

Message Six

**The Functions of the Father's House,
the True Vine, and the New Child**

I. The function of the Father's house:

- A. For the processed and consummated Triune God to have a mutual abode with the redeemed and regenerated believers in Christ—John 14:2-3, 23.
- B. For Christ, the embodiment of the processed Triune God, to make His home in the hearts of His believers who are strengthened in their inner man by the Father, according to the riches of His glory, with power through His Spirit unto the fullness (expression) of the processed Triune God—Eph. 3:16-19.
- C. For the invisible and mysterious Triune God to have:
 - 1. A visible and solid household constituted by the children of God, the species of God, with His divine life for their growth in life and His satisfaction, rest, and manifestation—Eph. 2:19.
 - 2. A kingdom composed of the believers in Christ as the citizens (John 3:3, 5; Rev. 1:4, 6; Eph. 2:19; Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 1:3) in two aspects:
 - a. The kingdom of Christ as the church life in this age for the believers' exercise and equipping in the divine authority—Rom. 14:17; Rev. 1:9; Acts 14:22; Matt. 18:18.
 - b. The kingdom of Christ in the kingdom age (Rev. 11:15; 2 Pet. 1:11) for the overcoming saints to reign with Christ over all the nations—Rev. 20:4, 6; 2:26.

II. The function of the true vine as a sign of the Son—John 15:1-8, 16:

- A. To have an organism in the Son for His multiplication, spreading, and glorification in His divine life—v. 8.
- B. Through the fruit-bearing of the believers in Christ as His grafted branches, by their faithful abiding in the organic vine—vv. 4-5, 16.

III. The function of the new child born of the Spirit—John 16:13-15, 21:

- A. To become the corporate new man as the increased Christ—Col. 3:10-11; John 3:30.
- B. To carry out God's eternal economy through the move and work of the consummated life-giving Spirit in building up the Body of Christ for the consummation of the New Jerusalem.