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

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Thirty-Three

Their Present—Experiencing and Enjoying the Spirit as the Consummation of the Divine Trinity in His Fellowship

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 13:14; John 7:37-39; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 20:22

I. As believers, we experience and enjoy God as the Father in His love, Christ as the Son in His grace, and the Spirit as the consummation of the Divine Trinity in His fellowship—2 Cor. 13:14.

II. We need a vision of the consummated Spirit as the consummation of the processed and consummated Triune God—John 7:39; Gal. 3:14; Phil. 1:19:

- A. The consummated Spirit is the Triune God after He has passed through the process of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 7:39:
 - 1. The process through which the Triune God passed to become the Spirit is an economical, not an essential, matter—1:14; Heb. 9:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 - 2. *Processed* refers to the steps through which the Triune God has passed in the divine economy; *consummated* indicates that the process has been completed; and *the consummated Spirit* implies that the Spirit of God has been processed and has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39.
- B. The consummated Spirit is the Spirit—Gal. 3:2, 5, 14:
 - 1. The Spirit is the compound of the Triune God, the man Jesus, His human living, His death, and His resurrection—John 7:39; 1:14, 29; 12:24.
 - 2. The Spirit is the processed, compound, all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, sevenfold intensified Triune God to be the eternal portion of His chosen, redeemed, regenerated, sanctified, renewed, transformed, conformed, and glorified tripartite people as their life, life supply, and everything—Rev. 22:17.
 - 3. God's economy is to give Himself to us as the Spirit—Gal. 3:2, 5, 14.
 - 4. The Christian life is the living of the processed and consummated Triune God as the consummated Spirit in the believers—5:16, 18, 25; 6:8.

III. The Spirit is the Spirit of reality—John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13:

- A. The Spirit of reality is the Spirit of what God is, has, and does; the Spirit of reality is the Spirit of God's being, God's possession, and God's doing.
- B. The Spirit of reality is the realization of what God the Father and God the Son are—v. 13:
 - 1. Whatever the Father in the Son is and whatever the Son is, are realized in the Spirit.
 - 2. The reality of all the divine attributes of both God the Father and God the Son is the Spirit; the Spirit is the reality—1 John 5:6.

- 3. The Spirit is the reality of God, the Son, eternal life, grace, and every divine matter—Rom. 8:2, 9-11; Heb. 10:29.
- C. The Spirit of reality is the reality of Christ for the believers' enjoyment; the Spirit of reality is the real Christ, the real Jesus—John 14:16-17.
- D. The Spirit of reality makes everything of the Triune God ours; all that the Father is and has is the Son's, all that the Son is and has is received by the Spirit, and the Spirit discloses all of this to us to be our portion—16:13.

IV. The Spirit is the holy breath breathed into the believers by the Son in resurrection—20:22:

- A. The Gospel of John reveals that Christ became flesh to be the Lamb of God and that in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit, the holy breath; in His resurrection He breathed Himself as the consummated Spirit into the believers— 1:1, 14, 29; 20:22:
 - 1. It is as the Spirit that Christ was breathed into His believers, that He lives in the believers and they live by Him and with Him, and that He abides in the believers and they abide in Him—v. 22; 14:19-20; 15:4-5.
 - 2. The Christ who breathed Himself into the believers is the life-giving Spirit; by breathing the Spirit into the believers, the Lord Jesus imparted Himself into them as life and everything—1 Cor. 15:45b.
 - 3. "The suff'ring of human life, / Effectiveness of His death, / His rising and reigning too / Are all in the Spirit's breath"—Hymns, #242, stanza 4.
 - 4. The Holy Spirit in John 20:22 is actually the resurrected Christ Himself, because this Spirit is His breath; the Spirit is the breath of the Son.
- B. If we would live Christ, we must breathe spiritually by calling on the name of the Lord to receive the consummated Spirit as the all-inclusive breath—Phil. 1:21a; Lam. 3:55-56; Rom. 10:12-13; 1 Thes. 5:17.
- C. The consummated Spirit as the breath is everything to us in living the Christian life; only the breath, the Spirit, can be a Christian, and only the breath can be an overcomer—Gal. 3:2-3, 14; Phil. 1:19; Rev. 2:7.

V. The Spirit is the river of water of life—John 4:14; 7:37-39; Rev. 22:1:

- A. The Triune God is flowing to dispense Himself with His divine life as the life element and Christ (the tree of life) as the life supply to meet our need and to be our pleasures and satisfaction—vv. 1-2; Psa. 36:8-9.
- B. The Triune God is flowing into us in the Father as the fountain, in the Son as the spring, and in the Spirit as the river—John 4:14:
 - 1. In the divine and mystical realm there is a real fountain—the Father; when the fountain emerges, or springs up, that is the Son; and when the spring flows as a river, that is the Spirit—7:37-39.
 - 2. When we drink of the living water, it becomes a fountain in us, the fountain emerges as a spring, and the spring flows as a river—4:14.
 - 3. We have the fountain, the spring, and the river within us at the same time; the fountain emerges, the spring gushes, and the gushing is the flowing as a river of water of life into the New Jerusalem—Rev. 22:1.