will ¹guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak ^cfrom Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you ^dthe things that are coming.*
 1 John 5:6b ... and the Spirit is He who testifies, because the Spirit is the reality.
- H. The life-giving Spirit is the reaching of the processed Triune God to the believers.
- I. The life-giving Spirit is the believers' access unto the Father, the source of the Divine Trinity—Eph. 2:18.
 Eph 2:18 *For ¹through Him we both have ^{2a}access ³in ^bone Spirit unto the ^{4c}Father.*
- J. The life-giving Spirit is the fellowship of the processed Triune God with the believers for their enjoyment of the riches of the Divine Trinity—2 Cor. 13:14.
 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.*

VIII. The Spirit is the compound anointing Spirit—Exo. 30:22-30:

- Exo 30:22 *Moreover Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,*
 Exo 30:23 *You also take the finest spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred fifty shekels, and of fragrant calamus two hundred fifty shekels,*
 Exo 30:24 *And of cassia five hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil.*
 Exo 30:25 *And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded according to the perfumer's art; it shall be a holy anointing oil.*
 Exo 30:26 *And with it you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting and the Ark of the Testimony,*
 Exo 30:27 *And the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,*
 Exo 30:28 *And the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base.*
 Exo 30:29 *Thus you shall sanctify them that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.*
 Exo 30:30 *And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and sanctify them that they may serve Me as priests.*
- A. The Spirit is compounded with the unique God as the base, as the divinity of Christ, typified by the one hin of olive oil—v. 24b.
- B. The Spirit is compounded with God's Divine Trinity, typified by the three units of five hundred shekels of the spices—vv. 23-24a.
- C. The Spirit is compounded with Christ's humanity, typified by the four kinds of spices.
- D. The Spirit is compounded with Christ's death and its killing effectiveness, typified by myrrh and cinnamon—v. 23a.
- E. The Spirit is compounded with Christ's resurrection and its repelling power, typified by calamus and cassia—vv. 23b-24a.
- F. All the above elements compounded together create an ointment for the anointing of all the things and persons related to the worship of God—vv. 25-30; 2 Cor. 1:21; 1 John 2:20, 27.
 Exo 30:25 *And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded according to the perfumer's art; it shall be a holy anointing oil.*
 Exo 30:26 *And with it you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting and the Ark of the Testimony,*
 Exo 30:27 *And the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,*
 Exo 30:28 *And the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base.*
 Exo 30:29 *Thus you shall sanctify them that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.*
 Exo 30:30 *And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and sanctify them that they may serve Me as priests.*
 2 Cor 1:21 *¹But the One who ²firmly attaches ³us ⁴with you unto ⁵Christ and has ^{6a}anointed us is God,*
 1 John 2:20 *And you have an ^{1a}anointing from the ^bHoly One, and ^{2c}all of you ^dknow.*
 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, ⁸abide in Him.*

G. The compound anointing Spirit operates as the Holy Spirit to seal the believers of Christ—Eph. 1:13; 4:30b; 2 Cor. 1:22a.

Eph 1:13 In whom you also, having heard the ^aword of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were ^{1b}sealed with the ^cHoly Spirit of the ²promise,

Eph 4:30b ... ³in whom you were ^{4b}sealed ⁵unto the day of ^{6c}redemption.

2 Cor 1:22a He who has also ^{1a}sealed us ...

H. The sealing Spirit becomes a pledge to the believers, guaranteeing God as the inheritance of the believers and giving them a foretaste of God as their heritage—Eph. 1:14; 2 Cor. 1:22b.

Eph 1:14 Who is the ^{1a}pledge of our ^{2b}inheritance ³unto the ^{4c}redemption of the ⁵acquired ^dpossession, to the ^{6e}praise of His glory.

2 Cor 1:22b ... and given the Spirit in our ²hearts as a ^{3b}pledge.

IX. The Spirit is the blessing of the gospel—Gal. 3:8, 14:

Gal 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would ^ajustify the Gentiles out of faith, announced the ¹gospel beforehand to Abraham: "^bIn you shall all the nations be ^cblessed."

Gal 3:14 In order that the ^{1a}blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles ^bin Christ Jesus, that we might ^{2c}receive the ^dpromise of the ^{3c}Spirit through ^ffaith.

A. The Spirit regenerates the believers, begetting them as the many sons of God—John 3:5-6.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is ^aborn ¹of ²water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is ^aborn ¹of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the ²Spirit is spirit.

B. The Spirit is the Spirit of the Son to cry, "Abba, Father!" in the believers' hearts and to lead the believers to walk as the sons of God—Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:14-16.

Gal 4:6 And because you are ^asons, God has ^bsent forth the ^{1c}Spirit of His Son into our ²hearts, ³crying, ^{4d}Abba, Father!

