

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2007**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Twenty-Six

Their Present—Joined to the Processed Triune God

Scripture Reading: Matt. 28:19; John 20:22; Rom. 8:2; 11:17, 24; 1 Cor. 6:17; 12:13

I. The processed Triune God is the law of the Spirit of life with our spirit; the two spirits have been organically joined to be one spirit, one mingled spirit—Rom. 8:2, 16, 10; 1 Cor. 6:17; cf. Lev. 2:4-5:

- A. Romans 8 shows us the processes through which the Triune God has passed to become the law of the Spirit of life in our spirit: incarnation (v. 3), crucifixion (v. 3), resurrection (v. 11), and ascension (v. 34).
- B. Through His processes, He has been consummated to become the law of the Spirit of life, the spontaneous, automatic principle and power of life; He is installed in us to house Himself in our tripartite being, giving life to our spirit, soul, and body to make us men of life—vv. 2, 10, 6, 11.
- C. In our spirit we are joined to the Lord, the Lord Spirit (1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Cor. 3:18b), who is the processed Triune God as the Head of the Body (Col. 1:18); by His divine dispensing, our entire tripartite being is brought into an organic union with Him “according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself” (Phil. 3:21):
 - 1. By remaining in our “joined” spirit, we are filled with Him as the ruling presence of grace along with His death and resurrection—Rev. 4:2; Heb. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 5:21; cf. Ezek. 1:26; 1 Kings 10:18; S. S. 7:4.
 - 2. By remaining in our “joined” spirit, we hold Christ as the Head to be under His golden administration, exalting Him, giving Him the first place in all things, and staying intimately connected to Him, so that out from Him all the Body can be richly supplied and knit together to grow with the growth of God—Col. 2:19; Rev. 22:1.

II. By believing and being baptized into Christ, we were transferred out of Adam into Christ—John 3:16; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-8:

- A. Adam, the first man, by his transgression in the garden, brought man to knowledge, making him a man of knowledge (5:14; Gen. 2:8-9, 17; 3:1-7); Christ, the second man, by His obedience on the cross, terminated the fallen man of knowledge and recovered man back to life, making him a man of life (1 Cor. 15:45, 47; Rom. 6:6; 1 Pet. 2:24; John 3:14-15; Rom. 5:10; 8:10, 6, 11).
- B. In Adam we inherited sin that constitutes us sinners, death that weakens us (disabling us to do things pleasing God) and reigns over us, and condemnation under the law unto death—5:12-21a; 6:14; 7:11, 17, 20.

- C. In Christ we have been gifted with righteousness, life, and justification unto life, in which we reign with grace over all things—5:17-18, 21.
- III. By believing and being baptized into Christ, we were transferred out of the flesh into the Spirit:**
- A. We have been transferred out of the flesh (the practical and experiential Adam) through our being crucified with Christ—7:1-6; Gal. 2:20.
- B. We have been transferred into the Spirit (the practical and experiential Christ) through our union with the Spirit—Rom. 8:16; cf. 1 Pet. 2:9.
- C. We enjoy this transfer by setting our mind not on the flesh but on the mingled spirit unto life and peace (Rom. 8:5-6), by walking and having our being according to the mingled spirit unto the fulfillment of the righteous requirement of the law (vv. 2, 4; Psa. 23:1-3; Ezek. 36:26-27, 31), and by reigning with grace over all things unto eternal life (Rom. 5:17b, 21).
- IV. Our being joined to the Lord Spirit in our spirit to be “one spirit” makes us a prisoner of Christ Jesus and a prisoner in the Lord—Eph. 3:1; 4:1:**
- A. Sooner or later every steward of God, every minister of God’s riches, every faithful lover of Christ, will be imprisoned not only by Christ but also in Christ; the more we love Him, the more we will be in Him to such an extent that He will become our prison for us to enjoy Him to the uttermost so that we may have a walk that is worthy of God’s calling.
- B. The more freedom we have, the more blind we are, but if Christ is our prison, our eyes will be opened to see the heavenly vision, and we shall receive the highest revelation of God’s economy—3:9; Acts 26:19.
- V. The uniting bars, which held the forty-eight boards of the tabernacle together and joined them into oneness, signify the uniting Spirit mingled with our human spirit to join all the members of Christ into one Body—Exo. 26:26-29; Rom. 8:16; Eph. 4:2-4:**
- A. The uniting bars were made of acacia wood for connecting strength and were overlaid with gold for uniting; that the bars were made of acacia wood indicates that the oneness of the Spirit as the processed Triune God involves not only Christ’s divinity but also His humanity—vv. 2-3.
- B. In the uniting Spirit of the glorified Jesus, there is the transformed humanity of Jesus; for the building up of the one Body, we must drink of and flow out the Spirit of the man Jesus with His divinely enriched human virtues of lowliness, meekness, and longsuffering for bearing one another in love—John 7:37-39a; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 16:7; Eph. 4:2-4.
- VI. We are joined to God the Father as the source of the processed Triune God—John 8:42; 13:3; 16:28; 1 Cor. 2:12; 6:19b; John 15:26:**
- A. We believers have been joined to God the Father by turning to Him through repentance—Acts 26:18; 1 Thes. 1:9; Acts 11:18; Rom. 2:4; cf. Titus 3:4-6.
- B. We were born of God as the begetting Father by the word of truth, and His seed abides in us—John 1:12-13; 3:6; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 3:9.
- C. We have been baptized into the name, the person, of the Father—Matt. 28:19.
- D. We are in God the Father, and God the Father is in us—John 14:20; Eph. 4:6; 1 Thes. 1:1; 2 Thes. 1:1; cf. Matt. 10:20.

