

Crystallization-Study – Gospel of John

The All-Inclusive Christ—The Further Revelation of Christ Concerning His All-Inclusiveness in the Gospel of John

The Shepherd, the Door, the Pasture, and the Flock

- As the **I Am**, the Lord is the One who is able to **free us from sin**.
- The Lord **shepherds** us by **forgiving our sins**, **setting us free from sin**, and **opening our eyes to see**.
- The Lord Jesus revealed in **chapter 10** that He is the **Shepherd**, the **door**, and the **pasture**.
 - The **door** is for people to **go in** and **come out**.
 - When the people come out, He is the **pasture** to them.
 - In the Old Testament, Christ was the door to go in. In the New Testament, He is the door to come out.
- Christ has to be the Shepherd of the flock of God, which is His Body that consummates the New Jerusalem.
 - To be such a **Shepherd** He has to be the **door** for the release of so many sheep of God's flock in Judaism.
 - Now after setting them free from the Judaistic fold, He **feeds them** with Himself as the rich pasture of life.
 - This is for them to be **flocked together** with God's other sheep (the Gentile believers) to be His **one organic Body** to arrive at the ultimate goal of God's economy—the New Jerusalem.

The Resurrection and the Life

- **John 11** shows that shepherding must be with **resurrection life**.
 - If we are **natural**, we cannot feed others. We will be **dead** and that death will kill the meetings.
- Christ, as the embodiment of God, is the resurrection **all the time**, even before He was resurrected.
- Resurrection is mainly to **overcome death** and **all the things belonging to death**.
- Today everything Christ accomplishes is the exercise of Himself as the resurrection.

The Way, the Reality, and the Life

- In His shepherding care for us, **He is the way**. Without Him there is no way for us to shepherd others.
- He is not only the way but also **the reality**. The way without the reality is vanity.
- The way needs the reality, and the **reality needs the life**. It must be a living reality.
- We need to **experience Christ** as the way, the reality, and the life for us to **shepherd others**.
- The **way** is **Christ in resurrection** to be our reality and life.
- The **reality** is **all that God is**, which becomes the **person of Christ**.
- **Life** is **the divine element of the person of Christ**. If we have Christ, we possess the divine element, which is His divine constitution of all the attributes of what God is.

The Comforter, and the All-inclusive Consummated Spirit

- In His **first stage** (in the flesh) He was the **first Comforter** (Paraclete) to **take care of our cases and affairs**.
- In His **second stage** (as the life-giving Spirit) He is the **second Comforter** both **in us and in heaven before God the Father**.
- Christ is now the **all-inclusive consummated Spirit**.
 - This Spirit was **breathed** into the disciples for their **life**. The Lord imparted Himself into them as life and everything.
 - The consummated Spirit is the Holy Spirit of God **processed** through Christ's death and resurrection to become the life-giving Spirit.

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