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

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Thirty

Their Present—Experiencing and Enjoying God as the Father in His Love (1)

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 13:14; Rom. 5:5; Eph. 4:6; John 14:23; 1 Cor. 2:9; 3:6-7

I. In experiencing and enjoying the processed Triune God in His triune dispensing, the believers experience and enjoy God as the Father in His love—2 Cor. 13:14; Rom. 5:5; Eph. 4:6:

- A. When we experience and enjoy the Triune God, we experience and enjoy the Father in His love—1 John 3:1.
- B. Whatever the Father does in His dispensing and moving in us is in love and is based on love; love is the source of the Father's dispensing—4:16.
- C. The love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit; this pouring out of the love of God in our hearts is a matter of the essence of God, for love is the nature of God's essence—Rom. 5:5; 1 John 4:8.
- D. The Father's dispensing is through His overshadowing us, His passing through us, and His dwelling in us—Eph. 4:6.

II. God the Father is worshipped by the believers by His Spirit—Phil. 3:3:

- A. When we worship God the Father by His Spirit, we sense that we are touching Him and that we are brought out of ourselves into the heavens—Eph. 2:18.
- B. As we worship God the Father by His Spirit in our spirit, something of the One whom we worship is wrought into our being—John 4:14.
- C. To worship the Father in spirit and in truthfulness is to worship Him in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—vv. 23-24.

III. God the Father gives grace to the humble believers—James 4:6:

- A. God resists the one who is proud, the one who lifts himself above others and regards himself as better than others—1 Pet. 5:5.
- B. Instead of being proud and making a show of ourselves above others, we should be humble toward God so that we may receive the grace given by God.

IV. The Father with the Son comes to us and makes an abode with us and abides in us—John 14:23; 1 John 3:24:

- A. If we love the Lord Jesus and keep His word, the Father will love us, and then the Father with the Son will come to us and make an abode with us.
- B. The Father and the Son are the distinguished guests, and the Spirit is the guide, who ushers the Father and the Son into Their abode in us—John 14:23.

C. The Father's intention in coming to us with the Son is to abide in us and be with us forever—1 John 3:24.

V. God the Father operates in us both the willing and the working for His good pleasure—Phil. 2:13:

- A. The willing takes place in our will, indicating that God's operation begins from our spirit and spreads into our mind, emotion, and will—Eph. 4:23.
- B. God the Father operates in us both the willing inwardly and the working outwardly so that we may live Christ as our life for the good pleasure of God's will—Phil. 1:21a; Col. 3:4; Eph. 1:5.

VI. God the Father reconciles us, as believers living in the natural life, to Himself—2 Cor. 5:19-20:

- A. The Father exposes our natural life and our real situation so that we may condemn our natural being and apply the cross subjectively.
- B. As our natural man is crossed out, we experience the second step of reconciliation—reconciliation to God from the flesh and the natural life—v. 20.

VII. God the Father makes the believers His righteousness in Christ and sanctifies them dispositionally—v. 21; 1 Thes. 5:23:

- A. When we have been fully reconciled to God the Father, we experience and enjoy Him in the triune dispensing to such an extent that we become His righteousness in Christ—2 Cor. 5:21.
- B. The Father sanctifies the believers wholly in their spirit, soul, and body; this dispositional sanctification involves our entire being and causes us to become a sanctified entity, a totality of the Father's sanctification—1 Thes. 5:23.

VIII. When we experience and enjoy God the Father in His love, He reveals to us what He has prepared for us, and He gives us growth in life—1 Cor. 2:9; 3:6-7:

- A. As the Father operates in the believers, sanctifying them and imparting life to them, He reveals to them through the Spirit what He has prepared for them—the deep things concerning Christ for their experience; this requires that we love God, setting our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—absolutely on Him, being occupied by Him and getting lost in Him—2:9-10.
- B. Although planting and watering are necessary, the One who causes the growth in life is God; as far as the growth in life is concerned, all the ministers of Christ are nothing and God is everything—3:6-7.

IX. God the Father strengthens the believers, according to the riches of His glory, with power through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in their hearts through faith—Eph. 3:16-17:

- A. This is the Father's finer work in us, and this is a much deeper experience in the Triune God.
- B. The goal of the Father's strengthening us into the inner man is that Christ may make His home in our hearts, occupying every part of our inner being and possessing all these parts and saturating them with Himself; as a result we are filled with Christ unto all the fullness of God, His expression—vv. 17a, 19b.