

HWMR: AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING, (Week 7)

Scripture Reading: 5:10, 21; John 1:12-13; 1 Pet. 2:25; Rom. 6:19, 22; 2 Cor. 4:16; 3:18; Eph. 4:15-16; Rom. 8:28-29; Phil. 3:20-21

**The Two Aspects of God's Complete Salvation—
Judicial Redemption Plus Organic Salvation**

Romans 5:10	For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,
Romans 5:21	In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
John 1:12	But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
John 1:13	Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
1 Peter 2:25	For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
Romans 6:19	I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.
Romans 6:22	But now, having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end, eternal life.
2 Corinthians 4:16	Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
2 Corinthians 3:18	Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
Ephesians 4:15	But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,
Ephesians 4:16	Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
Romans 8:28	And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:29	Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
Philippians 3:20	For our commonwealth exists in the heavens, from which also we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
Philippians 3:21	Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

Day 1

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Ephesians 1:7 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Romans 3:24 - Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

I. God's complete salvation is of two aspects—the **judicial** aspect and the **organic** aspect—**Rom. 5:10, 21; John 1:12-13; 1 Pet. 2:25; Rom. 6:19, 22; 2 Cor. 4:16; 3:18; Eph. 4:15-16; Rom. 8:28-29; Phil. 3:20-21:**

- A. The judicial aspect of God's salvation was accomplished in the **physical realm of Christ's earthly ministry** objectively by Christ in His flesh—John 1:14; Col. 1:22:
1. It is according to the **righteousness of God**—Rom. 1:17a; 3:21-26; 9:30-31.
 2. It is through **God's fulfilling** of all the requirements of His righteous law on sinners by Christ's redemptive death on the cross—Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:12.
 3. Christ carried out His earthly ministry by accomplishing God's judicial redemption with the following objective results:
 - a. The **forgiveness** of the believers' sins—Luke 24:47; Eph. 1:7.
 - b. **Washing** away the believers' sins—Heb. 1:3.
 - c. **Justifying** the believers—Rom. 3:24-25.
 - d. **Reconciling** the believers, who were His enemies, to Himself—5:10a.
 - e. **Sanctifying** the believers in their position unto Himself as His holy people—1 Cor. 1:2; Heb. 13:12; 10:29.
- B. God's judicial redemption is the **procedure of God's complete salvation** for the believers to participate in God's organic salvation as the purpose of the complete salvation of God—Rom. 5:21.
- C. All the items of God's organic salvation are carried out not by Christ in the flesh in His earthly ministry judicially and objectively but by **Christ as the life-giving Spirit** in His heavenly ministry organically and subjectively—1 Cor. 15:45b.

II. The **organic aspect** of God's salvation is carried out in the **divine and mystical realm of Christ's heavenly ministry** subjectively by **Christ as the life-giving Spirit** in the following eight steps:

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1 Peter 1:23 - Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the living and abiding word of God.

John 1:12-13 - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- A. **Regeneration** is the **center** of God's complete salvation and the **commencement** of God's salvation in its organic aspect:
1. It is the **propagation of the divine life** by the imparting of God's life into the believers to regenerate and re-create the redeemed believers in their spirit by the Spirit of God—John 3:6b.
 2. It is through the **resurrection** of Christ that He may impart His life into the believers as the authority for them to be the children of God, begotten of God as His species—1 Pet. 1:3; John 1:12-13.

3. Through **regeneration** the believers have the eternal, divine life of God in addition to their natural, human life—3:15, 36.

The first item of the organic work of God is regeneration, which is to **bring the Triune God into man**. Regeneration means that Christ is received by man and enters into man. This Christ who enters into those who receive Him is the embodiment of the Father. Therefore, when He comes in, the Father also comes in. Not only so, the realization, the reality, of Christ is the Spirit. Therefore, when Christ comes in, not only both the Father and the Son come in, but the Spirit also comes in. The three—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—all come in and abide in the regenerated ones, become one spirit with the believers, and are joined with them as one. This is an exceedingly great matter in the universe. Therefore, D. L. Moody, the founder of the Moody Bible Institute and a great evangelist in America in the last century, said that regeneration is the greatest miracle in the universe. (*The Organic Aspect of God's Salvation, chapter 3*)

Regeneration is through the **resurrection** of Christ that He may **impart the divine life** into the lost sinners as the authority for them to be the children of God, begotten of God as His species. When Christ was resurrected, all His believers, chosen and given to Him by God, were included in Him. Hence, they were resurrected with Him and regenerated through Him that they may have the eternal life as the authority for them to be children of God as His species. Through regeneration we, who are human, have become God-men; we have become God's kind.

