

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2022**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
LIVING IN THE REALITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST
BY LEARNING CHRIST AS THE REALITY IS IN JESUS**

Message One

**Learning Christ as the Reality Is in Jesus by the Spirit of Reality
to Live the Life of a God-man for the Fulfillment of God's Eternal Economy**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:20-24; John 16:13; 6:57

- I. The desire of God's heart is that the reality in Jesus, the God-man living of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels, would be duplicated in the many members of Christ's Body by the Spirit of reality to become the reality of the Body of Christ, the highest peak in God's economy—Eph. 4:20-24:**
- A. *The reality is in Jesus* refers to the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels; Jesus lived a life in which He did everything in God, with God, and for God; God was in His living, and He was one with God; this is what is meant by *the reality is in Jesus*—vv. 20-21:
1. The Lord Jesus did not do anything out of Himself (John 5:19), He did not do His own work (4:34; 17:4), He did not speak His own word (14:10, 24), He did everything not by His own will (5:30), and He did not seek His own glory (7:18); He was never disappointed because He was satisfied only with God (Isa. 42:4; 50:4-5; 53:2a; cf. John 4:13-14; 6:15; Mark 9:7-8).
 2. The Lord Jesus was a man of prayer, being one with God, living in the presence of God without ceasing, trusting in God and not in Himself under any kind of suffering and persecution, and being One in whom Satan, the ruler of the world, had nothing (no ground, no hope, no chance, no possibility in anything)—John 10:30; 8:29; 14:30b; 16:32-33; 1 Pet. 2:23:
 - a. He was a man in the flesh praying to the mysterious God in the divine and mystical realm; He often went to the mountain or withdrew to a private place to pray—Matt. 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:28.
 - b. He was never alone, for the Father was with Him; every moment He saw His Father's face—John 5:19; 16:32; Psa. 16:7-8.
- B. The Lord Jesus came to serve us with Himself as life; He served us in the past, serves us in the present, and will serve us in the future—Mark 10:45; Luke 22:26-27; Mark 6:45-51; John 10:10; 6:48; 8:12; 13:4-8; 18:7-9; Luke 12:37.
- C. The only life that is a delight to God is the life that is a repetition of the life Christ lived on earth; we are being perfected by the Lord to be God-men, living the divine life by denying our natural life according to the model of Christ as the first God-man—Matt. 11:29a; 17:5b; 1 Pet. 2:21.
- D. When we abide in the love that is God Himself, love has been “perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the day of the judgment because even as He is, so also are we in this world”—Christ lived in this world a life of God as love, and He is now our life that we may live the same life of love in this world and be the same as He is—1 John 4:16-17.

- E. The living of the Body of Christ as the new man should be exactly the same as the living of Jesus; the way Jesus lived on earth is the way the Body of Christ as the new man should live today—Eph. 1:22-23; 2:10, 15; 4:20-24.
- F. The four Gospels show the pattern of the life that God desires, the mold of the life that can satisfy God and fulfill His purpose; to learn Christ is to be molded into the pattern of Christ, to be conformed to the image of Christ—Rom. 8:28-29; Eph. 4:21:
 1. In His life on earth He set up a pattern, as revealed in the four Gospels; then He was crucified and resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit so that He might enter into us to be our life; we learn from Him, according to His example, not by our natural life but by Him as our life in resurrection—1 Cor. 15:45b; Col. 3:4.
 2. As we love the Lord, contact Him, and pray to Him, we automatically live Him according to the mold, the form, the pattern, described in the Gospels; in this way we are shaped, conformed, to the image of this mold—this is what it means to learn Christ—Matt. 11:29; Rom. 8:29.
 3. Our Christian life is a life in Christ and also a life of Christ in us; we are in Christ as the mold, and He is in us as our life; in this way we learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus; this reality is the reality of the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2a; Col. 1:27; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:10.
- G. The reality of the Body of Christ is the corporate living of the perfected God-men, who live the divine life of their new man by denying the natural life of their old man according to the model of Christ as the first God-man; these perfected God-men live a meal-offering church life, a Spirit-filled, resurrection-saturated, cross-purifying human living as a duplication of Christ's human living—Mark 8:34; Rom. 6:4-6; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:16-17a; 1 Pet. 2:21; Lev. 2:1-2, 4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 24; 10:17.
- H. These perfected God-men are genuine men, who do not live by their life but by the fully dignified life of the processed God, whose attributes are expressed through their virtues; corporately, they are Jesus living again on the earth in His divinely enriched humanity—Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10; 4:5-9, 11-13.

