

## Message Four

### Walking according to the Mingled Spirit

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 8:4

- I. **The highest gospel is that we would be saved to the extent that God and we, we and God, are completely mingled as one, having one life and one living—1 John 4:15; John 15:4-5; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:19-21.**
- II. **To be proper Christians, we must know that the Lord Jesus today as the embodiment of the Triune God is the Spirit indwelling our spirit and mingled with our spirit as one spirit—2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.**
- III. **To be one spirit with the Lord implies that we are in Him and that He is in us, that we and He have been mingled organically to become one in life, and that we and Christ are one wonderful, living entity—John 15:4-5.**
- IV. **Our regenerated spirit and the Spirit of life, who regenerated us, are mingled as one spirit; in Romans 8:4 *spirit* refers to this mingled spirit, which is the Spirit of God and also our spirit.**
- V. **Walking according to the mingled spirit is all-inclusive—v. 4:**
  - A. To walk according to the mingled spirit is to live, move, act, behave, and do everything in the mingled spirit.
  - B. The genuine walk according to the spirit is to have our being according to the spirit.
  - C. The Father is in the Son, the Son is the Spirit, and the Spirit is in our spirit; we have a wonderful mingled spirit, and we can walk according to this spirit.
- VI. **By walking according to the spirit, we cooperate with the working of the law of the Spirit of life—v. 2.**
- VII. **Obedying the sense of life, obeying the teaching of the anointing, and walking according to the spirit are three aspects of one thing:**
  - A. Obeying the sense of life is related to Christ as life and is a matter of life—Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:6.
  - B. Obeying the teaching of the anointing is related to the Holy Spirit's anointing and moving as the ointment and is a matter of the Spirit of life—1 John 2:27.
  - C. Walking according to the spirit concerns our walk according to the mingled spirit; this is a matter not only of the Spirit of life but also of our regenerated spirit—Rom. 8:2, 4.
- VIII. **Ultimately, the Bible requires only one thing of us—that we walk according to the mingled spirit—v. 4:**
  - A. The most wonderful matter in the Bible is that the Spirit of God is mingled with our spirit and that we should live and walk according to such a mingled spirit.
  - B. The key to everything is found in the wonderful Spirit who is in our regenerated spirit and who has become one spirit with our spirit—1 Cor. 6:17.

- C. To live in the spirit is to let Christ fill and saturate us until He permeates our whole being and is thereby expressed through us—Eph. 3:16-19.
- D. The mutual abiding in John 15:4-5 is the practice of being one spirit with the Lord.
- E. When we live in the spirit, we spontaneously bear the cross—Matt. 16:24.
- F. All the things that happen to us test whether we are living in the spirit or in the self.
- G. The best way to silence Satan is to live in the spirit—Rev. 12:11:
  1. There is only one place that Satan cannot invade—our spirit.
  2. Whether or not we are under Satan’s authority is not determined by the things we do; rather, it is determined by whether we are in the spirit or in the flesh—Gal. 5:16-17.
  3. As long as we remain in the mingled spirit, we will be kept, and Satan will have no way with us—1 John 5:4, 18-21.
- H. If we walk according to the spirit and set our mind on the spirit, spontaneously we shall by the Spirit put to death the practices of the body—Rom. 8:4, 6, 13.
- I. In practicality, to take Christ as our person is to have our being wholly according to the mingled spirit—Eph. 3:17a; 1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 8:4.
- J. By walking according to the spirit, we keep ourselves under the “shower” of the divine dispensing; the more we walk according to the mingled spirit, the more we remain under the dispensing of the Triune God—vv. 10, 6, 11.
- K. If we walk according to the mingled spirit, we will be sons of God in full, and as such sons we will be the members of the Body of Christ, living in the church life, the kingdom of God—v. 14; 12:4-5; 14:17.

**IX. One who walks according to the mingled spirit does everything by the spirit and not by his own strength—Phil. 3:3; Zech. 4:6:**

- A. Any living and walking that is according to things other than the mingled spirit is a living and walking according to the flesh—Rom. 8:4-5.
- B. If we do not walk according to the mingled spirit but endeavor to walk according to the Bible, we are actually walking according to the flesh, trying to keep the words of the Bible with our own strength—v. 8.
- C. If we walk according to the mingled spirit, we will not merely do what pleases God according to His will; we will also carry out what God wants us to do by God Himself, who is the Spirit with our spirit.
- D. Whenever we walk according to the mingled spirit, Christ is lived out because He is in our spirit—Phil. 1:19-21a; 2 Tim. 4:22.

**X. According to God’s desire, our living as believers is not merely a living that is spiritual, “sanctified,” and “victorious”; it is a living that is a walk according to the mingled spirit—Rom. 8:4:**

- A. Such a living causes our flesh, our self, and our natural life to lose their position and function.
- B. Such a living allows the processed Triune God to gain all the ground in us so that we may be occupied with Him and filled and saturated with Him, that we may be completely one with Him to be His full expression—Eph. 3:16-19.