Such a regeneration, a **new birth**, is a **great washing, purging** the regenerated believer from the oldness of his old creation and reconditioning, remaking, remodeling, his old being in life. The Greek word for regeneration in Titus 3:5 is different from that for regenerated in 1 Peter 1:23. The only other place this word is used is in Matthew 19:28, where it is used for the restoration in the millennium. In Titus 3:5 it refers to a change from one state to another. Being born again is the commencing of this change. The washing of regeneration begins with our being born again and continues with the **renewing of the Holy Spirit** as the process of God's new creation, a process that makes us a new man. It is a kind of reconditioning, remaking, or remodeling, with life. (*The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", chapter 1*)

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1 Peter 2:2 - As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,

Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the full-grown, who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil.

- B. **Feeding in shepherding** is the nourishment of the divine life:
1. Feeding is the continuation of regeneration through Christ's shepherding His flock by **nourishing and cherishing** that His sheep may grow in the divine life unto maturity—Eph. 5:29; John 10:10-11, 14-16; 21:15-17; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 5:4; 2:25.
 2. Feeding **nourishes the newborn babes** (new believers) that they may grow and be saved gradually through the supply of the milk in the word of God—v. 2.
 3. Feeding results in the **believers' maturity** in the divine life **unto transformation and conformation** to the image of Christ—2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 12:2; 8:29.
 4. Feeding is also by the believers through the **mutual shepherding** for the building up of the Body of Christ for the accomplishment of God's eternal economy and the achievement of God's eternal purpose—Eph. 4:11-16; John 21:15-17; 1 Pet. 5:2-3.
- C. **Dispositional sanctification** constitutes the believers with God's divine nature:
1. It is an **inward sanctifying** of the believers who are growing in the divine life by the working of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of life, in their disposition—Rom. 15:16; 8:2.
 2. The believers are **sanctified** with the **divine, holy nature of God** for them to be holy unto God and thus fulfill God's purpose in choosing them—2 Pet. 1:4; Eph. 1:4.

3. Dispositional sanctification implies **transformation**—Rom. 6:19, 22.
4. Sanctification will ultimately be manifested in the **New Jerusalem** as the holy city—Rev. 21:2, 10; 22:19.

Feeding is the second section of God's organic salvation. In God's organic salvation feeding is the continuation of regeneration. As all mothers know, after a baby has been delivered, the baby needs feeding. Mothers also know that the best way to comfort and satisfy a baby is to nurse him, feeding him with milk. Feeding is, therefore, the continuation of birth, of regeneration.

The feeding in God's organic salvation also includes the **feeding in shepherding**. In John 21:15 the Lord Jesus charged Peter, saying, "Feed My lambs." In verse 16 He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep," and in verse 17 He went on to say, "Feed My sheep." If we do not know how to shepherd, we will not be able to feed others. The main purpose of the small groups and the vital groups in the church life is not merely to take care of one another but to **shepherd one another**. You shepherd me, and I shepherd you. You are a sheep under my shepherding, and I am a sheep under your shepherding. This is mutual shepherding. In shepherding others, we should first **cherish** them in order to make them happy, and then we should **feed** them. This kind of feeding is the real shepherding.

