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

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#### GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Thirty-Four

#### Their Present—Experiencing God's Redemption Continuously

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:7, 9; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:19-21

- I. When we experience and enjoy the processed and consummated Triune God in His triune dispensing, we also experience God's redemption continuously in being forgiven, washed, sanctified, justified, and reconciled—1 John 1:7, 9; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:20-21:
  - A. As we contact God moment by moment, we apply His redemption continuously; this is to apply God's redemption not occasionally and not only continually—that is, frequently but with interruptions—but continuously—that is, constantly without any interruptions—1 John 1:7:
    - 1. When we were saved, we went through the process of being forgiven, washed, sanctified, justified, and reconciled—Luke 24:47; Heb. 1:3; 13:12; 1 Cor. 1:2; Rom. 3:24-25; 5:10a.
    - 2. Every day we need to be forgiven, washed, sanctified, justified, and reconciled; in our Christian walk this process needs to be repeated continuously until the redemption of our body—Eph. 1:14; 4:30.
  - B. The believers' continuous experience of God's redemption is illustrated by the children of Israel's offering of the sin offering and the trespass offering—Lev. 4:3; 6:25-30; 5:6; 7:1-10:
    - 1. We need to take Christ as our sin offering, as indicated in 1 John 1:8, and as our trespass offering, as indicated in verse 9.
    - 2. Because of our sins and trespasses and because of our sinful nature, we need to offer Christ daily as our sin offering and trespass offering—2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:3.
- II. The believers experience God's redemption continuously in being forgiven of their sins—Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:9:
  - A. For God to forgive us of our sins means that He releases us from the offense of our sins—Col. 2:13; Rev. 1:5b.
  - B. God's forgiveness is continuous, and we need it moment by moment—1 John 1:9:
    - 1. As long as we are living on earth in the old creation, we need God's redemption daily.
    - 2. Whenever we contact God, we should sense that we need His forgiveness.
  - C. When we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us—v. 9.
- III. The believers experience God's redemption continuously in being washed, cleansed—vv. 7, 9; 1 Cor. 6:11:

- A. For God to cleanse us from unrighteousness is for Him to wash us from the stain of our unrighteousness; the offense needs God's forgiveness, and the stain requires His cleansing—1 John 5:17; 1:9.
- B. The blood of Jesus the Son of God cleanses us in our conscience continuously; in our conscience we need the instant application of the constant cleansing of the Lord's blood again and again—v. 7.
- C. The believers are also washed in the Spirit; this washing is subjective, it is accomplished in the power and realization of the Holy Spirit, and it involves the dispensing of the Spirit into us—1 Cor. 6:11.

## IV. The believers experience God's redemption continuously in being sanctified—Rom. 6:19, 22; 1 Cor. 6:11; John 17:17; 2 Thes. 2:13; 1 Thes. 5:23:

- A. The believers are sanctified—that is, are in the process of being made holy—in the Holy Spirit as the sanctifying power—1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Rom. 15:16.
- B. The believers are sanctified in the word of God as the truth and through the Father's discipline—John 17:17; Heb. 12:10.
- C. The believers will be sanctified wholly in their spirit, soul, and body—1 Thes. 5:23.

## V. The believers experience God's redemption continuously in being justified after they are washed and sanctified—1 Cor. 6:11:

- A. Inwardly the Spirit works to justify the believers in life so that in their daily Christian life they are justified by the righteous God.
- B. If we would experience God's redemption continuously in being justified, we need to be found in Christ, not having our own righteousness but "the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith"—Phil. 3:9.

# VI. The believers experience God's redemption continuously in being reconciled to God in the second step—2 Cor. 5:14-15, 19-21:

- A. Second Corinthians 5:19-20 indicates that there are two steps for the believers to be fully reconciled to God:
  - 1. The first step of reconciliation is as sinners to be reconciled to God from sin; for this purpose Christ died for our sins so that they might be forgiven by God—v. 19; 1 Cor. 15:3.
  - 2. The second step of reconciliation is as believers living in the natural life to be reconciled to God from the flesh; for this purpose Christ died for us—the persons—so that we might live to Him in the resurrection life—2 Cor. 5:20.
- B. The believers are reconciled to God in the second step in order to become the righteousness of God in Christ; in the organic union with Christ, the believers experience and enjoy the triune dispensing to such an extent that they become God's righteousness in Christ—v. 21.
- VII. Throughout our Christian life we need God's forgiveness, washing, sanctification, justification, and reconciliation; while we are experiencing and enjoying the processed and consummated Triune God in His triune dispensing, we need to experience God's redemption continuously—1 John 1:7, 9; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:20.