Rom 8:14 For as many as are ¹led by the ²Spirit of God, these are ^{3a}sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For you have not received a ^{1a}spirit of slavery *bringing you* into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we ^bcry, ²Abba, Father!

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.

C. The Spirit is for the priesthood of the gospel to sanctify the believers—15:16.

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.

D. The Spirit intercedes for the believers—8:26.

Rom 8:26 Moreover, ¹in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help *us* in our ²weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself ^aintercedes for *us* with groanings which cannot be uttered.

E. The Spirit renews the believers, making them the new creation of God—Titus 3:5b; 2 Cor. 5:17.

Titus 3:5b ... through the ^{3e}washing of ^{4f}regeneration and the ^erenewing of the ⁵Holy ^bSpirit,

2 Cor 5:17 ¹So then if anyone is ^{2a}in Christ, *he is a* ^{3b}new creation. The ^{4c}old things have ^dpassed away; ⁵behold, ⁶they have become ^enew.

X. The seven Spirits are the sevenfold intensified Spirit for the church's degradation in the dark age; in Revelation 1 the sevenfold Spirit is ranked as the second in the Divine Trinity instead of the third, indicating the intensification of the Spirit—vv. 4-5a:

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 1:5a And from Jesus Christ, the faithful ^aWitness, the ^bFirstborn of the dead, and the ^cRuler of the kings of the earth. ...

A. The seven Spirits are the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne of God to carry out the divine administration for the consummation of the divine economy—4:5.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth ^alightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* ^{1b}seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the ^{2c}seven Spirits of God;

- B. The seven Spirits are the seven eyes of the Lamb, the observing parts of our Redeemer, to observe all the churches in all the nations and to transfuse all His riches into us for the building up of His Body to consummate the building up of the New Jerusalem, thus accomplishing the eternal economy of God—5:6; 21:1-3.

Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a ^{1a}Lamb ²standing as ³having *just* been ^bslain, having ⁴seven ^ehorns and ^{5d}seven ^eeyes, ⁶which are the ^fseven Spirits of God sent forth into ^eall the earth.

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.

- C. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the speaking Spirit to all the churches—2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.

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 ^{6e}tree of life, which is in the ^{7f}Paradise of God.

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 2:17 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 2:29 He who has an ^{1a}ear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches.

Rev 3:6 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches.

Rev 3:13 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the churches.

Rev 3:22 He who has an ^aear, let him hear what the ^bSpirit says to the ¹churches.

XI. The Spirit is the essential Spirit and the economical Spirit of the processed Triune God:

- A. The essential Spirit of God, the Spirit of life, was breathed into the believers as the divine essence of the divine life—John 20:22.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He ^abreathed into *them* and said to them, ^bReceive the Holy ^{1c}Spirit.

- B. The economical Spirit of God, the Spirit of power, was poured out upon the believers as the divine essence of the divine power—Acts 1:8; 2:2, 4, 17.

Acts 1:8 But you shall ¹receive ^apower when the Holy ^bSpirit comes ²upon you, and you shall be My ^{3c}witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all ^dJudea and ^eSamaria and unto the ^futtermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there was a sound out of heaven, as of a rushing violent ^{1a}wind, and it ^{2b}filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:4 And they were ¹all ²filled with the Holy Spirit and began to ^aspeak in different ^{3b}tongues, even as the ^cSpirit gave to them to ⁴speak forth.

Acts 2:17 ^{"a}And it shall be in the ^{1b}last days, says God, *that* I will ^{2c}pour out ³of My Spirit ⁴upon ⁵all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall ^{6d}prophesy, and your young men shall see ^evisions, and your old men shall dream *things* in dreams;

XII. The Spirit is the consummation of the processed Triune God:

- A. The Spirit and the bride speak together as a universal couple—Rev. 22:17a.

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

- B. The processed and consummated Triune God marries the redeemed, regenerated, and transformed tripartite people for His final manifestation and ultimate expression in glory or eternity—21:1-22:5.

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, chrysoptase; 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 ⁶street.
- 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}a ^{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.

XIII. The key to our meaning and to the meaning of the universe is in God's existence as the Spirit and also in our having a spirit; without God being the Spirit and without us having a spirit to contact God, to be one with God, the whole universe is empty, and we are nothing—John 3:6; 4:24; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17:

