

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

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Fifty

**Their Present—Experiencing the Dispensing of the Divine Trinity
in Becoming, as the Bride, One with the Spirit**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2, 9-11; 22:17

- I. The marriage of the Lamb is the issue of the completion of God's New Testament economy, which is to obtain for Christ a bride, the church, through His judicial redemption and by His organic salvation in His divine life—Gen. 2:22; Rom. 5:10; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2, 9-10:**
- A. The Lord's recovery is for the preparation of the bride of Christ, who is composed of all His overcomers—19:7-9; cf. Gen. 2:22; Matt. 16:18:
 - 1. All the overcomers will be the New Jerusalem as the bride of Christ for one thousand years in its initial and fresh stage—Rev. 19:7.
 - 2. Eventually, all of the believers will join the overcomers to consummate and complete the New Jerusalem in full as the wife of Christ in the new heaven and new earth for eternity—21:2, 9-11.
 - B. The readiness of the corporate bride depends on the maturity in life of the overcomers—19:7; Heb. 6:1; Phil. 3:12-15; Eph. 4:13:
 - 1. In the New Testament the word *mature* is used to refer to the believers' being full-grown, mature, and perfected in the life of God, indicating that we need to grow and mature unto perfection in the divine life—Matt. 5:48.
 - 2. We need to continue to grow until we are matured in the divine life to become a full-grown man, arriving at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ—Eph. 4:13.
 - C. The overcomers are not separate individuals but a corporate bride; for this aspect of the bride, building is needed—Rev. 19:7; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:15-16:
 - 1. The overcomers are not only mature in life but also are built together as one bride—Matt. 16:18.
 - 2. The central and divine thought of the Scriptures is that God is seeking a building as the mingling of Himself with humanity—Gen. 2:22-23; Rev. 21:2, 9-11.
 - 3. To be built up with fellow believers is the Lord's supreme and highest requirement of His faithful seekers—Eph. 4:15-16.
 - D. Revelation 19:8 speaks of the righteousness of the bride:
 - 1. Christ is the righteousness by which we have been justified by God so that we may be reborn in our spirit to receive the divine life—1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 8:10:

- a. As our objective righteousness, Christ is the One in whom we are justified by God—3:24, 28; 4:25; 5:1, 9, 16, 18.
- b. As our subjective righteousness, Christ is the One dwelling in us to live for us a life that can be justified by God and that is always acceptable to God—Matt. 5:6, 20.
- 2. Christ lived out of the saints as their subjective righteousness becomes their wedding garment—22:11-13; Rev. 19:8.
- E. Ephesians 5:27 reveals the beauty of the bride, saying that Christ will “present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish”:
 - 1. As the bride, the church needs beauty; the beauty in Ephesians 5:27 is for the presentation of the bride.
 - 2. The beauty of the bride comes from the Christ who is wrought into the church and who is then expressed through the church—3:17a; S. S. 4:10-15.
- F. The bride will be a warrior; Christ will come as a fighting General with His bridal army to fight against Antichrist at Armageddon—Rev. 19:11-21.

II. The issue of the experience and enjoyment of the processed and consummated Triune God is that the believers become, as the bride, one with the Spirit—22:17:

- A. The consummation of the divine dispensing of the processed and consummated Triune God will be a universal marriage; the Spirit, as the consummation of the dispensed Triune God, becomes one with the bride, the aggregate of all the regenerated and transformed tripartite believers—19:7-9; 21:2, 9; 22:17.
- B. In Revelation 22:17 we have the formation of a universal couple:
 - 1. This couple is the mingling of the processed and dispensed Triune God with the regenerated and transformed tripartite man.
 - 2. This couple is the ultimate consummation of the divine romance revealed in the Bible—Isa. 54:5; Jer. 3:14; 31:32; Hosea 2:19.
 - 3. For eternity this universal couple will be the full manifestation of the Triune God expressed in all His glory—Rev. 21:9-11.
- C. The Spirit and the bride express the desire for the Lord’s coming—22:7, 12, 17.
- D. The Spirit and the bride call the thirsty ones to come and drink of the water of life—the processed and dispensing Triune God—v. 17:
 - 1. Anyone who would answer this call and come to drink the water of life will participate in the central goal of God’s economy, that is, to share in the dispensing of the processed and consummated Triune God and to be a part of the bride of the Lamb for the satisfaction and expression of the processed and dispensing Triune God.
 - 2. This is to fulfill the eternal purpose of the divine economy of the Triune God, according to His heart’s desire for His good pleasure in eternity to come—Eph. 1:9-11; 3:9-11.
- E. As a result of the experience and enjoyment of the dispensing of the processed and consummated Triune God, the believers look to and wait for the Lord Jesus’ coming back to usher them into their future—an eternal married life with the Triune God—Rev. 21:2, 9-11; 22:20.