

LIVING IN AND WITH THE DIVINE TRINITY , Week 3

Living in the Divine Trinity (2)

Living in the Divine Trinity by Enjoying Christ as Our Life Supply, by Living Christ for His Magnification, and by the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in Our Spirit

Scripture Reading: Scripture Reading: John 20:22; 6:57, 63; Isa. 12:3-6; Phil. 1:19-21a; Gal. 6:17-18; Rev. 22:21

John 20:22	And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.
John 6:57	As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
John 6:63	It is the Spirit who gives life ; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
Isaiah 12:3	Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation ,
Isaiah 12:4	And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! / Make His deeds known among the peoples; / Remind them that His name is exalted.
Isaiah 12:5	Sing psalms to Jehovah, for He has done something majestic! / Let it be made known in all the earth!
Isaiah 12:6	Cry out and give a ringing shout, O inhabitant of Zion, / For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Philippians 1:19	For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
Philippians 1:20	According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness , as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body , whether through life or through death.
Philippians 1:21	For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
Galatians 6:17	Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.
Galatians 6:18	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.
Revelation 22:21	The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Day 1

John 6:63	It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
1 Corinthians 12:13	For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

I. We live in the Divine Trinity by **enjoying Christ as our life supply**:

- A. The Lord **breathed Himself as the Holy Spirit** (the Holy Breath) into His disciples on the day of His resurrection (John 20:22); now we can continually receive the pneumatic **Christ as the breath of God** so that He can become rich to us by our calling upon His name (Lam. 3:55-56; Gen. 4:26; Rom. 10:12-13; Hymns, #255); we can also **inhale the Scripture**, the word of God, as the breathing out of God (2 Tim. 3:16); because His spoken words are the embodiment of the Spirit of life, when we **receive His words by exercising our spirit, we get the Spirit, who is life** (John 6:57, 63).

Day 2

Numbers 20:8	Take the rod, and gather the assembly, you and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, so that it yields its water. Thus you shall bring forth water for them out of the rock and give the assembly and their livestock something to drink.
John 6:57	As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

- B. God's intention in His economy is to be the **fountain, the source, of living waters** to satisfy His chosen people for their enjoyment, with the goal of producing the church as God's increase, God's enlargement, to be God's fullness for His expression—Jer. 2:13; Lam. 3:22-24; 1 Cor. 1:9:
1. Our **drinking of the one Spirit** in resurrection **makes us members of the Body, builds us up as the Body, and prepares us to be the bride of Christ**—12:13; Rev. 22:17; John 4:14b.
 2. We can joyously draw water from the springs of salvation by **speaking** and **singing to** the Lord, **by** the Lord, **for** the Lord, **in** the Lord, and **with** the Lord to exalt the Lord and to rejoice in the Lord in a continuing way—Psa. 46:4; Isa. 12:3-6.
 3. We can enjoy the Lord as our spiritual drink by practicing to **speak with Him constantly**; then spontaneously, we will live Christ—Num. 20:8; Phil. 4:6-7, 12.
- C. We can eat **Christ as our spiritual food** in order to live because of Him (John 6:57); to eat Christ is to eat His words by exercising our spirit to both **pray-read** and **muse upon His words** so that His words become the gladness and joy of our heart (Jer. 15:16; Psa. 119:15-16; Josh. 1:8-9); to live not only by but also "because of" Christ means that the energizing element of Christ becomes the supplying factor for us to live Christ.

The divine life is God, and God is a Spirit. If He were like a piece of gold and not a Spirit, how could He get into us? He must be a **Spirit to get into us**. Furthermore, God can get into man only because man has something that has come out of God, the breath of God, which became man's spirit. To grow in the growth of life is altogether a matter of the divine Spirit and the human spirit. We, who have the breath of God as our spirit, must grow by this spirit. In order to grow in life, we should not merely exercise our mind. We all need bodily exercise, but this does not help us to grow in life either. **To grow in God as life we must exercise our spirit. When we exercise our spirit, we make the way for God to grow.**

The unbelievers do not have God growing in them because they do not know how to exercise their spirit. For this reason we have to go to them to tell them that they need God. They need to speak something out of the depths of their being, their **spirit**. If they do this, they will exercise their spirit, and when they exercise their spirit, God will have a way to enter into them. The real salvation is the grafting of an uncultivated, wild branch into Christ as the cultivated tree. (*The Experience and Growth in Life, chapter 2*)

Day 3 & Day 4

Philippians 1:19-21	For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
Philippians 4:4	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.
Ephesians 3:8	To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel.

II. We live in the Divine Trinity by **living Christ for His magnification by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**—Phil. 1:19-21a:

- A. The believers live Christ by the **bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**; the Spirit of Jesus Christ is the Christ who is the **life-dispensing Spirit**—v. 19; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6:
1. This bountiful supply includes **divinity, humanity, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension**, the **divine attributes**, and the **human virtues**.
 2. **Everything we do and all our living** should come about by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—Phil. 1:19.
 3. Under the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, we will **spontaneously receive the supply of Christ within and will live a life that expresses Christ**—vv. 20-21a.
- B. All of Paul's life and work were not for expressing himself or for displaying his knowledge, his ability, or his other merits and strong points; what he was and what he did were for **expressing Christ, even for magnifying Christ**—v. 20; 3:3-10; 2 Cor. 4:5.
- C. In the **apostle's suffering** in his body, **Christ was magnified**; that is, He was shown or declared to be great (without limitation), exalted, and extolled—Phil. 1:20:

1. The apostle's **sufferings** afforded him **opportunity** to express Christ in His unlimited greatness—Acts 9:16; 2 Cor. 6:4; 11:23; Col. 1:24.
 2. To magnify Christ under any circumstances is to **experience Him with the topmost enjoyment**—Phil. 1:18; 4:23.
 3. As Paul was held captive in a Roman prison, he magnified Christ, making Him to appear great in the eyes of his captors; regardless of the circumstances, Paul was **full of joy and rejoicing in the Lord**—1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 17-18, 28-29; 3:1; 4:1, 4.
 4. Paul's shining forth and expressing Christ in his joy were a declaration of the **unlimited greatness of Christ and a declaration that Christ is inexhaustible**—Eph. 3:8, 18; cf. Isa. 9:6.
- D. To live Christ for His magnification is to **participate in Christ's salvation in life**, in which we are saved from the failure of not living Christ and from the defeat of not magnifying Christ—Rom. 5:10.
- E. As the believers' pattern, Paul lived a life in Christ's ascendancy, a life that was fully dignified, with the highest standard of human virtues expressing the most excellent divine attributes, **a life that resembled the one that the Lord Himself had lived on the earth years before**—1 Tim. 1:16; Acts 27:21-26; 28:3-6, 8-10.

God's operating in us is with the **bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**. In Philippians 1:19 Paul says, "*I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*" In Philippians 2:12 Paul charges us to work out our own salvation. **On the one hand, the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ will turn out to be our salvation, and on the other hand, we have to work out our salvation.** Philippians 1 and 2 refer to the same salvation. This salvation is the working out, the issue, of the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and this salvation is something that we work out in our living.

We need God's operating and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ is "the bountiful groceries," and God's operating is "God's cooking." We need the groceries and the cooking of the groceries. Today God is operating within us miraculously yet normally. We should learn to cooperate with Him. Our cooperation is our obedience. This is why Paul says in Philippians 2:12, "*Even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*" We should obey by cooperating with God's operating. As God operates, we need to obey. (*Living In and With the Divine Trinity, chapter 12*)

Day 5

Galatians 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

III. We live in the Divine Trinity by the **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in our spirit**— Gal. 6:18:

- A. Day by day a marvelous divine transmission should be taking place: **God is supplying** the Spirit of grace **bountifully**, and **we should be receiving** the Spirit of grace **continually** so that He can become our constituent, and we can become His expression—Heb. 10:29b; John 1:16; Gal. 3:2-5; 2 Cor. 1:12; 12:9:
 1. The way to receive and enjoy grace is to **turn to our spirit, exercise our spirit**, and **enthroned the Lord**:
 - a. Whenever we come to the throne of grace by turning to our spirit, we should enthrone the Lord, giving Him the **headship**, the **kingship**, and the **lordship within us**—Heb. 4:16; Rom. 5:17, 21; Col. 1:18b; Rev. 2:4.
 - b. God's throne is the source of the flowing grace; whenever we **fail** to enthrone the Lord, **dethroning** Him, the flow of grace **stops**—22:1.
 - c. If we enthrone the Lord Jesus within us, the Spirit as the river of water of life will flow out from the throne of grace to supply us; in this way we will **receive grace and enjoy grace**—v. 1; Hymns, #770.

Day 6

Galatians 6:17 Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.

Revelation 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

2. As we bear the brands of Jesus, **we enjoy the grace of Christ**—Gal. 6:17-18:
 - a. Spiritually, the brands of Jesus signify the characteristics of the life that Paul lived, a life like the one the Lord Jesus lived on this earth; such a life is **continually crucified** (John 12:24), **does the will of God** (6:38), **does not seek its own glory but the glory of God** (7:18), and is submissive and obedient to God, even unto the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8).
 - b. If we bear the **brands of Jesus** and **live a crucified life**, we will enjoy the grace of Christ as the supply of the life-giving Spirit in our spirit for us to minister Christ as God's grace to God's household—3:10; 2 Cor. 4:10-11; Eph. 3:2.
- B. The grace of the Lord Jesus dispensed into His believers throughout the New Testament age consummates in the New Jerusalem as the consummation of God's good pleasure in **uniting, mingling, and incorporating Himself with man for His glorious enlargement and expression**—Rev. 22:21; Eph. 2:10.

When we **turn to the spirit** and **stay there**, we need to recognize the Lord as the **Head and the King and enthrone Him**. We need to respect His position, honor His authority, and confess that we have no right to say or do anything on our own. All the ground within us must be given over to the King. If we enthrone the Lord within us, the **river of water of life will flow out from the throne to supply us**. In this way we shall receive grace and enjoy grace.

Grace is nothing less than the Triune God becoming our enjoyment. The Father is embodied in the Son, and the Son is realized as the Spirit. This Spirit, the ultimate consummation of the Triune God, now dwells in our spirit. **Our need today is to turn to this spirit and remain there, enthroning the Lord**. Then in a very practical way our spirit will be joined to the third heaven. We shall realize in our experience that, on the one hand, the Holy of Holies is in heaven and that, on the other hand, it is also in our spirit. This indicates that when we remain in our spirit, we actually touch the heavens. If we enthrone the Lord Jesus within us, the Spirit as the water of life will flow from the throne to supply us. **This is grace, and this is the way to receive grace and enjoy grace**.

As we receive the Triune God as our grace and enjoy Him as grace, we shall be constituted of Him. Little by little, we shall become one with Him organically. He will become our constituent, and we shall become His expression. (*Life-Study of Galatians, chapter 37*)