II. The reality of the Body of Christ is the Spirit of reality, who is the Spirit of Jesus, mingled with our spirit; the Spirit of Jesus includes the reality in Jesus, the God-man living of Jesus—John 16:13; 14:17; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17:

- A. This Spirit of reality makes everything of the processed Triune God a reality in the Body of Christ; the Spirit of reality in us guides us into the reality of the life of the Body of Christ, the reality of living a God-man life by the divine life—John 16:13-15; Phil. 1:19; cf. Exo. 30:22-25.
- B. The All-sufficient God (Gen. 17:1; Phil. 1:19), as the Spirit of reality dwelling in our spirit to be joined as one mingled spirit (Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17), is the secret to all that the processed Triune God is to the Body of Christ; in order to live in the reality of the Body of Christ, we must know, we must use, and we must exercise our spirit (Eph. 1:17; 2:22; 3:5, 16; 4:23; 5:18; 6:18).
- C. The Spirit of reality is the totality of all the attributes of the processed Triune God; the Spirit of reality is the effectiveness of all the processes of the processed Triune God—Phil. 1:19-21a; 4:12; cf. Gen. 17:1.
- D. The Spirit of reality dwelling in our regenerated spirit is joined as one spirit with our spirit; we should have our whole being turned to and set on this joined spirit, living and walking according to this joined spirit—Rom. 8:4, 6, 9-11, 16; 1 Cor. 6:17:
 1. When we thus live in this joined spirit, we live out the reality of the Body of Christ to become the corporate expression of Christ—Eph. 1:22b-23.

2. We must live and speak in the reality of the Body of Christ, that is, in the Spirit; when we are in the Spirit, we are in the oneness, because the oneness is the Spirit—Gal. 5:25; Rom. 8:4; 2 Cor. 3:6, 8; Eph. 4:3-4.

E. When we live in the mingled spirit, we are learning Christ according to the reality in Jesus by the Spirit of reality; we learn from Him as our model so that His biography becomes our history; the living of the Body of Christ as the new man should be exactly the same as the living of Jesus revealed in the Gospels—Gal. 6:17-18; Rom. 1:1, 9; Eph. 4:20-24; Phil. 2:5; Matt. 11:29; 1 Pet. 2:21.

III. John 6:57 reveals how the reality that is in Jesus, the God-man living of Jesus, can become the reality of the Body of Christ, the corporate God-man living of the new man as the duplication of the God-man living of Jesus:

A. John 6:57a says, “As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father”; this is the reality that is in Jesus, the God-man living of Jesus:

1. The Lord Jesus lived *because of* the Father, enjoying the Father continually as the “heavenly butter,” typifying the richest grace, and as the “heavenly honey,” typifying the sweetest love, to be the supplying factor of His living the Father and the empowering factor of His obeying the Father to choose the Father’s perfect will—Isa. 7:14-15 (see ASV, 1901; Darby’s New Translation; KJV); Exo. 3:8; John 1:14-17; 5:19-20; 8:29; 16:32; 17:26; Luke 2:12; Phil. 2:8.

2. The power of His obedience to the Father was His being a man of prayer to enjoy the Father as His richest grace and sweetest love for Him to be absolutely submissive to the Father for the carrying out of the Father’s perfect will—Matt. 11:25-30; 14:22-23; Mark 1:35; 10:45; 14:36.

B. John 6:57b says, “So he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me”; this is the reality of the Body of Christ, the corporate God-man living of the many members of the Body of Christ, who are learning Christ, living because of Christ, as the reality is in Jesus:

1. We do not live *by* Christ, taking Christ as our instrument; we live *because of* Christ, taking Christ as the supplying factor of our living; to live because of Christ as our food, we must eat Him so that He can be the supplying and energizing factor to live in us and through us for the building up of His Body as the perfect will of God—v. 63; Jer. 15:16; Rom. 8:2; 12:1-2.

2. We can become His duplication by contacting Him as the compassionate One day by day to be renewed every morning, saying, “Lord Jesus, I love You”; then we can talk to Him and eat Him by eating His words to enjoy Him, live Him, and be what He is.

C. The purpose of God in sending the Lord Jesus to be a man was for Him to live a God-man life by the divine life; when we eat Him, we live because of Him to become a universal great man who is exactly the same as He is—a man living a God-man life by the divine life—Lam. 3:22-24, 55-56; Rev. 2:4, 7; John 6:57, 63; Jer. 15:16; Eph. 6:17-18; Psa. 119:15.

IV. This corporate God-man living will make us a corporate model, the reality of the Body; such a model will be the greatest revival in the history of the church to bring the Lord back—Matt. 16:18; Rev. 19:7-8.