- John 3:6 That which is ^aborn ¹of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the ²Spirit is spirit.
- John 4:24 ¹God is ²Spirit, and those who ³worship Him must worship ^ain ⁴spirit and ⁵truthfulness.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is ^{1a}joined to the Lord is ^{2b}one spirit.
- A. The spirit of man was created by God, in a particular sense, to complete God's purpose in the creation of the heavens and the earth—Gen. 2:7; Zech. 12:1; Isa. 42:5; Job 32:8.
- 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.
- Zech 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,
- Isa 42:5 Thus says God Jehovah, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and what springs up from it, Who gives breath to the people upon it And spirit to those who wal k on it:
- Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.
- B. Man's spirit is his inward organ for him to contact God, receive God, contain God, and assimilate God into his entire being as his life and everything—Gen. 2:7; cf. Prov. 20:27.
- 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.
- Prov 20:27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being.
- C. God is Spirit for man to contact Him and receive Him, and man has a spirit to contact God and contain God so that God and man may have an organic union—John 4:24; 1 John 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:22a; 1 Cor. 6:17.
- John 4:24 ¹God is ²Spirit, and those who ³worship Him must worship ^ain ⁴spirit and ⁵truthfulness.
- 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.
- 2 Tim 4:22a The Lord be with your ^{1a}spirit. ...
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is ^{1a}joined to the Lord is ^{2b}one spirit.
- D. Our spirit is the destination of the "journeying" Triune God—John 1:1; 4:24; Rom. 8:16.
- John 1:1 ^{1a}In the beginning was the ^{2b}Word, and the Word was ³with ^cGod, and the ⁴Word was ⁵God.
- John 4:24 ¹God is ²Spirit, and those who ³worship Him must worship ^ain ⁴spirit and ⁵truthfulness.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.
- E. It is in our spirit that we are regenerated (John 3:6), it is in our spirit that the Holy Spirit dwells and works (Rom. 8:16), and it is in our spirit that we enjoy Christ and His grace (2 Tim. 4:22; Gal. 6:18).
- John 3:6 That which is ^aborn ¹of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the ²Spirit is spirit.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.
- 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your ^{1a}spirit. ^{2b}Grace be with you.
- Gal 6:18 The ^{1a}grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your ²spirit, ^{3b}brothers. Amen.
- F. Man's spirit is distinct from his soul—Heb. 4:12; 1 Thes. 5:23a.
- Heb 4:12 For the ^{1a}word of God is ^bliving and operative and sharper than any two-edged ^csword, and piercing even to the dividing of ^{2d}soul and ^espirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the ³thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- 1 Thes 5:23a ¹And the ²God of ^apeace Himself ^{3b}sanctify you ⁴wholly, and may your ^{5c}spirit and ^dsoul and ^ebody be ^fpreserved ⁶complete,...
- G. Our spirit is composed of the conscience (Rom. 9:1; cf. 8:16), the fellowship (John 4:24; Rom. 1:9; Luke 1:47), and the intuition (1 Cor. 2:11; Mark 2:8).
- Rom 9:1 ¹I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my ²conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit,

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.
 John 4:24 ¹God is ²Spirit, and those who ³worship Him must worship ^ain ⁴spirit and ⁵truthfulness.
 Rom 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I ¹serve in my ²spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,
 Luke 1:47 And my ^aspirit ¹has ^bexulted in God my ^cSavior;
 1 Cor 2:11 For who among men knows the things of man, except the ^{1a}spirit of man which is in him? In the same way, the things of God also no one has known except the Spirit of God.
 Mark 2:8 And ^aimmediately Jesus, ^{1b}knowing fully in His spirit that they were reasoning this way within themselves, said to them, Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?

H. To exercise ourselves unto godliness is to exercise our spirit to live Christ as the Spirit in our daily life—1 Tim. 4:7:

1 Tim 4:7 But the ^{1a}profane and old-womanish ^{2b}myths ³refuse, and ⁴exercise yourself unto ^cgodliness.

1. We need to fan our spirit into flame—2 Tim. 1:6-7.

2 Tim 1:6 For which cause I remind you to ¹fan into flame the ^agift of God, which is in you through the ^{2b}laying on of my hands.

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a ^{1a}spirit ²of ^bcowardice, but of ^cpower and of ^dlove and of ^esobermindedness.

2. We need to set our mind on our spirit—Rom. 8:6.

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

3. We need to discern our spirit from our soul—Heb. 4:12.

Heb 4:12 For the ^{1a}word of God is ^bliving and operative and sharper than any two-edged ^csword, and piercing even to the dividing of ^{2d}soul and ^espirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the ³thoughts and intentions of the heart.

I. The Lord is with our spirit so that we may enjoy Him as grace in order to stand against the downward current of the church's decline and to carry out God's economy through His indwelling Spirit and equipping word—2 Tim. 4:22; 1:14; 3:16-17.

2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your ^{1a}spirit. ^{2b}Grace be with you.

2 Tim 1:14 ^aGuard the good ¹deposit through the Holy ^bSpirit who ²dwells in us.

2 Tim 3:16 ¹All ^aScripture is ²God-breathed and profitable for ^bteaching, for ³conviction, for ⁴correction, for ⁵instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim 3:17 That the ^{1a}man of God may be ²complete, fully ^{3b}equipped for every good work.