Shepherding implies **teaching**. This is indicated in Ephesians 4:11, which says that the Head has given to the Body "some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers." This verse does not say "some as shepherds and some as teachers." Rather, this verse says "some as shepherds and teachers," indicating that they are the same persons in a single category. Therefore, teaching and shepherding go together. (*The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", chapter 2*)

Day 5

- Titus 3:5** - *Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,*
- Ephesians 4:23** - *And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind*
- Romans 12:2** - *And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.*

D. **Renewing** is the process of God's new creation:

1. The believers are **spontaneously renewed** when they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit—2 Cor. 5:17.
2. Renewing is the **continuation** of the washing of regeneration and is based upon the ongoing process of sanctification, making the believers new.
3. Renewing is carried out:
 - a. By the renewing Spirit **mingling** with the believers' regenerated spirit indwelt by Christ as one spirit to spread into the believers' mind to **renew their entire being** as a member of the new man—Titus 3:5; Eph. 4:23.
 - b. By the believers' **walking in the newness of life** in resurrection—Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:22-24; Phil. 1:19-21.
4. **Renewing** is through the **consuming** by the believers' environmental sufferings—2 Cor. 4:16.
5. The believers must be **thoroughly and absolutely renewed** so that they may be practically the genuine new creation of God and for God—Gal. 6:15.
6. Renewing causes the believers to be **as new as the New Jerusalem**—Rev. 21:2.

We are renewed by the Spirit. Renewing is by the renewing Spirit **mingling** with the believers' regenerated spirit indwelt by Christ as one spirit to spread into the believers' mind to renew their entire being as a member of the new man. We, the regenerated saints, as parts of the new man and as God's new creation should walk in the **newness of the divine life** in resurrection. In order to be renewed by the mingled spirit, the renewing Spirit mingled with the believers' regenerated spirit, the believers need to **put off their old man**, that is, renounce and deny their old self. To deny the self and bear the cross is to apply the cross to the self. The believers also need to **put on the new man**, that is, apply what Christ has accomplished in creating the new man, by living and magnifying Christ through the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Whereas the cross is for the putting off of our old man, the Spirit is for the putting on of the new man. To put on the new man we need the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. (*The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", chapter 3*)

E. **Transformation** is the **metabolic process** in the **divine life**:

1. This process transforms the believers' **entire being**, beginning from the renewing of the mind, that they may **fully participate** in God's divinity—Rom. 12:2b.
2. It is not any kind of outward correction or adjustment but a kind of **metabolism**, by the **addition** of the element of the divine life of Christ into their being, to be expressed outwardly in the image of Christ.
3. It is **accomplished by the Lord Spirit** (the pneumatic Christ) transforming the believers into the image of the glory of Christ—2 Cor. 3:18.
4. The believers should live and walk **by the Spirit** (Gal. 5:16, 25) and walk **according to the mingled spirit** (Rom. 8:4b), that the divine life of Christ may have the way to regulate them and transform them into the image of the Lord in glory.

Transformation **transforms the believers' entire being**, by the transforming Spirit in their spirit filled with Christ, into the glorious image of Christ, that they may fully participate in God's divinity. To be filled with Christ, who is divine, is to be filled with divinity. At present we are participating in God's divinity only partially, but when our entire being is transformed and filled with divinity, we will **fully participate** in God's divinity. Transformation is by renewing; it is the issue of renewing. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind." This indicates that transformation is the **issue of renewing**. Renewing is mainly in the believers' mind; transformation is in the believers' soul for their entire being. Transformation is not any kind of outward correction or adjustment.

The believers should live and walk by the Spirit and walk according to the mingled spirit, that the divine life of Christ may have the way to regulate them and **transform them into the image of the Lord in glory**. Transformation should be consummated by conformation, which is maturity in the divine life for the believers to be conformed to the image of Christ, the firstborn Son of God, to fully participate in God's divinity. Thus, they manifest God in life, in nature, in inward thinking, and in outward expression to enjoy the divine sonship and to participate in God's divinity in full. (*The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", chapter 3*)

