

THE EXPERIENCE NEEDED FOR THE REALITY AND PRACTICALITY OF THE UNIVERSAL ONE NEW MAN

Second Morning Session—Message Two

One Person with One Mouth Speaking the Same Thing as the One New Man

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:15; Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Tim. 1:3-4

- I. **For the church as the one new man, we all need to take Christ as our person in the matter of speaking—Matt. 12:34-37; Eph. 3:17a; John 7:16-18; 8:28, 38a; 12:49-50; 14:10.**
- II. **The entire Bible has one mouth and speaks the same thing—Heb. 1:1-2a.**
- III. **We need to consider *one new man* in Ephesians 2:15 together with *one mouth* in Romans 15:6 and *speak the same thing* in 1 Corinthians 1:10:**
 - A. In today's Christianity there are many mouths, each speaking a different thing; this is the pitiful situation of every preacher wanting to speak his own thing and thinking it a shame to speak what others have spoken—Gen. 11:7, 9.
 - B. In the past there were too many mouths because there were too many persons.
 - C. In the one new man there is one mouth to speak the same thing—Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10.
 - D. There is only one new man, and the one new man has only one person, so the one new man speaks with one mouth and says the same thing.
 - E. *With one accord* and *with one mouth* (Rom. 15:6) means that even though we are many and all are speaking, we all *speak the same thing*—1 Cor. 1:10:
 1. The church is the one new man with only one person—Christ—and this person controls our speaking; thus, whatever He speaks is surely *the same thing*.
 2. When we are about to speak, we need to resolve a basic question: In this matter of speaking, am I the person or is Christ the person?
 3. If in our speaking we do not take ourselves as the person but allow Christ to be the person, then there will be one mouth, and everyone will speak the same thing.
 - F. In the one new man there is only one person, and only this person has the freedom to speak—Matt. 17:5:
 1. In the one new man there is no freedom for us to speak our own things.
 2. The Lord Jesus has the absolute freedom to speak, and our natural man has absolutely no freedom to speak.
 - G. Although we are many and come from many places, we all have one mouth and we all speak the same thing; this is because we all are the one new man having only one person—Eph. 2:15; 4:22-24; 3:17a; Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10.
- IV. **“We are here for the Lord's recovery. I am not doing my own work, and you are not doing your own work. We all are bearing one testimony; we all have our shoulders under the ‘staves’ of the ‘ark’” (*Elders' Training, Book 3, The Way to Carry Out the Vision, p. 127*):**

- A. “Since we are all bearing the one testimony, we all should speak the same thing (1 Cor. 1:10)” (p. 127).
- B. “It kills people to teach differently [1 Tim. 1:3-4]. To teach differently tears down God’s building and annuls God’s entire economy. We all must realize that even a small amount of teaching in a different way destroys the recovery” (p. 43).
- C. “There is only one ministry that ever builds up and that never destroys—this is God’s economy” (p. 44).
- D. “Whatever you teach should not be measured by whether it is wrong or right. It must be measured by whether it is divisive or not. Only one kind of ministry builds up and never divides—this is the unique ministry of God’s economy” (p. 46).
- E. “The only way that can preserve us in the recovery is the unique ministry. If we say that we are in the recovery, yet we teach something so lightly, even in a concealed way, that is different from God’s economy, we sow the seed that will grow up in division. Therefore, the only way that we can be preserved in the eternal oneness is to teach the same thing in God’s economy” (p. 48).
- F. “Human pride always likes to make the self different from others. You may speak one thing, but I would never speak what you speak because of my pride. I want to speak something different from what you speak, something new and something better. This is the self, and this is fleshly pride” (*The Divine Economy*, p. 126).
- G. In the one new man, we all will be reduced to taking Christ as our person and as our life; we will express the same thing, we will speak the same thing, and we will have one mind and one mouth, glorifying our God and Father—Rom. 15:6.