

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2008**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Thirty-Nine

**Their Present—Experiencing
the Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity Corporately**

(1)

**By Entering into the Kingdom of God
as a Realm of Life, Light, and Love**

Scripture Reading: Matt. 6:33; John 3:3, 5; Mark 9:1-3; Col. 1:12-13

I. The kingdom of God is God Himself—Mark 1:15; Matt. 6:33; John 3:3:

- A. God's kingdom has God Himself as its content—1 Cor. 4:20; 15:28.
- B. God is life, having the nature, ability, and shape of the divine life, which forms the realm of God's ruling—Eph. 4:18; John 3:15; *Hymns*, #602.
- C. The life of God is the kingdom of God; thus, God's reigning over us is not an outward matter but a matter of the innate ability of the divine life—Rom. 8:2.

II. The kingdom of God is not only the reign of God but also the realm of the divine life—Matt. 6:13b; John 3:3, 5, 15-16:

- A. The kingdom of God is the realm of the divine life for this life to move, to work, to rule, and to govern so that life may accomplish its purpose—v. 3.
- B. The kingdom of God is God in Christ being the totality of life with all its activities—11:25; 10:10b; 14:6.
- C. The kingdom of God is a divine realm to be entered into, a realm which requires the divine life; hence, for us to see, or enter into, the kingdom of God requires regeneration—3:3, 5.
- D. We have been born into the kingdom of God, and now the divine life in our spirit knows the kingdom of God—vv. 5-6.
- E. The kingdom has its reality, and this reality is the living of the divine life—Matt. 5:3, 8, 20; 6:33; 7:21; Rom. 14:17.
- F. We should be diligent to pursue the growth and development of the divine life within us until we are richly and bountifully supplied the entrance into "the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"—2 Pet. 1:5-11.
- G. The kingdom of God is a realm not only of the divine dominion but also of the divine species, in which are all the divine things—John 3:3, 5:
 - 1. God became man to enter into the human species, and man becomes God in life and nature but not in the Godhead to enter into the divine species—Rom. 8:3; 1:3-4; John 1:12-14.
 - 2. To enter into the divine realm, the realm of the divine species, we need to be born of God to have the divine life and nature—vv. 12-13.

3. We were regenerated of God to be the species of God and enter into the kingdom of God—3:3, 5.

III. The kingdom of God is the shining of the Lord Jesus over us—Mark 9:1-3:

- A. The Lord's word in verse 1 about the coming of the kingdom of God in power was fulfilled by His transfiguration on the mountain—vv. 2-3:
 1. The transfiguration, the shining, of the Lord Jesus was His coming in His kingdom; where His transfiguration is, there is the coming of the kingdom—Matt. 16:28—17:3; Luke 9:27-31.
 2. The transfiguration of the Lord Jesus was the realization of who He is.
- B. The kingdom is the shining of the reality of the Lord Jesus; to be under His shining is to be in the kingdom—Rev. 22:4-5.
- C. When Christ is transfigured within us, that transfiguration becomes the kingdom of God ruling over everything in our life—Mark 9:1-3; Col. 1:27; 3:4.

IV. The Father delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love—1:12-13:

- A. The Son of God is the embodiment and expression of the divine life; hence, the kingdom of the Son is a realm of life—1 John 5:11-12; John 1:4.
- B. The kingdom into which we have been transferred is the kingdom of the Son of God's love; this realm of life is in love, not in fear—Col. 1:13.
- C. The kingdom in which we find ourselves today is a realm full of life, light, and love—1 Pet. 2:9.
- D. The Son of the Father is the expression of the Father as the source of life—John 1:18, 4; 1 John 1:2:
 1. The Son of the Father's love is the object of the Father's love to be the embodiment of life to us in the divine love with the authority in resurrection—Matt. 3:17.
 2. The Son, as the embodiment of the divine life, is the object of the Father's love—17:5:
 - a. The divine life embodied in the Son is given to us in the divine love—1 John 5:11-12; John 3:16.
 - b. The object of the divine love becomes to us the embodiment of life in the divine love with the authority in resurrection; this is the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love.
- E. To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love is to be transferred into the Son, who is life to us—1 John 5:11-12:
 1. The Son in resurrection is now the life-giving Spirit, and He rules us in His resurrection life with love—1 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 6:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 2. When we live by the Son as our life in resurrection, we are living in His kingdom, enjoying Him in the Father's love; here we have the church life—Col. 3:4; John 6:57.
 3. Because the Father delights in His Son, the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love is a pleasant thing, a matter of delight—Matt. 3:17; 17:5.
 4. The church life today is the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love, which is as delightful to God the Father as the Son of God is—Col. 1:13; 4:15-16.