Day 6

Romans 8:23 - *And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.*

Romans 8:30 - *And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

- F. **Building up** is the **joining** and **knitting** together in the divine life:
1. God's building is brought forth through the joining and knitting together by the working of the **transforming Spirit** on the believers—Eph. 4:16.
 2. It is the issue of the **believers' growing up** into the Head, Christ, in all things—v. 15; Col. 2:19.
 3. This is the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the building of the holy city, New Jerusalem—Eph. 4:16; Rev. 3:12; 21:10-11.
- G. **Conformation** is the **maturity** in the divine life:
1. Conformation is the consummation of the believers' **regeneration, feeding, sanctification, renewing, and transformation** in the divine life—Rom. 8:28-29.
 2. Conformation is when the believers have **matured in the divine life** by the maturing Spirit in their spirit enriched with Christ to be a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ—Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:13.
 3. Conformation is to be conformed to the image of God's firstborn Son—Phil. 3:10; 1:19-21a; 1 John 3:2.
- H. **Glorification** is the **full manifestation** of God's complete salvation:
1. In regeneration God **seals** the regenerated believers with His Spirit unto the day of redemption—Eph. 1:13; 4:30.
 2. The matured believers will be glorified from within through the **lifelong saturation** with the glory of God and from without through their being brought into God's glory—v. 30; 2 Thes. 1:10; Rom. 8:23, 30; Heb. 2:10.
 3. The **glorification** of the matured believers is the **top portion** of their divine sonship in God's organic salvation, which they received at the time of their regeneration—Gal. 4:5; Rom. 8:23.
 4. The redemption of the believers' body is the **transfiguration** of their body at the Lord's coming back—Phil. 3:20-21.
 5. Through glorification God realizes the fulfillment of His eternal purpose—the New Jerusalem—the crystallization of the union and mingling of the processed and consummated Triune God with His regenerated, transformed, conformed, and glorified tripartite elect.

The work of the divine building is carried out through renewing and transformation. Renewing issues in transformation, and transformation issues in **building up**. The building up of the jasper wall of the New Jerusalem goes along with its transformation. We need to be renewed and transformed, and then we can do the work of building. The work of the divine building is the **believers' growth in the divine life** and their being joined together in the divine life. We need to grow up together and be joined together in the divine life. This growing and joining together is the building. The actual building is our **growth** and our **union** in the divine life. When we grow in the divine life and when we are joined together in the divine life, we are in the building.

At the time of the rapture of the believers who are matured in the divine life, they will be brought in their spirit exulting with Christ from without into the **glory of God for their glorification**. The matured believers will be glorified from within through the lifelong saturation with the glory of God and from without through their being brought into God's glory. At present the "inking" is saturating us with God's glory from within. This is a lifelong matter. Eventually, we will be brought into God's glory in an outward way. Whereas the inner saturating is a lifelong process, our being brought into God's glory outwardly will be instantaneous. In an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, we will be brought into God's glory. Thus, the **matured believers** will be **glorified from within** through the lifelong saturation with the glory of God and from without through their being brought into God's glory. (*The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", chapter 5*)

III. God's goal in these eight sections of His organic salvation is simply to make us God in life, in nature, and in expression but not in the Godhead, that is, to make us a **duplication, a xerox copy, of God; "the Spirit Himself with our spirit" is the secret of God's organic salvation:**

- A. The generating Spirit in our spirit, quickened by Christ, **regenerates us**, giving us the authority to be children of God, begotten of God.
- B. The nourishing Spirit in our spirit, cherished by Christ, **feeds us** with the spiritual milk of the word that we may grow unto salvation.
- C. The sanctifying Spirit from our spirit, captivated by Christ, **sanctifies us** with the nature of God, making us holy unto God.
- D. The renewing Spirit in our spirit, indwelt by Christ, **renews us** that we may put on the new man through the breaking of the cross.
- E. The transforming Spirit in our spirit, filled by Christ, **transforms us** into the glorious image of Christ for His expression.
- F. The building Spirit in our spirit, possessed by Christ, **builds us** into the house of God and the Body of Christ for Their dwelling.
- G. The maturing Spirit in our spirit, enriched with Christ, **conforms us** to the image of Christ, the firstborn Son of God—the model of God's sons.
- H. The sealing Spirit in our spirit, exulting with Christ, **saturates us** with and brings us into the glory of God for our glorification.