

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2021**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
CHAPTERS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT OF ROMANS—
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

Message Twelve

**“The Spirit with Our Spirit”—
the Secret of Building in God’s Organic Salvation**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:16; 5:10; Phil. 4:12; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16; 1 Cor. 3:9-15

- I. God’s organic salvation has eight sections: regeneration, feeding, sanctification, renewing, transformation, building, conformation, and glorification—John 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:14; Eph. 4:23; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Cor. 14:26; Rom. 8:29-30.**
- II. The secret of the eight sections of God’s organic salvation is the Spirit with our spirit—v. 16:**
 - A. The word *secret* means “skillfulness in doing things or in making things”—Phil. 4:12.
 - B. In the New Testament *the Spirit* does not refer merely to the Spirit of God but to the consummated Spirit—the Spirit who has passed through the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 7:39; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 - C. The Spirit of God has passed through a process, and our spirit also has passed through a process—created (Zech. 12:1), deadened (Eph. 2:1, 5), and regenerated (John 3:6).
 - D. When we speak of the Spirit with our spirit, we mean that the consummated Spirit is with the believers’ created and regenerated spirit—Zech. 12:1; John 3:6.
 - E. The secret of all the experiences of God’s organic salvation is the Spirit with our spirit—Rom. 5:10; 8:16.
 - F. These two spirits working together is the skillfulness, the secret, of all spiritual things, especially of all the aspects of God’s organic salvation—1 Cor. 6:17.
- III. The main subject of the Bible is God’s building; thus, the entire Bible is a book of building—Gen. 2:22; 28:10-22; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:16; Rev. 21:2:**
 - A. God’s building is the mingling of God with man—John 14:20; 15:4a; 1 John 4:15:
 1. The central and divine thought of the Scriptures is that God is seeking a divine building as the mingling of Himself with humanity; He is seeking a living composition of living persons redeemed by and mingled with Himself.
 2. The church is God’s building composed of God Himself as the divine material mingled with man as the human material—1 Cor. 3:9, 11:
 - a. The two natures of Christ, divinity and humanity, are joined together and mingled together as one—Luke 1:35.
 - b. In principle, the church is the same as Christ—the divine nature mingled with the human nature to become one entity—John 14:20.
 - B. God’s building is the corporate expression of the Triune God—1 Tim. 3:15-16; John 17:22; Eph. 3:19b, 21:
 1. God’s intention is to have a group of people built up as a spiritual building to express Him and to represent Him by dealing with His enemy and recovering the lost earth—Gen. 1:26; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.
 2. The building up of the saints into one corporate expression is the real testimony—Rev. 1:2, 12, 20.

- C. God's building is the enlargement of God—John 3:29a, 30a; Col. 2:19:
 - 1. The proper building is the enlargement, the expansion, of the Triune God, enabling God to express Himself in a corporate way—Eph. 2:21-22; Col. 2:19.
 - 2. The building of God is the Triune God as life being wrought into us so that we may become His one expression, the enlargement and expansion of God—Eph. 3:17a, 19b, 21.

IV. The Spirit with our spirit is the secret of building—Rom. 8:16; Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Cor. 3:9-15:

- A. The two spirits are working together so that we are able to fulfill the prerequisites for building:
 - 1. We need to realize that all the believers have been baptized in one Spirit into one Body and that God has placed the members in the Body and blended all the Body together—12:13a, 18, 24.
 - 2. Building requires us to be in harmony with the fellow believers and to be in one accord with the Body in prayer, which issues in the establishment of the church—Matt. 18:19; Acts 1:14.
 - 3. We must keep the oneness of the Spirit diligently—Eph. 4:1-3.
 - 4. For God's building it is crucial that we practice the oneness of the Divine Trinity in the Divine Trinity as the Divine Trinity does (John 17:21-23) by the divine life with its source—the divine name of the Father (vv. 2-3, 6, 26); by the divine word as the truth that sanctifies the believers from the world (vv. 14-19); and by the divine glory—the divine sonship with the Father's life and nature as the divine right to express the Father (vv. 22, 24).
 - 5. We must live in the common fellowship of the enjoyment of Christ as the believers' common portion for the keeping of the oneness of the Body—1 Cor. 1:2, 9-13.
 - 6. In order to participate in the building up of the church as the Body of Christ, we need to live and walk by the Spirit—Gal. 5:16, 25.
- B. The materials of the divine building are the processed and consummated Triune God and His transformed believers, who have been united, mingled, and incorporated with Him to be a miraculous structure of treasure for the universal display of the surpassing riches of His grace with His infinite wisdom and divine design—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:7; 3:8-11:
 - 1. We build the church with transformed precious materials, not with natural things—1 Cor. 3:9-15.
 - 2. The believers, who have been regenerated in Christ with God's life, are God's cultivated land, a farm in God's new creation to grow Christ so that precious materials may be produced for God's building—v. 9.
 - 3. The materials for God's building are gold, silver, and precious stones—v. 12:
 - a. Gold signifies God the Father as the base of the building—Gen. 2:11-12; Rev. 21:18b, 21b.
 - b. Silver signifies Christ in His redeeming and life-releasing death and His life-dispensing resurrection—cf. Gen. 2:12; Rev. 21:21a.
 - c. Precious stones signify the Spirit in His transforming and building work—Gen. 2:12; Rev. 21:19-20.
 - d. Wood, in contrast to gold, signifies the nature of the natural man; grass, in contrast to silver, signifies the fallen man, the man of the flesh (1 Pet. 1:24); and stubble, in contrast to precious stones, signifies the work and living that issue from an earthen source; all these are not worthy to be used as materials for the divine building (1 Cor. 3:12b).