

Message Four

The Reproduction of the God-man Living

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:29; John 12:24; 1 Pet. 2:21; Matt. 16:24;
2 Cor. 5:9, 15; 3:18; Phil. 3:10; 1:21; 4:11-13; Gal. 4:19; 2:20;
John 6:57; 3:3, 6; 1 Cor. 2:9; 1 Thes. 5:16-18; Rev. 19:7

I. The New Testament reveals that Christ as the first God-man made Himself a prototype for the mass reproduction of many brothers—the many God-men—Rom. 8:29:

- A. The first grain—the first God-man—was a prototype, and the many grains—the many God-men—produced by this one grain are the mass reproduction—John 12:24.
- B. The believers in Christ as His brothers, the many God-men, need to live a life as a copy of the life of Christ, the first God-man—1 Pet. 2:21:
 - 1. A life bearing the cross to follow the footsteps of Christ—Matt. 16:24; 1 Pet. 2:21b.
 - 2. A life dying to themselves and living to God—2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:19.
 - 3. A life being crucified with Christ to be conformed to His death by the power of His resurrection—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:10.
 - 4. A life for Christ, the first God-man, to be formed in His many brothers—Gal. 4:19.
- C. The only life that is pleasing to God is the life that is a repetition of the life Christ lived on the earth—John 8:29; 2 Cor. 5:9:
 - 1. We need to follow the pattern of the Lord Jesus, bearing the brands, the characteristics of His life—Gal. 6:17.
 - 2. To follow Jesus is to live the life of a God-man, not by the human life but by the divine life, so that God may be expressed, or manifested, in the flesh in all His divine attributes becoming the human virtues—1 Tim. 3:15-16.

II. We should be the same as Christ, and our Christian life should be a duplication of the life of Christ—1 Pet. 2:21; Phil. 1:21a; 3:10:

- A. Christ's human living was the living of a man who lived God to express the divine attributes in the human virtues—Luke 7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10.
- B. Christ's humanity is fine, perfect, balanced, and right in every way, lacking nothing, having no fault, and not having anything in excess—23:1-4, 14.
- C. There is no natural life with the Lord Jesus; He lived a crucified life daily, emanating the fragrance of His resurrection through His sufferings—1 Cor. 5:7-8; Matt. 12:46-50; Luke 9:23-24; Matt. 2:11; John 11:25.
- D. In the human living of the Lord Jesus, He was a man of prayer—Luke 3:21-22; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 29; 11:1-2.

III. As believers in Christ, we need to eat Christ to become the reproduction of Christ practically and to live the life of a God-man—Luke 22:19; John 6:57; 1 Cor. 10:17:

- A. If we eat Christ, we will become Christ.
- B. If we eat Christ, we will live by Christ—John 6:57.
- C. By exercising our spirit to touch the Spirit consolidated in the Word, we eat the human life and living of Jesus, we are constituted with Jesus, and the human living of Jesus becomes our human living—Eph. 6:17-18; Matt. 4:4.

IV. All of the God-man living is related to the Spirit, so we must be a man of the spirit that we may have a proper God-man living:

- A. If we would become a reproduction of the first God-man and live Christ as the God-man, we must be reborn of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit and be transformed by the pneumatic Christ in our soul—John 3:3, 6; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- B. We live the divine life, the spiritual life in our spirit, by the exercise of faith, which is stimulated by the presence of the life-giving Spirit—Gal. 2:20 and note 5.
- C. When we love the Lord, pursue Him, and fellowship with Him, we spontaneously live in a condition that is beyond human description; we live not according to the environment but according to the Lord's moving and leading within us—Phil. 2:12-13; 4:11-13.
- D. When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity—1 Cor. 2:9; 6:17; Phil. 4:4-9.
- E. We should live by the Spirit, have our life dependent on and regulated by the Spirit, live in the new creation, pursue Christ in order to gain Him, and practice the church life—Gal. 5:16, 25 and notes 1 and 2.
- F. We must live a rejoicing, praying, and thanking life; such a life is a glory to God—1 Thes. 5:16-18; note 2 on 5:18.

V. If we practice living the life of a God-man, which is the reality of the Body of Christ, spontaneously a corporate model will be built up, a model living in the economy of God; this model will be the greatest revival in the history of the church to bring the Lord back—Rev. 19:7.