

## KNOWING THE BODY—THE WORK OF THE BODY

Evening Session—Message Three

### The One Flow in the Work of the Lord's Recovery

Scripture Reading: Gen. 2:10-14; Psa. 46:4a; 72:8; John 7:37-39; Rev. 22:1

#### I. In the Scriptures the concept of the divine stream, the unique flow, is crucial—Gen. 2:10-14; Psa. 46:4a; John 7:37-39; Rev. 22:1:

- A. The Bible reveals the flowing Triune God—the Father as the fountain of life, the Son as the spring of life, and the Spirit as the river of life—Jer. 2:13; Psa. 36:9a; John 4:14; 7:37-39.
- B. The source of the flow is the throne of God and of the Lamb—Rev. 22:1.
- C. In the Scriptures there is only one flow, only one divine stream:
  - 1. The divine stream, which has been flowing throughout the generations, is uniquely one—Gen. 2:10-14; Rev. 22:1.
  - 2. Since there is only one divine stream and since the flow is uniquely one, we need to keep ourselves in this one flow.
- D. Where the divine stream flows we have the life of God, the fellowship of the Body, the testimony of Jesus, and the work of God.

#### II. The divine stream, the unique flow, is a stream of fellowship—Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Cor. 10:16:

- A. The fellowship of the Body of Christ is the stream of the divine life; wherever the stream of life flows, there is the fellowship of the Body of Christ—Rev. 22:1.
- B. The divine fellowship is the reality of living in the Body of Christ—1 John 1:3.
- C. What is needed today among the churches is more divine circulation, more fellowship—Act. 2:42; 2 Cor. 13:14.
- D. “The one thing which should rule us is the divine fellowship....By being restricted in this fellowship, the Body of Christ is kept in oneness, and the work of the ministry continues to go on....If we learn to fellowship, we will receive many benefits, especially in the Lord's work” (*The Triune God to Be Life to the Tripartite Man*, pp. 147-148).

#### III. The divine stream, the unique flow, is the stream of the Lord's work—1 Cor. 16:10:

- A. There is a stream which we may call the stream, the current, of the work; where the stream flows, there is the work of God.
- B. The book of Acts reveals that in the move of the Lord there is only one stream and that we need to keep ourselves in this one stream—cf. 15:35-41.

#### IV. “He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth”—Psa. 72:8:

- A. The Lord's kingdom will spread to the ends of the earth by His flowing as a river.
- B. The Lord Jesus will recover the earth by means of the river which flows out of the house of God—Ezek. 47:1-12.