

Message Three

**Being Constituted with the Truth  
and Being Absolute for the Way of the Truth  
and the Propagation of the Truth  
for the Consummation of the Divine Economy**

Scripture Reading: John 8:12, 32; 1 John 1:5-8; 3 John 3-4, 8; 1 Tim. 2:4; 4:3

- I. God's intention in His economy is to dispense Christ with all His riches into His believers chosen by God for the constitution of the Body of Christ, the church, to express the processed and consummated Triune God—Eph. 3:8-10.**
  
- II. For the consummation of the divine economy, we need to be constituted with the truth—1 John 2:4; 2 John 1-2:**
  - A. To be constituted with the truth is to have the intrinsic element of the divine revelation wrought into us to become our constituent, our intrinsic being, our organic constitution—1 John 1:8; 4:6; 5:6.
  - B. The solid truth that is constituted into us becomes in us a constant and long-term nourishment—1 Tim. 4:6.
  - C. If the truth is wrought into us and constituted into our being, we will be able to protect the interests of the riches of God's divinity and the attainments of His consummation—Rev. 21:12a, 17.
  - D. Every saved person should have a full knowledge, a complete realization, of the truth—all the real things revealed in God's Word—1 Tim. 2:4; 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7.
  - E. The full knowledge of the truth is a thorough apprehension of the truth, a full acknowledgment and appreciation of the reality of all the spiritual and divine things that we have received through faith—Titus 1:1; 2 Thes. 2:13.
  - F. The Lord's word, His truth, is in the Bible, but the Bible needs the proper interpretation; for this we have the Life-studies—2 Tim. 2:15.
  - G. We have to pay the price to learn the truths—Prov. 23:23:
    1. We need to enter into the intrinsic significance of the Holy Scriptures to find out what the Lord says and what He wants—John 8:12.
    2. We have no right to invent anything; rather, we discover what is in the Bible.
    3. After we have learned the truth, we still have to experience Christ so that He may become our reality; in this way, when we speak to people, we will not give them knowledge or doctrine, but we will minister Christ to them—Eph. 3:16-17; 4:15, 21.
  - H. We need to be delivered from skating on the surface of the divine truth and cooperate with the Lord by laboring together with Him to dive into the depths of the truth of His marvelous New Testament economy—3:9.
  - I. Those who are constituted with the truth are a great blessing to the church—Rom. 9:1; 15:29.
  
- III. For the consummation of the divine economy, we need to be absolute for the way of the divine truth—2 Pet. 2:2:**
  - A. The way of the truth is the path of the Christian life according to the truth, which is the reality of the contents of the New Testament—v. 2.

- B. The way of the truth is the straight way; to take the straight way is to live an upright life without crookedness and bias—v. 15.
- C. The way of the truth is the way of righteousness; to take the way of righteousness is to live a life that is right with both God and man, a life that, according to righteousness, can receive God's governmental judgment for His kingdom of righteousness—vv. 21, 9; Matt. 5:20; Rom. 14:17.
- D. The way of the truth is "the Way," denoting the Lord's full salvation in God's New Testament economy—Acts 9:2:
  - 1. It is the way God dispenses Himself into the believers through Christ's redemption and the Spirit's anointing—Eph. 1:7; 1 John 2:27.
  - 2. It is the way the believers partake of God and enjoy God—2 Pet. 1:4.
  - 3. It is the way the believers worship God in their spirit by enjoying Him and follow the persecuted Jesus by being one with Him—John 4:24; Heb. 13:12-13.
  - 4. It is the way the believers are brought into the church and built up into the Body of Christ to bear the testimony of Jesus—1 Cor. 1:2; 12:27; Rev. 1:2.
- E. To take the way of the truth is to purify our souls by obedience to the truth; this is the sanctifying truth, which is God's word of reality—1 Pet. 1:22; John 17:17:
  - 1. The purifying of our souls by obedience to the truth causes our entire being to be concentrated on God so that we may love Him with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind—Mark 12:30.
  - 2. Such a purifying of our souls issues in unfeigned brotherly love, that is, in our loving from the heart fervently those whom God loves—1 John 5:1.

**IV. For the consummation of the divine economy, we need to be absolute for the propagation of the divine truth—Matt. 24:14; 28:19:**

- A. The gospel includes all the truths in the Bible; the entire Bible is the gospel of God—Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5:
  - 1. The unique commission of the church today is to preach the gospel, the content of which is the truth—Matt. 24:14; Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5.
  - 2. Our preaching of the truth is the preaching of the high gospel—Mark 16:15; 1 Tim. 2:4.
  - 3. The highest point of God's gospel is that God became a man that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3, 29.
- B. The Lord has given us His precious truth for us to spread the truth not only to believers but also to unbelievers; every human being on earth needs to hear the truth—John 18:37b.
- C. The Lord has charged us to go and disciple the nations so that the present age may be consummated—Matt. 28:19-20.
- D. We need to be one with the Lord in learning the truth, applying the truth, speaking the truth, and propagating the truth—Zech. 8:16.
- E. If we would spread the Lord's recovery today, we must know every side of the truth and be able to expound the truth—2 Cor. 4:2; 3 John 3-4, 8.
- F. The spreading of the divine truths will bring in the Lord's restoration; according to Isaiah 11:9, the restoration will come because "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, / As water covers the sea."