VII. We are joined to God the Son, Christ, as the embodiment of the processed Triune God—Col. 2:9; Matt. 28:19; John 15:1, 5:

- A. When God shined Christ into our hearts, we received Christ to be joined to Him—2 Cor. 4:6-7; John 1:12; Col. 2:6; 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:22.
- B. We are joined to God the Son by having the Son revealed in us, living in us, and formed in us—Gal. 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19.
- C. We are joined to God the Son by being baptized into Christ to put on Christ—3:27; Rom. 6:3; cf. 13:12, 14.
- D. God has put us into Christ, who became wisdom to us from God to be our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption—1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:17, 21.
- E. We are joined to God the Son by being identified with Him in His death (Rom. 6:3b, 6a; Gal. 2:20a; Col. 2:20a), His burial (Rom. 6:4a; Col. 2:12a), His being made alive (Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13b; 3:4; Rom. 8:2), His resurrection (6:4b; Eph. 2:6a; Col. 2:12b; 3:1), and His ascension (Eph. 2:6b).
- F. We have been joined to the Son of God by being grafted into Him as the reality of the cultivated olive tree—Rom. 11:17, 24; 6:3-5.
- G. God has firmly attached us to Christ, God's anointed One—2 Cor. 1:21; Heb. 1:9; 1 John 2:20, 27.
- H. We are joined to the Lord as one spirit—1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:4-5; 2 Tim. 4:22.
 - I. We love Christ and exult in Him with unspeakable and glorified joy—1 Pet. 1:8; cf. Heb. 11:1, 27.

VIII. We are joined to God the Spirit as the consummation of the processed Triune God—Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:13:

- A. We are joined to God the Spirit by receiving Him essentially for us to live Christ—John 20:22; Gal. 3:2:
 - 1. We have received the Spirit of reality (John 14:16-17) and the Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2; John 6:63; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6).
 - 2. The Spirit as the consummation of the processed Triune God applies Himself to us by anointing Himself into us—1:21; Heb. 1:9; 1 John 2:20, 27.
 - 3. The Spirit is sealing us and pledging Himself into us as the firstfruits, as the foretaste of the processed Triune God—2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; Rom. 8:23.
 - 4. The Spirit within us is the blessing as the fulfillment of the promise concerning the gospel of God's New Testament economy—Gal. 3:14.
- B. We are joined to God the Spirit by being baptized into Him economically for us to carry out Christ's commission—Mark 1:8b; Acts 1:5b; 11:16:
 - 1. We have been baptized in the Spirit of power—Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8a.
 - 2. When we were baptized in the Spirit economically, the Spirit was poured out on us and fell upon us—v. 8a; 2:18, 33b; 8:16; 10:45; 19:6.
 - 3. The Spirit in whom we have been baptized economically clothes us—Luke 24:49; cf. 2 Kings 2:9, 13-15.
- C. The issue of our being joined to the processed Triune God, as the Spirit mingled with our spirit, is the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem—Eph. 1:17; 2:22; 3:5, 16; 4:23; 5:18; 6:18; Rev. 22:17a.