

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

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BODY OF CHRIST

Message Three

**The Consummation of the Believers' Enjoyment
Of the Unsearchable Riches of Christ,
And the Experience of the Unlimited Christ
Making His Home in Their Hearts,
As All the Fullness of the Consummated Triune God**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:2-4, 8-11, 16-19; 1:23

- I. The consummation of the believers' enjoyment of the unsearchable riches of Christ—vv. 2-4, 8-11:**
- A. God's economy of the mystery:
 - 1. Hidden in Himself throughout the ages—v. 9.
 - 2. According to His eternal purpose—v. 11.
 - B. To announce, to minister, to dispense, the unsearchable riches of Christ—what Christ is and has and what He has accomplished and attained:
 - 1. To God's chosen people—the believers—v. 8.
 - 2. For the producing and constituting of the church as the Body of Christ—v. 10a.
 - 3. To show forth the multifarious wisdom of God—v. 10b.
 - C. Through the stewardship of the apostles to carry out God's hidden economy concerning the church as the mystery of Christ—vv. 2-4.
- II. The consummation of the believers' experience of the unlimited Christ making His home in their hearts—vv. 16-19:**
- A. God the Father's strengthening—v. 16:
 - 1. According to the riches of His glory.
 - 2. With power.
 - 3. Through God the Spirit.
 - 4. Into the believers' inner man.
 - B. God the Son Christ's making His home in the believers' hearts through faith—v. 17a:
 - 1. That the believers, being rooted and grounded in love—v. 17b.
 - 2. May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the dimensions—the breadth, length, height, and depth—are—v. 18.
 - 3. And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ—v. 19a.
 - 4. That they may be filled unto, consummate in, all the fullness of God—v. 19b:
 - a. As the Body of Christ, who fills all in all—1:23.
 - b. For the ultimate corporate expression of the consummated Triune God.