

Message Three

Becoming the New Jerusalem through the Process of God's Organic Salvation

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Experiencing the New Jerusalem as the Embodiment of God's Complete Salvation

Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:10; Rev. 21:11, 23; 22:1-2, 5, 14, 19-20

I. The New Jerusalem is the embodiment of God's complete salvation with its judicial and organic aspects—Rom. 5:10; Rev. 22:14:

- A. God's complete salvation is a composition of God's righteousness as the base and God's life as the consummation—Rom. 5:18.
- B. The entire New Jerusalem is a matter of life built on the foundation of righteousness—Rev. 21:14, 19-20; cf. Gen. 9:8-17; Psa. 89:14.
- C. In the New Jerusalem Christ will still be the redeeming Lamb—Rev. 22:1:
 - 1. He was appointed to be the Lamb in eternity past in the design of redemption—1 Pet. 1:19-20.
 - 2. He died as the Lamb in time for the accomplishment of redemption—John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18-19.
 - 3. In eternity He will still be the Lamb as a memorial of redemption—Matt. 26:29; Rev. 22:1.
- D. In His organic salvation God proceeds step by step to save us in the divine life so that we may be filled with this life in our entire being to become the city of life—Rom. 8:10, 6, 11; Rev. 22:1-2.

II. God's judicial redemption of forgiveness of sins, washing away of sins, justification by God, reconciliation to God, and positional sanctification unto the Lord is to prepare the God-men to live the organic salvation of God for the accomplishment of God's eternal economy—Rom. 5:10:

- A. The Passover in the Old Testament reveals the redeeming aspect of the blood of the lamb according to God's judicial requirement and the saving aspect of the flesh of the lamb according to God's organic provision of life—Exo. 12:7-8.
- B. At the Lord's table the cup signifies the blood which the Lord shed for our judicial redemption and the bread signifies His life which He released for our organic salvation—Matt. 26:26-28; John 6:54-55.
- C. In the Lord's parable of a father receiving his son, the best robe signifies Christ as the God-satisfying righteousness to cover us for our judicial redemption, and the fattened calf signifies the rich Christ to be enjoyed by us for our organic salvation—Luke 15:22-23.
- D. In the Lord's crucifixion, the blood out of His side signifies the redemptive aspect of His death for our judicial redemption and the water out of His side signifies the life-imparting aspect for our organic salvation—John 19:34.

III. The process of God's organic salvation is God's move to deify man, making man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead:

- A. The key of God's organic salvation is the Spirit with our spirit—Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17.

- B. We are saved organically to become the New Jerusalem by exercising our spirit to enjoy the Triune God—1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; Jude 19-21:
1. We need to enjoy God the Father as the light of life—Rev. 21:23, 11; 22:5:
 - a. Through our genuine, intimate, living, and loving fellowship with God, who is light (1 John 1:5; Col. 1:12), we will realize that we are sinful and we will take Christ as our sin offering and trespass offering so that we can remain in the spiritual cycle of life—1 John 1:7-9.
 - b. For the building up of the Body of Christ, we do not need the artificial light created by man; instead, we need to walk and live under the divine, redeeming, shining light through the word of God—Isa. 50:10-11; John 8:12; Psa. 119:105, 130; Matt. 5:14; Rev. 1:20; cf. Psa. 73:17.
 2. We need to enjoy God the Son as the tree of life—Rev. 22:2; Gen. 2:7-9:
 - a. The tree of life signifies the crucified (implied in the tree as a piece of wood—1 Pet. 2:24) and resurrected (implied in the life of God—John 11:25) Christ as the embodiment of all the riches of God for our food—Rev. 2:4, 7.
 - b. We are not only the eaters of this tree, enjoying the continually fresh fruit, but also the branches of this tree, abiding in Him to enjoy the life-juice—John 15:5; 14:6; 15:7; 8:31.
 - c. The tree of life was unique in Genesis 2:9, but today the tree of life grows in all of us, causing each one of us to be a small tree of life—1 John 3:9; Mark 4:26; Col. 2:19.
 3. We need to enjoy God the Spirit as the river of life—Rev. 22:1:
 - a. By drinking the living water, we become the New Jerusalem, the totality of the eternal life, the destination of the flowing Triune God—John 4:14b.
 - b. As believers in Christ we need to drink and flow the water of life—John 7:37-39; cf. Prov. 11:25.
- C. As we experience each section of God's organic salvation, we go up level by level until we become beings in the New Jerusalem:
1. We are regenerated by participating in God's life to become God's species, God's children, for God's sonship—John 1:12-13; Rev. 21:7; 22:14b.
 2. We are sanctified by participating in God's nature to become as holy as the holy city—1 Thes. 5:23; Eph. 5:26.
 3. We are renewed by participating in God's mind to become as new as the New Jerusalem—2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:23.
 4. We are transformed by participating in God's being to be constituted with the Triune God as gold, silver, (pearl), and precious stones—1 Cor. 3:12; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 12:2; Rev. 21:18-21.
 5. We are conformed to the image of the firstborn Son of God by participating in God's image to have the appearance of the New Jerusalem—Rom. 8:28-29; Rev. 21:11; 4:3.
 6. We are glorified by participating in God's glory to be completely permeated with the glory of the New Jerusalem—Rom. 8:21; Phil. 3:21; Rev. 21:11.