

Crystallization-Study – Ephesians

The Dispensing of Christ for the Gradual Building Up of His Body and the Transmitting of Christ for the Sudden Raising Up of God's Churches

- The book of Ephesians speaks to us from **God's heart's desire**. We need to be saved **out of our condition** into God's eternal purpose to see the vision of God's heart's desire and His eternal purpose.
- Ephesians reveals to us in an intrinsic way **the church as the Body of Christ**.

I. The dispensing of Christ to dispense all the riches of the embodied Divine Trinity into His believers is for the gradual building up of the Body of Christ

- Christ builds up **His Body** **gradually, slowly, finely, day by day**, and **moment by moment in us**.
 - The **dispensing** of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit is for the **gradual** building up of **His Body**.
 - The **transmitting** of Christ is for the **sudden** raising up of **God's churches**.
- The **church** as the Body of Christ is the **issue** of **God the Father's dispensing**, speaking forth **God's eternal purpose**:
 - We were **chosen** by God the Father to **be holy**.
 - The **only way** we can be holy is by the **Father dispensing Himself** in His holy nature **into our being**.
 - To be holy is to be **sanctified, separated** from **all** things as God is and **saturated** with God.
 - To be saturated with the Holy God and to become holy in His nature, we need to be **lovers of God** and **lovers of His word**.
 - We were **predestinated** by God the Father **unto sonship**.
 - This is to have **God the Father's life** being made **God's children**, the same as God in life by being **born of God** after God's kind through **regeneration**.
 - This is for our being "sonized" with God the Father's life in our **entire tripartite being**.
 - God the Father **chose** us to be holy **by predestinating** us unto sonship.
 - Christ sanctifies and saturates us with all that He is in His holy nature, sonizing us and leading us into glory.

- In order to be sanctified for sonship, we must care for the sanctifying Spirit speaking and working in our spirit.
- The **church** as the Body of Christ is the **issue** of **God the Son's dispensing**, speaking forth the **accomplishment** of God's eternal purpose.
 - We were redeemed by God in and unto Christ, who is the element of the Divine Trinity; Christ's being the element means that He is for dispensing to accomplish God's economy to head up all things in Christ.
 - This heading up takes place by Him, as the element of the entire Divine Trinity, dispensing Himself into us for the building up of His Body; when the Body is built up, Christ is the Head in actuality.
 - Through the dispensing of Christ as the element into our being, we become God's treasure.
- The **church** as the Body of Christ is the **issue** of **God the Spirit's dispensing**, speaking forth the **application** of God's accomplished purpose.
 - The Spirit's sealing **saturates us continuously** unto the redemption of our body.
 - The more we are sealed, the more we bear the image of God.
 - The Spirit's pledging **guarantees** that God is our inheritance.
 - The Spirit is the pledge, the foretaste, the sample, of what we will inherit of God in full.

II. The transmitting of Christ is for the sudden raising up of God's churches

- Whereas the **Body** is built up **gradually**, the **churches** are raised up **suddenly**.
- Paul prayed that we would have a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see the **fourfold surpassing greatness of God's power**—**resurrecting** power, **ascending** power, **subjecting** power, and **heading-up** power.
 - Christ **transcended** far above all the layers of trouble to **transmit** not only His **authority** but also His **transcending power to the church** that the church may be formed.
- The sudden raising up of God's churches over the whole earth is because of the transmission of the transcending Christ.
 - The **fine dispensing** in the Lord's dealings with us **constitutes** the **Body of Christ**, whereas His **transmitting brings forth** the Body of Christ.

- His transmission is like that of a **rushing violent wind** to set up the churches, which are the Body of Christ.
- Since the transcending Christ is the embodiment of the Triune God, His transcending transmission includes all the rich threefold dispensing of the Triune God.

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