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

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BODY OF CHRIST

Message Four

The Mingling of the Processed Triune God With the Regenerated Believers, As the Building of the Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:4-6, 11-16

I. The constituents of the divine mingling with the believers--vv. 4-6:

- A. God the Father, who is over all, through all, and in all, as the origin, the source—v. 6.
- B. God the Son, who is the Lord and the embodiment of the Father, as the element—v. 5.
- C. God the Spirit, who is the realization of God the Son, as the essence—v. 4.
- D. The regenerated believers, who have believed, been baptized, and have the hope of their calling, as the human element—vv. 4-5.
- E. The Father being embodied in the Son, the Son being realized as the Spirit, and the Spirit being mingled with the believers.
- F. This mingling being the constitution of the Body of Christ.

II. The building as the consummation of the Body-vv. 11-16:

- A. The members perfected by the gifts to do the work of the New Testament ministry for the building up of the Body of Christ—vv. 11-12.
- B. That all the members of the Body may arrive at:
 - 1. The oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God.
 - 2. A full-grown man.

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- 3. The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (the Body of Christ—the church)—v. 13.
- C. That all the members of the Body may be no longer tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching—v. 14.
- D. But holding to truth in love, may grow up into the Head, Christ, in all things—v. 15.
- E. Out from whom all the Body:
 - 1. Being joined together through every joint of the rich supply of Christ.
 - 2. And being knit together through the operation in the measure of each one part.
- F. Causing the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love—v. 16.