

**Message Outlines  
for the Conference in Reston, Virginia  
November 28—December 1, 1991**

**GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**Message Two**

**The New Man  
Created by Christ in Himself  
And Enlivened by God with Christ as Life,  
As the Poem, the Masterpiece, of God**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:14-22, 4-10

**I. Created by Christ—vv. 14-22:**

- A. In Himself as the sphere and element substantially—v. 15.
- B. By slaying the enmity (the issue of the different ordinances in living and worship) through the cross—v. 16b.
- C. Putting the two (Israel and the Gentiles) into one Body—v. 16a.
- D. To be God's household and God's kingdom—v. 19.
- E. Being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit—vv. 20-22:
  - 1. Upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets—v. 20a.
  - 2. With Christ as the joining cornerstone—v. 20b.

**II. Enlivened by God—vv. 4-10:**

- A. With Christ as life organically—vv. 5-6:
  - 1. Making the members (constituents) of the new man alive together with Christ—v. 5.
  - 2. Raising them up together with Christ—v. 6a.
  - 3. Seating them together with Christ in the heavenlies—v. 6b.
- B. By grace through faith—v. 8:
  - 1. By grace—by having the processed Triune God dispensed into the believers.
  - 2. Through faith—through Christ moving in the believers as their faith, their substantiating ability to apprehend the divine favor given to them in Christ.
- C. To be the poem, the masterpiece, of God—v. 10:
  - 1. To show forth the wisdom in God's grace—cf. v. 7; 3:10.
  - 2. And to have a new man walk in the good works which God prepared for him beforehand.
- D. That God might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace toward the believers in Christ—v. 7.