

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Spring Term of 2009**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE INTRINSIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHURCH  
AS THE TEMPLE OF GOD—THE GOAL OF GOD'S ETERNAL ECONOMY**

Message Seven

**The Way Christ, the Son of David  
and the Greater Solomon,  
Builds the Church as the Temple of God**

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**By the Mingling of Divinity with Humanity**

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 1:1; 12:23, 42; 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 3:16-17a

- I. Christ, the Son of David and the greater Solomon, builds the temple of God by the mingling of divinity with humanity—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 1:1; 12:23, 42; 16:18; John 2:19-21; 14:2-3, 20, 23:**
- A. The true meaning of building is that God is building Himself into man and building man into Himself; this is the mingling of God and man—Eph. 2:21-22; 3:16-17a.
  - B. God's unique purpose is to mingle Himself with us so that He becomes our life, our nature, and our content, and we become His corporate expression—John 14:20; 15:4-5; Eph. 3:16-21; 4:4-6, 16.
  - C. The mingling of God and man is an intrinsic union of the elements of divinity and humanity to form one organic entity, yet the elements remain distinct in the union.
  - D. The Lord Jesus Christ is the mingling of God and man—Luke 1:31-35.
  - E. The Christian life is the mingling of divinity and humanity; to be a Christian means to be mingled with God, to be a God-man—1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Tim. 3:17.
  - F. The Body of Christ is the enlargement of Christ, the enlargement of the One who is the mingling of God and man—Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4-6, 16:
    - 1. In the Gospels the mingling of God and man produced the Head—1:22-23.
    - 2. In Acts the enlargement of the mingling of God and man produced the Body of Christ—4:15-16.
    - 3. The Body of Christ is absolutely a matter in the mingled spirit; thus, to be in the reality of the Body of Christ is to be in the mingled spirit and to live in the mingled spirit—Rom. 8:4-6; 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:17; 12:12-13, 27.
    - 4. The church as the Body of Christ is a group of people who allow God to be mingled with them and who are mingled with God—Eph. 3:16-21; 4:16.
  - G. The New Jerusalem will be the ultimate consummation of the mingling of God and man—Rev. 21:2.

- II. God in Christ is within us to build Himself into our being and to build us into His being; this building is the mingling of divinity with humanity—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 16:18; John 14:23; Eph. 3:17a:**
- A. God builds His divinity into our humanity and builds our humanity into His divinity in order to mingle and blend His divinity with our humanity into one entity—2:21-22; 3:16-17a.
  - B. The Christ who is built, constituted, into us is both God’s house and our house; this house is a mutual abode, where God and we, we and God, are mingled together as one entity—John 14:2, 23; 15:4a.
- III. The Father’s house is for the processed and consummated Triune God to have a mutual abode with the redeemed and regenerated believers in Christ—14:2-3, 20, 23:**
- A. The preparation of the dwelling place in John 14 is God becoming man and man becoming God so that God and man, man and God, can be joined and mingled together to become a mutual dwelling place.
  - B. God is dispensing Himself into His redeemed people and mingling Himself with them in order to produce a mutual abode.
- IV. Eventually, the Triune God and redeemed humanity will be mingled, blended, and built up as one entity—the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:2, 10:**
- A. The New Jerusalem is built by God’s constituting of Himself into man to make man the same as God in life, in nature, and in constitution so that God and man may become a corporate entity—vv. 18-21.
  - B. The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity blended and mingled together as one entity—vv. 3, 22:
    - 1. All the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person.
    - 2. God and man, man and God, are built up together and blended and mingled together; this is the consummation of God’s building.
  - C. In the New Jerusalem the One who is God yet man dwells in the one who is man yet God, and the one who is man yet God dwells in the One who is God yet man—vv. 3, 22.
- V. The mutual abode produced by the constitution of the divine element into the human element and of the human element into the divine element is the center and reality of the universe—vv. 1-2:**
- A. This wonderful building of divinity into humanity and of humanity into divinity is the center and reality of the entire universe—Eph. 1:10, 22-23.
  - B. “The processed and consummated Triune God, according to the good pleasure of His desire and for the highest intention in His economy, is building Himself into His chosen people and His chosen people into Himself, that He may have a constitution in Christ as a mingling of divinity and humanity to be His organism and the Body of Christ, as His eternal expression and the mutual abode for the redeeming God and the redeemed man. The ultimate consummation of this miraculous structure of treasure will be the New Jerusalem for eternity”—inscription on Witness Lee’s tomb.