

LIVING AND SERVING IN THE DIVINE DISPENSING OF THE DIVINE TRINITY

(Friday, First Morning Session)

Message Four

The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity as the Supply to the Believers in Their Daily Living

Scripture Reading: John 6:35, 51-57; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:16-17a; Phil. 1:19-21a

- I. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the base of and the supply to the believers in their daily living—2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-17a:**
 - A. We need to receive the divine dispensing little by little, day by day, receiving this dispensing again and again in a slow, steady way—Matt. 6:11; Psa. 68:19.
 - B. The processed and consummated Triune God is within us not in a spectacular way but in an ordinary way; for this reason, we need to live a steady and normal Christian life; the less special and the more normal we are, the better—Col. 1:27; 3:4; Eph. 3:16-17a.
 - C. All the things of life that the Triune God gives to us through the divine dispensing are quiet and calm, and our life as believers should also be quiet and calm—Rom. 8:6; 1 Thes. 5:23; 2 Thes. 3:16.
 - D. Our destiny is to live an ordinary life in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11:
 1. Our Father has destined that we live in an ordinary way under His continual dispensing—Matt. 6:11, 32-34.
 2. We need to learn to be satisfied with ordinary days that are filled with regular and normal practices in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity.
 - E. As believers, we experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity by faith; God wants us to do everything by depending on Him, by taking Him as life, and by allowing Him to dispense Himself into us—Eph. 3:17a; Heb. 11:1.
- II. The way for the believers to experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity in their daily living is to eat, digest, and assimilate Jesus as food—John 6:35, 51-57:**
 - A. God's economy is that we eat, digest, and assimilate Christ to be constituted with Him—1 Tim. 1:4; John 6:35, 51, 57:
 1. God's economy is not a matter of outward things but of Christ coming into us inwardly; for this we need to take Christ by eating, digesting, and assimilating Him—Eph. 3:17a; John 6:57b.
 2. God's eternal plan is to dispense Himself into us so that He becomes every fiber of our inward being; He wants to be eaten, digested, and assimilated by us so that He can become our constituent—2 Cor. 13:14.
 - B. The Triune God becomes our life and life supply by entering into us organically to be assimilated into the fibers of our spiritual being—Eph. 3:16-17a; 4:23.
 - C. To eat the Lord Jesus is to receive Him into us so that He may be digested and assimilated by the regenerated new man in the way of life; we need to eat, digest, and assimilate Jesus as our spiritual food day by day—John 6:51-57.

- D. We should not only believe into the Lord Jesus and receive Him but also eat Him, digest Him, and assimilate Him, allowing Him to become the content of our being—3:15-16; 6:51-57.
- E. As we eat the Lord Jesus, we need to have proper spiritual digestion—Ezek. 2:8—3:3; Jer. 15:16; Rev. 10:9-10:
 - 1. If we have good digestion, there will be a thoroughfare for the food to get into every part of our inward being—Eph. 3:16-17a.
 - 2. Indigestion means that there is no way for Christ as the spiritual food to get into our inward parts—Heb. 3:12-13, 15; 4:2.
 - 3. We need to keep our whole being with all our inward parts open to the Lord so that the spiritual food will have a thoroughfare within us; if we do this, we will have proper digestion and assimilation, we will absorb Christ as spiritual nourishment, and Christ will become our constituent for the expression of God—Eph. 3:16-17a; Col. 3:4, 10-11.
- F. Any believer who receives the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity by eating, digesting, and assimilating the Lord Jesus will live because of Him—John 6:57b.

III. The believers' living is to live Christ and magnify Christ by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—Phil. 1:19-21a:

- A. The basic thought of the Bible is that the Triune God desires to work Himself in Christ into us so that we may take Him as life and live Him—Eph. 3:16-17a:
 - 1. God's intention is to have a group of people who are one with Him in His life and nature; those who are one with God in the divine life and the divine nature are able to express Him—vv. 19b, 21.
 - 2. God's desire is that Christ would be life in us and be lived out of us—Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21a.
 - 3. God wants the "I" to be crucified in the death of Christ so that in His resurrection Christ may live in us and be the source of everything in our living—Gal. 2:20.
 - 4. Christ is not only our life but also our living—Col. 3:4; Gal. 2:20:
 - a. We live Christ because Christ lives in us—John 14:19-20.
 - b. Christ lives in us to be our life, and we live Christ to be Christ's living—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21a.
 - 5. To live Christ is to magnify Him in whatever circumstances we may be in, expressing His divine attributes in His human virtues—v. 20; 4:11-13.
 - 6. Paul's life was to live Christ; Christ and Paul lived together as one person with one life and one living—Col. 3:4; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21a.
- B. The believers live Christ by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ; the Spirit of Jesus Christ is the Christ who is the life-dispensing Spirit—v. 19; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6:
 - 1. This bountiful supply includes divinity, humanity, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, the divine attributes, and the human virtues—Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9.
 - 2. Everything we do and all our living should come about by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—Phil. 1:19.

3. Under the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, we spontaneously receive the supply of Christ within and will live a life that expresses Christ—vv. 20-21a.