

Message Four

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

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The Experience of Regeneration and Dispositional Sanctification

Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:10; John 1:12-13; Eph. 1:4-5; 5:26; Heb. 2:10-11

I. Regeneration is the center of God's entire salvation and the commencement of God's salvation in its organic aspect:

- A. Regeneration brings man back to God's original intention—Gen. 2:9.
- B. The goal of God's loving us is the eternal life—John 3:16.
- C. God's good pleasure is to be one with man and make man the same as He is in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—Eph. 1:5, 9.
- D. God created man as a vessel to contain and express Him:
 - 1. God created man in His image and after His likeness—Gen. 1:26.
 - 2. God created man with a human spirit—Gen. 2:7; Prov. 20:27.
 - 3. God implanted in man's heart eternity—"a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun, but only God, can satisfy"—Eccl. 3:11 (Amplified Bible).
 - 4. God put man in front of the tree of life—Gen. 2:8-9.
- E. The way for man to receive God as the tree of life was closed due to man's fall but was reopened by the crucified Christ, who is the reopened way for man to receive God as the tree of life—Gen. 3:24; John 14:6; Heb. 10:19-20.
- F. We are born of God through regeneration by God's word of life to have the divine, spiritual life of God in addition to our human life—1 Pet. 1:23; John 1:1, 4-5; Rom. 8:10:
 - 1. We received the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit—Titus 3:5; Ezek. 36:26.
 - 2. We received God's seed, His gene, to have His heredity—1 John 3:9; Mark 4:26.
 - 3. We were regenerated of God the Spirit, born of God, to be the children of God (John 1:12-13; 3:6b; Rom. 8:16), belonging to the species of God to enter into and see the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5).

II. Dispositional sanctification is the dispensing of God's divine, holy nature into our inward parts to "sonize" us for God's good pleasure—Eph. 1:4-5; Heb. 2:10-11:

- A. Positional sanctification through the redeeming blood of Christ is for our separation unto God judicially, and dispositional sanctification by the Holy Spirit is for our saturation with God organically—Heb. 13:12; Rom. 6:19, 22.
- B. The regenerated and growing believers need to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:16) in their disposition with the element of the resurrection life of Christ so that their crooked, perverted, natural disposition full of peculiarities can be sanctified with the divine, holy nature of God (2 Pet. 1:4) that they may be holy unto God (Eph. 1:4).

- C. The divine sanctification for the divine sonship is the center of the divine economy and the central thought of the revelation in the New Testament:
1. To be sanctified for sonship we must care for the sanctifying Spirit speaking and working in our spirit—Rom. 15:16; 8:4, 6; cf. Mal. 2:15-16.
 2. Christ is wisdom as sanctification to us from God to sanctify the church by the washing of the water in the word for the beautification, the preparation, of His bride—1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 5:25-27; John 17:17; Exo. 38:8; (cf. Gen. 24).
 3. We are sanctified by allowing the Lord as the man of bronze (Ezek. 40:3; Rev. 1:15) to measure us, that is, to examine us, judge us, test us, and ultimately take over and possess us—Ezek. 47:1-5; Isa. 6:5.
 4. We need to remain in the cycle of partaking of the divine nature and escaping the corruption which is in the world by lust—2 Pet. 1:4; Heb. 12:10, 14.
- D. We are sanctified in our entire tripartite being to become the holy city, the enlarged and consummate Holy of Holies—1 Thes. 5:23; Rev. 21:2, 10, 16.