

Message Four

**Experiencing Christ
in the Stage of Intensification
as the Sevenfold Intensified Life-giving Spirit**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 1:4-5; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6

- I. Revelation is a book of administration (4:2, 5; 5:6), intensification (1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6), and consummation (21:1-2; 22:1-2, 17).**
- II. The Christ in the book of Revelation is a “different” Christ from the One revealed in the Gospels; in 1:13-18 He is a “fierce” Christ.**
- III. Because of the degradation of the church caused by leaven (Matt. 13:33), the winds of teaching (Eph. 4:14), and the leaving of the first love (Rev. 2:4-5), Christ as the life-giving Spirit has been intensified sevenfold to become the seven Spirits—the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6:**
 - A. The title *the seven Spirits* indicates that the Spirit has been intensified sevenfold—1:4.
 - B. The seven Spirits are the sevenfold intensified Spirit, typified by the seven lamps on the lampstand—Exo. 25:31, 37; Zech. 4:2, 10; 3:9.
 - C. At the time the book of Revelation was written, the church had become degraded, and the age was dark; therefore, the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God was needed for God’s move and work on earth.
 - D. The Lord reacted to the degradation of the church by intensifying Himself sevenfold to become the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit—Rev. 4:5; 5:6.
 - E. Seven is the number for completion in God’s move, God’s operation—v. 1; 6:1; 8:1-2; 16:1.
 - F. The number seven also signifies intensification—Isa. 30:26; Dan. 3:19:
 1. Since the life-giving Spirit has been intensified sevenfold, all the elements of the Spirit have been intensified sevenfold for our experience—Rom. 8:2; Heb. 10:29.
 2. Today the Spirit, who is filling us and saturating us to save us organically, is the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit—Rom. 5:10; Rev. 3:1; 5:6.
- IV. Revelation 1:4-5 reveals the Divine Trinity—the One who is and who was and who is coming, the seven Spirits, and Jesus Christ:**
 - A. The Trinity in 1:4-5 is the economical Trinity, for here we see the administration, the move, and the work of the Trinity—4:5; 5:6.
 - B. The seven Spirits are undoubtedly the one Spirit of God (Eph. 4:4), because they are ranked in the Godhead in Revelation 1:4-5.
 - C. In essence and existence the Spirit is one, but in function and work the Spirit is seven—Eph. 4:4; Rev. 1:4.
 - D. In 1:4-5 the Spirit becomes the second, the center, of the Divine Trinity:
 1. This reveals the importance of the intensified function of the sevenfold Spirit of God.

2. This also signifies the crucial need of the Spirit for God's move to counter-act the degradation of the church—2:4, 14, 20; 3:1, 15-17.

V. Christ has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars—v. 1a:

- A. The seven Spirits are the means for Christ to speak to the church in Sardis, a dying church; a dying church needs Christ to make it living through the seven Spirits—v. 1b.
- B. Revelation 3:1 implies that the seven Spirits are for the seven stars, the leading ones; in order to be a star taking the lead in the church, we need the sevenfold intensified Spirit.

VI. The seven Spirits of God are the seven lamps of fire burning before the administrating throne of God—4:5:

- A. The seven lamps of fire burning before God's throne indicate that the seven Spirits are for the carrying out of God's administration and are related to His economy and move—1:4:
 1. The seven lamps of fire before the throne of God are for enlightening, searching, exposing, judging, and burning.
 2. God is administrating His government by enlightening, searching, exposing, judging, and burning—1 Pet. 4:12, 17.
 3. The seven lamps will burn everything that does not correspond to God's nature but will refine those things that are according to His nature—1:7.
- B. Eventually, in our experience the burning lamps of fire become the flow of living water; the seven lamps become one river—Dan. 7:9-10; Rev. 4:5; 22:1:
 1. In 4:5 we have the seven lamps burning before the throne of God; in 22:1 we have the river of water of life proceeding out of the throne of God.
 2. According to our experience, after we receive the burning of the seven lamps, the seven Spirits become one flow of living water.
 3. The Spirit never fails to flow after He burns us; His flowing always follows His burning.

VII. The seven Spirits of God are the seven eyes of the Lamb—5:6:

- A. In the economical Trinity in Revelation, the second of the Godhead is the seven Spirits and becomes the seven eyes of the third of the Trinity—1:4-5.
- B. In God's administration Christ needs the seven Spirits to be His eyes; the way that Christ carries out God's economy is by the seven Spirits as His eyes—5:1-7.
- C. The seven eyes of Christ, which are the seven Spirits of God, are Christ's expression in God's move for God's building.
- D. The seven eyes of the Lamb are for watching, observing, and transfusing—v. 6:
 1. Christ as the redeeming Lamb has seven observing and searching eyes for executing God's judgment upon the universe to fulfill His eternal purpose, which will consummate in the building up of the New Jerusalem—21:2.
 2. The seven Spirits as the seven eyes of the Lamb transfuse all that the Lamb is into our being so that we may be the same as He is—1 John 3:1.
 3. Christ's eyes are upon us so that we may be transformed and conformed into His image for God's building—Zech. 3:9; Rom. 12:2; 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18.