

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

Second Morning Session—Message Three

Being Renewed in the Spirit of Our Mind for the Practical Existence of the One New Man

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:22-24; 3:16-17a; 1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:10-11

I. According to Ephesians 4:23, which is vital and crucial to us, the key to putting off the old man and putting on the new man is in being renewed in the spirit of our mind:

- A. A regenerated spirit is a renewed spirit; this renewed spirit must be strengthened (3:16) to invade, subdue, and occupy every part of our soul.
- B. Christ as the life-giving Spirit is now in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17), and these two spirits mingle together to form the spirit of the mind:
 - 1. Our minds are being renewed through the realization that Christ as the life-giving Spirit is mingled with our regenerated human spirit.
 - 2. When the life-giving Spirit, who dwells in and is mingled with our regenerated spirit, spreads into our mind, this mingled spirit becomes the spirit of our mind; it is by this mingled spirit that our mind is renewed.
- C. To be renewed in the spirit of our mind is inward and intrinsic—Rom. 12:2:
 - 1. The renewing in the spirit of our mind revolutionizes our logic, philosophy, thought, concept, and psychology.
 - 2. Renewing is to have our mind changed in our religion, logic, and philosophy concerning the universe, mankind, God, etc., by the Spirit of truth with the revelations in the Scriptures, even to have Christ's mind replacing our mind through the consuming work of the cross—Titus 3:5; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23; Rom. 8:6; Phil. 2:5; 2 Cor. 4:16.
- D. The only possibility of God's purpose being fulfilled in this age is that we would all be willing to be renewed in the spirit of our mind.

II. The renewing Spirit is mingled with our regenerated spirit as one mingled spirit to spread into our mind in order to renew our entire being as a member of the new man by putting off the old man and putting on the new man—Eph. 4:22, 24:

- A. To put off the old man is to deny and renounce our old self—v. 22; Matt. 16:24.
- B. To put on the new man is to apply what Christ has accomplished in creating the new man—Eph. 2:15; 4:24.
- C. Whereas the cross is for the putting off of our old man, the Spirit is for the putting on of the new man:
 - 1. In order to put off the old man we must apply the cross to ourselves—Matt. 16:24.
 - 2. To put on the new man is to live and magnify Christ through the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—Phil. 1:19-21a.

III. The renewal of the mind is for the full existence and real practice of the one new man—Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11:

- A. Our mind needs to be renewed not only for our spiritual conduct or for our personal, ethical behavior but for the existence of the one new man.
- B. The focal point of our being renewed in the spirit of our mind is the one new man—Eph. 4:23-24.
- C. Throughout our life, our national and racial mentality has been built up, and for the existence of the one new man, this mentality must be renewed—Col. 3:10-11:
 - 1. Our natural and national mentality was educated and built up according to our racial and cultural background; this is the greatest hindrance to the existence of the new man.
 - 2. In order for the one new man to come into full existence, we must experience a thorough renewal of our mind, which has been built up according to our nationality and culture.
- D. The only way the one new man can be realized practically is by our minds being renewed—Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10-11:
 - 1. We need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind actually and daily in our living; otherwise, there is no way for the Lord to have the new man.
 - 2. The one new man cannot be realized by our being corrected or taught but by the Spirit of God permeating our mentality.
 - 3. In our prayer we need to have a desire to enter into the practicality of the one new man, and thus we need to ask the Lord to renew our mind and transform our inward being—Rom. 12:2.
 - 4. Daily we need to put off the old man and put on the new man; for this we need to drink of the one Spirit that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind in every area of our practical, daily life—Eph. 4:22-32.
 - 5. When we drink of the Spirit, He saturates every part of our being—1 Cor. 12:13:
 - a. As we drink of the Spirit, the first part of our soul that He saturates is our mind.
 - b. If we drink of the Spirit, we will be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and this renewing will make us all into one new man—Eph. 4:23-24.
 - 6. When our mind has been renewed, the one new man will come into existence in a practical way, and Christ will truly be all and in all—Col. 3:10-11.