

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

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Forty-Five

**Their Present—Experiencing the Dispensing of the Divine Trinity
in Serving and Worshipping God and in Working and Laboring for the Lord**

Scripture Reading: John 4:23-24; Rom. 1:9; 1 Cor. 3:12; 15:10, 58; 16:10; 2 Cor. 1:8-9; 4:7

- I. For all the requirements related to the believers, which are revealed in the New Testament, we need to receive the divine supply through the dispensing of the processed Triune God—Heb. 4:16; Rom. 5:17, 21; Num. 6:1-8, 22-27; 2 Cor. 13:14.**
- II. We experience the dispensing of the Divine Trinity in serving and worshipping God—Matt. 4:9-10:**
 - A. In the New Testament, serving God is actually the same as worshipping God—vv. 9-10; S. S. 1:2; cf. Psa. 2:11-12:
 1. To worship God is to contact God in spirit with Christ as the reality of the offerings and to drink of God—Jer. 2:13; John 4:10, 23-24; 1 Cor. 12:13.
 2. To worship God is to enjoy God by feasting on God—Deut. 12:5-7; 1 Cor. 5:8.
 3. To worship God is to love God in fellowship with God—Mark 12:30; 1 John 1:3.
 4. To worship God is to honor God by walking by the Spirit and to cheer God by enjoying Christ as our cheering love and invigorating life—Judg. 9:9, 13; Psa. 104:15; Gal. 5:25; Matt. 9:17; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; S. S. 1:2; cf. 4:10.
 - B. We have “turned to God from the idols to serve a living and true God”—1 Thes. 1:9; Acts 26:18:
 1. God must be living to us and in us in every aspect of our daily life; He controls us, directs us, corrects us, adjusts us, and deals with us, even in such small things as our thoughts and motives—Psa. 139:23-24; Matt. 5:8; 2 Thes. 3:5.
 2. As believers in Christ, we must live a life that bears the testimony that the God whom we worship and serve is living in the details of our life; the reason we do not do or say certain things should be that God is living in us—Rom. 8:6; cf. Gen. 2:9.
 - C. When we come to serve God, or worship God, we need a blood-purified conscience; our defiled conscience needs to be purified so that we may serve God in a living way—Heb. 9:14; 10:22; 1 John 1:7, 9; Acts 24:16; cf. 1 Tim. 4:7.
 - D. To serve and worship God are to walk in newness of life and to serve in newness of spirit—Rom. 6:4; 7:6; cf. Ezek. 36:26-27.
 - E. We serve and worship God in our spirit in the gospel of God’s Son—Rom. 1:9:
 1. To serve God in the gospel is to serve Him in the all-inclusive Christ, because the gospel is simply Christ Himself—Acts 5:42; Rom. 1:1-4; 8:29; 15:16.
 2. In order to preach the gospel of God’s Son, we must be in our regenerated spirit (1:9); whatever we are (2:29; 8:5-6, 9), whatever we have (vv. 10, 16), and whatever we do toward God (1:9; 7:6; 8:4, 13; 12:11) must be in our spirit.
 3. Paul served God in his regenerated spirit by the indwelling Christ, the life-giving Spirit, not in his soul by the power and ability of the soul.
 - F. “We are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh”—Phil. 3:3; cf. Rom. 2:28-29:

1. The flesh refers to all that we are and have in our natural being; as believers in Christ, we should not trust in anything that we have by our natural birth, for everything of our natural birth is part of the flesh, our fallen nature—Phil. 3:4-6.
2. We need the Lord's light to shine on us concerning our nature, our deeds, and our confidence in the flesh; we need to be enlightened by the Lord to see that we still live too much by the flesh and that we boast in our deeds and qualifications.
3. We need the Lord's light to shine on us so that we have no trust in our natural qualities, qualifications, ability, or intelligence; only then shall we be able to testify that our confidence is wholly in the Lord; after we are enlightened in this way, we shall truly serve and worship God in our spirit and by the Spirit—vv. 7-8.

III. We experience the dispensing of the Divine Trinity in working and laboring for the Lord—1 Cor. 3:12; 15:10, 58; 16:10:

- A. Our work and labor for the Lord are not by our natural life and natural ability but by the pneumatic Christ as our resurrection life and power—Num. 17:8; 1 Cor. 15:10, 58:
 1. When we do not live by our natural life, but live by the divine life within us, we are in resurrection; the issue of this is the Body of Christ—Phil. 3:10-11.
 2. The golden lampstand, typifying the church as the Body of Christ, portrays Christ as the resurrection life, growing, branching, budding, and blossoming to shine out the light—Exo. 25:31-40; Num. 17:8; Rev. 1:11-12; Matt. 5:14; Isa. 60:1, 5.
 3. All those who know resurrection have given up hope in themselves; they know that they cannot make it; everything that is of death belongs to us, and everything that is of life belongs to the Lord—2 Cor. 1:8-9; cf. Eccl. 9:4.
 4. We must acknowledge that we are nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing; we must come to the end of ourselves to be convinced of our utter uselessness—Exo. 2:14-15; 3:14-15; Luke 22:32-33; 1 Pet. 5:5-6.
 5. The life-giving Spirit is the reality of resurrection; the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit lives in us, enabling us to do what we could never do in ourselves—1 Cor. 15:10, 45b; 2 Cor. 4:7-18.
- B. Our work and labor for the Lord are to minister Christ as life to the saints with the nourishing words of the new testament faith—1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6; Psa. 45:1-2:
 1. We must first be nourished with Christ; then we shall have Christ as the life supply to minister to others—1 Tim. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; 1 Thes. 2:7-8.
 2. Our ministering of Christ to others should be in all purity and in all wisdom—1 Tim. 5:1-2; 2 Chron. 1:10; Col. 1:28-29; 2:2.
- C. We must shepherd the saints as the flock of God according to God, that is, according to God's nature, desire, way, and glory—Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-6; cf. Mal. 3:14.
- D. We build up the church with the experiences of the processed Triune God as gold, silver, and precious stones—1 Cor. 14:4b, 12; 3:12; cf. S. S. 1:10-11.
- E. The believers work and labor for the Lord with prayer and fasting—Matt. 17:21; Acts 1:14; 6:4; 13:2:
 1. The real meaning of fasting is to stop eating all things other than the Lord Jesus and to not have a taste for anything other than Him—Matt. 5:6; Luke 1:53.
 2. Our prayer to God should be toward Christ, the kingdom of God, and the house of God as the goal in God's eternal economy—1 Kings 8:48; Dan. 6:10.
- F. The believers who work and labor for the Lord will be rewarded by the returning Lord in the day of the resurrection of the righteous—1 Cor. 3:14; Matt. 24:45-47; 25:21-23; Luke 14:14.