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1 COR. 15:45B THE LAST ADAM BECAME A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT.

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE

UPHOLDER OF ALL

THINGS. ALL THINGS

COHERE IN HIM.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young People's Meeting Saturday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Children's Meeting Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Small Group Meeting Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference February 18-20, 2022

April ITEROApril 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference May 27-30, 2022

July Semiannual Training
July 4-9 2022

October ITERO October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training December 26-31, 2022

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Two Wonderful Steps

The indwelling of Christ is really hidden and mysterious, yet it is so *real*, *strengthening*, *empowering*, *satisfying*, *enlightening*, *comforting*, *refreshing*, and *watering*. This is why we have such a wonderful church life. If we only had the baptism accomplished once and for all and were waiting for Him to come back, we would be miserable. But today we have His indwelling. This is because He has become the life-giving Spirit. The last Adam was Jesus in the flesh. Then this last Adam became the life-giving Spirit.

We should never forget that Jesus took two wonderful steps in order to become something. The first step was the Word becoming flesh. He was God, yet He became flesh. That was Jesus. He was no longer merely God but God plus humanity. He was God becoming flesh so that He could be our Redeemer as the Lamb of God. Then in resurrection the Lord Jesus as the last Adam became something else. Here He took another step. This time He became the life-giving Spirit. His first step was for Him to become our Redeemer. His second step was for Him to be our Life-giver. To be the Redeemer He needed to become flesh. To be the Life-giver He needed to become the Spirit. The flesh is for redemption, and the Spirit is for life-giving. It is indeed sad that most Christians have never heard that Christ became the life-giving Spirit. Rather, some Christians even condemn this as heresy. But what can they do with 1 Corinthians 15:45b? It tells us clearly that the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit...Christ as the life-giving Spirit is indwelling us, imparting life to us all the time.

Following 1 Corinthians 15:45b, we have <u>2 Corinthians 3:17</u>: "The Lord is the Spirit." John the Baptist declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Now the apostle Paul declares, "The Lord is the Spirit." The Lord is no more just the Lamb of God for redemption. Now He is the Spirit for life-giving. Darby's New Translation puts parentheses around verses 7 through 16 of 2 Corinthians 3. This indicates that verse 17 continues verse 6. Verse 6 says that the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Then verse 17 continues to say that the Lord is the Spirit. It is the Spirit who gives life, and the Lord is the Spirit who gives life. This is marvelous! Today the Lord Jesus is the Spirit who gives life.

One Spirit

Another important verse is <u>1 Corinthians 6:17</u>: "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit." We are not only one with the Lord; we are one spirit with the Lord. The Lord today is the life-giving Spirit, and we have a human spirit purposely created by God so that we may take Christ as the life-giving Spirit into us. Now these two spirits have become one. This is wonderful! Our spirit is one with the Lord because as the life-giving Spirit He indwells our spirit. But the Lord in our spirit is not like a drop of oil in water, never mingling with the water. He mingles with us in our spirit as tea mingles with water. This is why many times it is difficult to distinguish whether it is we or the Lord doing things. We have some burden, yet it seems that the Lord wants to do it. It is because we are one with the Lord in our spirit. After tea is put into water, it is difficult to separate the tea from the water. That is why I call it tea-water. It is both tea and water. The two mingle as one. In the same way, the Lord Jesus as the life-giving Spirit mingles with our spirit as one. He is in us, and we are in Him. It seems that a brother is speaking, but while he is speaking, the Lord is also speaking...His speaking is the brother's speaking, and the brother's speaking is His speaking. Eventually, a mingled one is speaking. Praise the Lord! We are really one spirit with the Lord.

~ Excerpts from The Wonderful Christ in the Canon of the New Testament, Chapter 14

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, thank you for your two becomings. You are the Word who became flesh and you are the last Adam who became the life-giving spirit. Lord, cause us to obtain the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ by gaining you day by day.

2. Lord, we praise You for Your resurrection. You have been begotten as the Firstborn Son of God. Thank you, Lord, for being the grain of wheat. Now, You have germinated us as the many grains, Your many brothers.

3. We glorify You for being the Resurrected One. We thank You for the water that flowed out from Your pierced side to impart life to us.

- 4. Lord, we want to experience You as the reality of the compound ointment, the compound Spirit, the all-inclusive Spirit, and the Holy Spirit breathed into us. Thank You for being so available as the Pneumatic Christ indwelling our spirit.
- 5. Thank you, Lord for constituting us as the members of your Body, to be Your fullness, Your expression, and expansion. We pray for the fulfillment of Your eternal expression and expansion of the processed and consummated Triune God.
- 6. Thank You for giving us the Spirit without measure. Supply us more and more of this immeasurable Spirit. Sanctify, renew, transform and conform us until we become the New Jerusalem.

Europe/North America

1. May the Lord exercise His sovereign authority and His wisdom to preserve and build up His testimony in both Ukraine and in Russia.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
- 2. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
- 3. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages.
- 4. Pray for Marlon and Mechelle Morco. We trust in Your sovereignty and pray that they will leave religion and see the reality of Christ and the church.

A Timely Speaking

The Full Ministry of Christ

The full ministry of Christ Is carried out in three stages For the fulfillment of God's eternal economy.

In the first stage of incarnation:
To bring God into man,
To express God in humanity,
And to accomplish His judicial redemption.

In the second stage of inclusion: To be begotten as God's firstborn Son, To become the life-giving Spirit, and To regenerate the believers for His Body.

In the third stage of intensification:
To intensify His organic salvation,
To produce the overcomers, and
To consummate the New Jerusalem.

Announcements:

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- 1. Love feast on March 13.
- 2. Sisters' Conference on March 19.

 Session 1 11:00 AM

 Session 2 1:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 912 1221 0408 Passcode: 725

- 3. Home Meeting on March 19 at Lamadrid Residence at 4:30pm
- **4. ITERO** will be on April 1 to 3. The deadline for registration is March 18. The cost is \$50 USD.