

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2025**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—
PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

Message Thirteen

The Focus of God's Economy

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:10; 3:9; Col. 1:15, 19, 27;
Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3; 1 Tim. 1:4b

I. The divine economy is that God became man so that man may become God in life and nature but not in the Godhead to produce the organism of the Triune God, the Body of Christ, which consummates in the New Jerusalem—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3, 6, 10-11, 16; 12:4-5; Rev. 21:2, 10-11:

- A. The divine economy is the issue of God's will, purpose, good pleasure, and counsel—Eph. 1:5, 9-11; 3:9-11:
 - 1. God's will is God's wish, God's desire; God's will is what He wishes to do and wants to do—Rev. 4:11; Eph. 1:5.
 - 2. God's purpose is God's intent set beforehand; God's eternal purpose is His eternal plan made in eternity past—v. 9; 3:11.
 - 3. God's good pleasure is what makes God happy; it is what God likes and what pleases Him—1:5, 9; Phil. 2:13.
 - 4. God's counsel is God's resolution consummated in the council of the Divine Trinity—Eph. 1:9; Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:20.
 - 5. After God's will, purpose, good pleasure, and counsel, there is God's economy—God's household administration, God's plan and arrangement—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; 3:9.
- B. The divine economy is that God became flesh, passed through human living, died, resurrected, and became the life-giving Spirit to enter into us as life and to dispense God into us so that we may be transformed for the producing of the church, which is the Body of Christ—John 1:14, 29; Acts 2:24; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; 15:45b; 1 Tim. 3:15; Rev. 5:10; 21:2.

II. The accomplishment of the divine economy is by the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:3-23; 3:14-21:

- A. The divine economy is God's plan and arrangement of His desire and purpose; the divine dispensing is God's dispensing and distributing according to this plan and arrangement—1:5, 9-11; 3:14-17a.
- B. Everything that is mentioned in the New Testament concerning God is related to the divine dispensing for the divine economy—Rom. 8:3, 11; Eph. 1:3-23:
 - 1. The revelation concerning the Triune God in the holy Word is not for doctrinal understanding but for the dispensing of God in His Divine Trinity into His chosen and redeemed people for their experience and enjoyment—2 Cor. 13:14.

2. The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—has been processed to become the life-giving Spirit so that we can drink of Him and that He can become our enjoyment; this is the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—John 7:37-39.
3. The Divine Trinity is for the divine dispensing, that is, for the distribution of God into the believers in Christ; the Father as the origin is the fountain, the Son as the expression is the spring, and the Spirit as the transmission is the flow—4:14.

III. The all-inclusive Christ is the focus of God's economy—Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 3:15-16:

- A. The economy of God is a matter in faith, that is initiated and developed in the sphere and element of the faith—1:4b.
- B. God's economy has many aspects:
 1. An economy is an arrangement for getting things done.
 2. God's economy is God's household management, God's household administrative arrangement—Eph. 1:10; 3:9.
 3. God's economy is God's planned administration to carry out His eternal purpose—John 14:23.
 4. God's economy is God's distribution of Himself in Christ in faith—Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 1:4b.
 5. God's economy is God's plan to dispense Himself into His chosen, predestinated, and redeemed people as their life, their life supply, and their everything—Eph. 4:6; Rom. 8:11.
 6. God's economy is God's household administration to dispense the divine riches of the Triune God as life and the life supply to His chosen and redeemed people—2 Cor. 13:14.
 7. God's economy is not a matter of outward things but of Christ coming into us as food—John 6:31-35, 63; 7:37; 1 Cor. 5:8.
 8. God's economy is that we eat Christ and become constituted with Christ—John 6:57; 1 Cor. 10:3-4; 1 Pet. 2:2.
 9. The economy of God is the Triune God working Himself into us, the tripartite men; He desires to be our life, content, and complete supply so that we would become God's expression and representation—1 John 3:2; Phil. 3:21.
 10. God's economy is to work Himself as the Triune God into us so that we would have His life and nature to become the sons of God and the members of Christ to be constituted the Body of Christ, which is the church, the expression of Christ—Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 3:15-16.
 11. God's economy is God's plan and arrangement out of His desire and purpose, God's economy in relation to His good pleasure, will, counsel, and purpose—2:4; Rev. 4:11.
 12. God's eternal economy is to make man the same as He is in life and nature but not in the Godhead and to make Himself one with man and man one with Him, thus, to be enlarged and expanded in His expression, that all His divine attributes may be expressed in human virtues—Eph. 4:18; John 3:16; Col. 1:19.