

Crystallization-Study – Epistle of James

Its Lacks

The Genuine Christian Perfection Being Not Only for Living a Pious Life But Mainly for Fulfilling God's New Testament Economy

- Living a **pious life** has nothing to do with **God's economy**.
- The **genuine Christian perfection** is not for our interests. It is for **fulfilling God's New Testament economy**.
- James does not say anything about the fulfilling of God's New Testament economy to consummate the New Jerusalem.

James's Application on the Negative Side and the New Testament's Application on the Positive Side

- James's application is only on the **negative side** for the resisting of temptations and for the dealing with pleasures, the world, and the devil.
 - **Regeneration** is for the producing of many God-men to be constituted together as the church, the Body of Christ, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.
- The main purpose of the **Spirit's indwelling** is to enliven us, to germinate us, to sanctify us, to renew us, to transform us, and to dispense all that the Triune God is into our being to make us parts of God's enlargement.
- In the New Testament, whenever **God's economy** is mentioned, its application is always on the **positive side** for the heading up of all things in Christ, for the ministering of the unsearchable riches of Christ to God's chosen people for the producing of the church, and for the unique teaching of the New Testament.

James Not Saying a Word Concerning the Cross of Christ

- James does not say a word concerning the **cross of Christ**, but the New Testament teaching strongly emphasizes the cross of Christ.
- We can not have the **genuine Christian perfection** without the cross of Christ.
- The cross of Christ is the **greatest lack of James**. It is the life of being conformed to the death of Christ by the power of His resurrection that produces the Body life, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.

- **Self-cultivation does not carry out God's economy**, but self-denial does. We have to deny ourselves, realizing that whatever we are in the old creation has been crossed out, crucified.
- In the church today, people should see only jasper, God Himself. We have to teach Christ with ourselves crucified by the life-giving Spirit as the power of resurrection.

James Not Saying Anything About the Many Marvelous Aspects of Christ Stressed in the New Testament

- Instead of saying anything about the many marvelous aspects of Christ like the New Testament, **James uplifts and exalts the law**.

James Mentioning the Spirit of God Only Once as the Indwelling Spirit in Us

- In the whole book there is no indication of the Spirit of God as five marvelous items.
 - Life-giving Spirit
 - Compound Spirit
 - Spirit of Jesus Christ
 - Lord Spirit
 - Sevenfold intensified Spirit
- Today, many in Christianity are like James in principle. They teach the right things concerning God, yet they are devoid of the **higher vision** of God's high revelation.
- The Lord has shown us that God's incarnation indicates that God became one with man. God brought Himself into man and joined Himself with man, even mingled Himself with man that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.

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