

## **THE VISION NEEDED FOR THE REALITY AND PRACTICALITY OF THE UNIVERSAL ONE NEW MAN**

First Morning Session—Message One

### **The Vision of the One New Man**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:9, 11; 3:9; Rom. 8:29; 2 Tim. 1:9; Gen. 1:26; Eph. 2:15-16; 4:22-24

- I. In the last days of this age, before the Lord will be able to return, we must see the vision of the one Body and the one new man—1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:4; 2:15; 4:24.**
- II. The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose—1:9, 11; 3:9; Rom. 8:29; 2 Tim. 1:9; Eph. 2:15-16; 4:22-24:**
  - A. The emphasis on the church being the Body of Christ is on life, whereas the emphasis on the church being the one new man is on the person.
  - B. As the Body of Christ, the church needs Christ as its life; as the one new man, the church needs Christ as its person.
- III. God's intention in His creation of man was to have a corporate man to express Him and to represent Him—Gen. 1:26:**
  - A. God's creation of man in Genesis 1 is a picture of the new man in God's new creation; this means that the old creation is a figure, a type, of the new creation—Eph. 2:15; 4:24.
  - B. God created man in His own image and then gave man His dominion—Gen. 1:26:
    1. *Image* refers to God's positive intention—that man would bear God's image for His expression.
    2. *Dominion* refers to God's negative intention—that man would have God's dominion to represent Him to deal with His enemy.
  - C. Eventually, the church as the one new man is the corporate man in God's intention—Eph. 2:15; 4:24:
    1. The one new man fulfills the twofold purpose of expressing God and dealing with His enemy—Gen. 1:26.
    2. The new man in the new creation bears God's image for God's expression and fights against God's enemy for God's kingdom—Col. 3:10-11; Eph. 2:15; 4:24; 6:10-20.
- IV. The one new man was created through Christ's death on the cross—2:15-16:**
  - A. The new man was created by Christ with two kinds of materials—the redeemed created man and the divine element; on the cross Christ put these materials together to produce a new man.
  - B. In the creating of the new man, first our natural man was crucified by Christ, and then through the crossing out of the old man, Christ imparted the divine element into us, causing us to become a new entity—Rom. 6:6; 2 Cor. 5:17.
  - C. The one new man created through the creating death of Christ equals the Body formed in Christ's resurrection and ascension; hence, *the one new man*

and *the Body* are synonymous terms and may be used interchangeably—Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 2:19; 3:10-11.

**V. The Bible reveals that the one new man is a corporate, universal man—Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11:**

- A. We, the believers in Christ, are all one with Christ to be the new man; thus, we all are parts, components, of the corporate one new man.
- B. The one new man is a corporate God-man, the aggregate of all the God-men; when we put all the God-men together, we have the one new man.

**VI. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man—Eph. 2:15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11:**

- A. What was divided and scattered in the old man is recovered in the new man—Gen. 11:5-9; Acts 2:5-12; Col. 3:10-11:
  - 1. In the old man, man was divided and scattered; in the new man, man is gathered and made one.
  - 2. In the world the more different and individualistic a person is, the better; this is contrary to God's economy, which is to gather and to make one.
  - 3. To put off the old man is to put off the divided and scattered man; to put on the new man is to put on the gathered and one new man—Eph. 4:22, 24.
- B. What the Lord has been doing and is now doing in His recovery is bringing forth the one new man with Himself as the life and the person for God's expression—3:17-19; Col. 3:4, 10-11.
- C. The one new man will usher in the kingdom of God and will bring Christ, the King, back to this earth—Rev. 11:15.

**VII. Now is the time for God to accomplish His purpose to perfect the one new man, who will come into full existence on earth—Eph. 4:24:**

- A. The world situation has been raised up for the goal of the one new man:
  - 1. Everything that the Lord is doing in the present age is to usher in the practical existence of the one new man.
  - 2. Because of the advances in technology, there is now the possibility that the saints in every locality in their environmental circumstances will become the one new man in reality and in practicality.
- B. When the one new man is perfected, that will be the time for the Lord's coming, and the perfected new man will be the bride—Rev. 19:7.
- C. "Today everything is ripe, ready, and prepared for the new man to come forth. We all have to see where we are. We are at the end time, and this is the most golden time. This is the right time for the Lord's recovery. Our view must be broadened" (*The One New Man*, p. 27).
- D. "The Lord today is doing this work on the earth, and this is the goal of the Lord's recovery today. All those who love Him, pursue Him, and follow Him on the entire earth today must be renewed in the spirit of their mind to become the one new man, taking Him as their person and living by Him. This is what the Lord wants today" (*One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man*, p. 101).