

## **THE VISION NEEDED FOR THE PRACTICAL EXISTENCE OF THE UNIVERSAL ONE NEW MAN**

Morning Sessions: Message Three

### **The Creation and the Renewing of the One New Man**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11; Rom. 12:2

#### **I. The one new man was created through Christ's death on the cross—Eph. 2:15-16:**

- A. The one new man was created by Christ with two different materials—the redeemed created man and the divine element; on the cross Christ put these two materials together to produce a new man.
- B. In the creation of the one new man, first our natural man was crucified with Christ, and then, through the crossing out of the old man, Christ imparted the divine element into us, causing us to become a new entity—Rom. 6:6; 2 Cor. 5:17.
- C. It is essential for us to believe that before we were born, we were created into the one new man, and the divine essence was wrought into our being:
  - 1. We need to pray for a clear and sober mind to perceive that not only have we been terminated on the cross but that by means of this termination we have been transferred into Christ—1 Cor. 1:30.
  - 2. Only in the divine essence and with the divine essence were we created into one new man; Christ Himself is this essence.
- D. The one new man, as a corporate child, was brought forth by Christ in His resurrection—John 16:21; Eph. 2:15.

#### **II. The new man was created by Christ, but the believers need to partake of this creation—v. 15; Col. 3:10:**

- A. To bring forth the new man, first Christ's creating work on the cross was needed; this has been accomplished—Eph. 2:15.
- B. In order to partake of this creation, every day we need to put off the old man and put on the new man through the renewing—4:22-24; Col. 3:10.

#### **III. Ephesians 2:15 says that the new man was created, but Colossians 3:10 says that the new man is "being renewed unto full knowledge":**

- A. Because the new man was created with us who belong to the old creation, he needs to be renewed; this renewing takes place mainly in our mind, as indicated by the phrase "unto full knowledge"—v. 10.
- B. When the new creation took place in our spirit at the time of regeneration, the Holy Spirit with the divine life was added into our being—2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15:
  - 1. This addition of the Spirit and the divine life produced a new being, a new man.
  - 2. The regeneration of the spirit (John 3:6) is actually the creation of the new man; for this reason, we can say that in our spirit the new man has already been created.

**IV. Although our spirit has been regenerated, our soul with its faculties of mind, will, and emotion remains in the old creation and still needs to be renewed—Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23:**

- A. The creation of the new man according to God has already been completed, but in our experience the new man is renewed unto full knowledge little by little.
- B. Through the process of renewing, the new man spreads from our spirit into our soul and actually increases within us.
- C. To be renewed is to have God's element added into our being to replace and discharge our old element—Rev. 21:5a; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:16:
  - 1. Newness is God; therefore, to become new is to become God—Rom. 6:4; 7:6:
    - a. God is forever new, and He infuses His ever-new essence into our being to renew our entire being—Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:10.
    - b. The Spirit of God renews us by infusing our inward parts with God's attributes, which are forever new, can never become old, and are everlasting and unchanging—Rev. 21:5a.
  - 2. The renewing Spirit imparts the divine essence of the new man into our being to make us a new creation—Titus 3:5.

**V. The renewing of the new man depends on our seeking the things which are above—Col. 3:1-2:**

- A. In a very practical sense, the one new man comes into existence through our seeking the things which are above—vv. 1, 10.
- B. The more we set our mind on the things above—on Christ and His heavenly ministry—the more the divine elements in our spirit will saturate and renew our soul for the renewing of the new man—Heb. 8:1-2; 12:2; Col. 3:2.

**VI. For the practical existence of the one new man, we need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind—Eph. 4:23:**

- A. When the life-giving Spirit, who dwells in and is mingled with our regenerated spirit, spreads into our mind, this mingled spirit becomes the spirit of our mind; it is by this mingled spirit that our mind is renewed.
- B. In order for the one new man to come into full existence, we need to experience a thorough renewal of our mind, which has been built up according to our nationality and culture—Col. 3:10-11.
- C. We need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind actually and daily in our living; otherwise, there is no way for the Lord to have the one new man.
- D. In order to put off the old man (the old social life) and to put on the new man (the new church life), we need to open our spirit and allow the Spirit of Christ to fill, saturate, and permeate our spirit until the Spirit overflows into our mind, emotion, and will; it is by this overflowing Spirit that we can be renewed for the one new man—Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 5:18; 4:22-24; 3:16-19.