

**THE VISION, THE LIVING, AND THE PRACTICE  
OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY TODAY**

Morning Message Six

**The Vision of the Lord's Recovery—  
The Recovery of the Oneness of the Body of Christ  
and of the Function of All the Members of the Body of Christ**

Scripture Reading: John 17:11, 21-23; Eph. 4:3-4, 11-16; Rom. 12:4-5

- I. The recovery of the oneness of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:3-4, 13; John 17:11b, 21; Acts 1:14; Phil. 1:27:**
- A. "We are here in the recovery of the Triune God, Christ, the Spirit, life, the believers, the church, the church ground, and the practice of the local churches. In total, we are in the recovery of the oneness of the Body of Christ" (*A Brief Presentation of the Lord's Recovery*, p. 56).
  - B. The oneness of the Lord's aspiration and prayer is the oneness of the Body, which is the enlarged oneness of the Divine Trinity—John 17:11b, 21; Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:4-5:
    - 1. This oneness is in the Father's name by His divine life—John 17:2, 6, 11.
    - 2. This oneness is in the Triune God through sanctification by the holy word—vv. 14-21.
    - 3. This oneness is in the divine glory for the expression of the Triune God—vv. 22-24.
  - C. The oneness of the Lord's aspiration became the oneness in actuality, the oneness of the Spirit—Eph. 4:3.
  - D. The Body of Christ is uniquely one universally—Eph. 4:4-6:
    - 1. As those who are members of the Body of Christ, we need to realize that we are one with all the saints in the entire universe—Eph. 5:30.
    - 2. All the local churches are part of this one unique Body of Christ—1 Cor. 1:2; 12:12, 27.
    - 3. Since the Body of Christ is uniquely one universally, the fellowship of the Body of Christ also is uniquely one universally—Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 13:14:
      - a. When we keep the unique oneness of the Body, we are in the unique fellowship of the Lord's recovery.
      - b. The local churches should fellowship with all the genuine local churches on the whole earth to keep the universal fellowship of the Body of Christ.
  - E. The practice of this oneness is the one accord—Acts 1:14:
    - 1. In John 17 the Lord prayed for oneness, but in Matthew 18 He led us to apply the oneness, to practice the one accord—v. 19.
    - 2. We practice the oneness with the transformed human virtues in the fellowship of the Spirit—Eph. 4:1-3; 2 Cor. 13:14.
    - 3. God has blended the Body together so that there would be no division in the Body—1 Cor. 12:24-25a.
    - 4. The one accord is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament—Acts 1:14.
  - F. By keeping the oneness of the Spirit to be in one accord, we will arrive at

the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ—Eph. 4:13.

**II. The recovery of the function of all the members of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:11-12, 16; Rom. 12:4-5; 15:16; 1 Cor. 12:14-22; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9:**

- A. All the believers are members of Christ, priests of God, branches of Christ, and slaves of the Lord—Rev. 2:4; Amos 6:1a:
  - 1. All the believers must be functioning members of the Body for Christ's corporate expression—Rom. 12:1-8.
  - 2. All the believers must be serving priests of God for Christ's glorious gospel—Rev. 1:5b-6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.
  - 3. All the believers must be fruit-bearing branches of Christ for the Father's glorification—John 15:5-7, 11, 16.
  - 4. All the believers must be profit-making slaves of the Lord for God's kingdom—Rom. 1:1; Matt. 25:14-30.
- B. The gifts, the gifted persons, perfect the saints to do what they do for the organic building up of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:8, 11-12, 16; 2 Tim. 2:1-2; Acts 20:20, 31:
  - 1. The Head gave the gifts, the gifts perfect the saints, and the saints build up the Body directly by functioning, each in his own measure—Matt. 16:18; Psa. 68:18; Eph. 4:8, 16.
  - 2. The gifted persons perfect the saints by nourishing them with the life supply for their growth in life—Acts 6:4; Eph. 4:15-16; 1 Cor. 3:2, 6; 1 Pet. 2:2.
  - 3. The gifted persons disciple the saints to live the life of a God-man, a life of being conformed to the death of Christ by the power of His resurrection—John 5:19, 30; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Tim. 1:16; 4:12; Phil. 3:10.
  - 4. The gifted persons perfect the saints to serve in their spirit in ministering the pneumatic Christ to others—Rom. 1:9; 7:6; 1 Cor. 3:6, 8.
  - 5. The gifted persons perfect the saints in the priesthood of the gospel for the carrying out of God's economy—Mark 1:1-8; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.
  - 6. The saints who are willing and ready to be perfected will be the overcomers who constitute the bride of Christ to end this age and usher in the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ—Rev. 11:15; 17:14; 19:7-9.