

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2012**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
WHAT CHRIST IS TO THE BELIEVERS IN HIS PERSON**

Message Seven

The Life-giving Spirit

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45b; 12:13; 2 Cor. 3:6b, 17; John 20:22

**I. For the believers' experience and enjoyment Christ is the life-giving Spirit—
1 Cor. 15:45b:**

- A. Through the process of resurrection Christ as the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit—vv. 3-4, 20, 45b.
- B. After dying on the cross, the last Adam, our Redeemer, became in His resurrection the life-giving Spirit to impart Himself into us as life—John 1:29; 10:10b; 11:25; 14:6; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17.
- C. When we believed in the Lord Jesus and received Him as our Redeemer, it was the life-giving Spirit who came into us—John 3:15; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Gal. 3:1-2:
 1. Although we received the Lord Jesus as our Redeemer, He came into us not only as the Redeemer but also as the life-giving Spirit for the purpose of dispensing life into us—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11.
 2. As the life-giving Spirit, He is the life-dispensing Spirit—2 Cor. 3:6b.
- D. The life-giving Spirit is the reality and life pulse of Christ's resurrection—1 Cor. 15:3-4, 20, 45b:
 1. The resurrection of Christ was not only an objective act accomplished by Christ; it is very much related to us subjectively—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:2, 6, 10-11.
 2. Christ's resurrection is absolutely a matter related to life, for in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit to dispense Himself as life into the believers—1 Cor. 15:45b; Col. 1:18; 3:4.
 3. When Christ entered into resurrection, He became the Spirit who gives life—Luke 24:5-6, 39; 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 20, 45b; 2 Cor. 3:6b.
 4. Through the process of resurrection, Christ, who terminated the old creation, became the life-giving Spirit, the germinating element of the new creation; thus, we have become a new creation germinated by the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit—v. 17; 5:17.
- E. The life-giving Spirit is the totality of all that Christ is to us as the all-inclusive One; as the all-inclusive Christ revealed in 1 Corinthians, the resurrected Christ is now the life-giving Spirit, the totality of all that He is for our experience and enjoyment—1:2, 9, 24, 30; 2:7-8, 10; 3:11; 5:7-8; 10:3-4; 11:3; 12:12; 15:20, 23, 47.
- F. As believers, we have all been “given to drink one Spirit,” taking the Spirit into us and having our being saturated with Him; this requires us to call on the

Lord continually and draw water with joy from Him as the fountain of living water—12:13; Isa. 12:3-4; John 4:10, 14.

II. The life-giving Spirit, the consummated Spirit, was breathed as the holy breath into the disciples by the Son in resurrection—14:16-18; 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; thus, in His resurrection He breathed Himself as the consummated Spirit into the disciples—1:29; 7:37-39; 20:22:
1. The Holy Spirit in 20:22 is the Spirit expected in 7:39 and promised in 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; and 16:7-8, 13; this indicates that the Lord's breathing of the Holy Spirit into the disciples was the fulfillment of the promise of another Comforter.
 2. It is as the Spirit that Christ was breathed into His disciples, that He can live in the disciples and they can live by Him and with Him, and that He can abide in them and they can abide in Him—20:22; 14:19-20; 15:4-5.
 3. The Christ who breathed Himself into the disciples is the life-giving Spirit—20:22; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 4. By breathing the Spirit into the disciples, the Lord Jesus imparted Himself into them as life and everything—John 1:29; 3:29; 6:48; 8:12; 10:14; 11:25; 14:6.
 5. The Holy Spirit in 20:22 is actually the resurrected Christ Himself, because this Spirit is His breath; therefore, the Spirit is the breath of the Son.
- B. The Lord is the Spirit who gives life, and this Spirit is our breath—2 Cor. 3:6b, 17; John 14:16-18; 20:22:
1. The Word, who was God, became flesh to be the Lamb of God, and in resurrection He became the holy breath for us to breathe in—1:29; 20:22.
 2. Christ is the Lamb-tree, for He is the Lamb for accomplishing redemption and the tree for imparting life; ultimately, the Lamb-tree is the holy breath—1:29; 11:25; 15:1; 20:22.
 3. Now we have Christ as the Word, the Lamb, the tree, and the breath: the Word is for expression, the Lamb is for redemption, the tree is for the impartation of life, and the breath is for our living—1:1, 29; 10:10b; 14:19.
 4. 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.
- C. Paul's command to pray without ceasing implies that unceasing prayer is like breathing—1 Thes. 5:17:
1. To live is to breathe; to breathe spiritually is to call on the Lord's name.
 2. We need to call on the Lord Jesus continually; this is the way to breathe, to pray without ceasing—Rom. 10:12-13.
 3. To pray without ceasing by calling on the Lord's name is to live Christ—Phil. 1:21a:
 - a. If we would live Christ, we must breathe spiritually, and the way to breathe spiritually is to call on the name of the Lord—Lam. 3:55-56.
 - b. By calling on the name of the Lord, we receive the consummated, life-giving Spirit as the all-inclusive breath—John 20:22; Rom. 10:12-13.