

**Outline of the Messages
for the International Chinese-speaking Conference
February 18-20, 2005**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE LORD'S RECOVERY OF LIFE, TRUTH, AND ONENESS**

Message One

The Recovery of Life for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose

Scripture Reading: Gen. 2:9; Eph. 4:18; 1 John 1:2; 5:11-12; Rom. 8:2; Rev. 22:1-2

I. We need to know what life is—Eph. 4:18; Rev. 22:1-2; John 14:6a; 1 John 1:2; 5:12a; Col. 3:4a; Rom. 8:2a; 2 Cor. 3:6b:

- A. Life is not devotion; devotion is our exercise of piety, but life is Christ living in us—Gal. 2:20a.
- B. Life is not good behavior; good behavior is our doing, but life is Christ lived out from us—Phil. 1:21a.
- C. Life is not power; power is for work, but life is for living—Acts 1:8; John 6:57b.
- D. Life is not gift; gift is the ability for function, but life is the divine Being in our being—Rom. 12:6; John 1:13.
- E. Life is not the growth in knowledge; the growth in knowledge is the increase of knowledge, but life is the increase of God—Col. 2:19b.
- F. Life is not our human life; our human life (*bios and psuche*) is mortal, but life (*zoe*) is eternal—Luke 8:43b; 21:4b; Matt. 16:25-26; 1 John 1:2; Psa. 90:2b.
- G. Life is God's content and God's flowing out; God's content is God's being, and God's flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us—Eph. 4:18a; Rev. 22:1.
- H. Life is Christ; Christ is the embodiment of God, who is life, and Christ is the expression of God—John 14:6a; Col. 3:4a; 1 John 5:12a; Col. 2:9; John 1:18; Heb. 1:3a.
- I. Life is the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is the reality of Christ and is the Spirit of life who gives life to us—John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:2a; 2 Cor. 3:6b.

II. Life is the first and basic attribute of God—Eph. 4:18:

- A. In the sight of God, only the life of God is life, and only His life can be counted as life; therefore, when the life of God is mentioned in the New Testament, it is treated as if it is the unique life—John 1:4; 10:10; 11:25; 14:6a; 1 John 5:20b.
- B. The life of God is eternal; that is, it is uncreated, without beginning or ending, self-existing, ever-existing, and unchanging—John 3:15; 1 John 1:2; 2:25; 5:11.
- C. God's intention in His creation of man was that man would partake of the fruit of the tree of life and thereby receive the eternal life of God—Gen. 2:7, 9.

III. Life is the Triune God dispensed into us and living in us—Rom. 8:2, 10, 6, 11:

- A. God the Father is the source of life—John 5:26.
- B. God the Son is the embodiment of life—1:4; 1 John 5:11-12.

- C. God the Spirit is the flow of life—Rev. 22:1.
 - D. The Body is the fullness of life—Eph. 1:22b-23.
 - E. The building up of the Body is the growth of life—4:16; Col. 2:19.
 - F. The New Jerusalem is the city of life—Rev. 22:1-2, 5.
- IV. Life is the way to fulfill God's purpose; God's desire for man to express Him in His image and rule in Him with His dominion can be realized only by God's life—Gen. 1:26; 2:9:**
- A. Life conforms the believers to the image of the firstborn Son of God and brings us into glory—Rom. 8:2, 6, 29-30; Col. 3:4.
 - B. Resurrection life gives authority—Num. 17:8; Rev. 20:4.
- V. The central recovery of the Lord is to recover the divine life within us that God may have His corporate expression—Rom. 8:2, 10, 6, 11; 12:4-5:**
- A. In the degradation of Christianity, the matter of life has been lost—Eph. 4:18:
 1. Without the divine life there cannot be the expression of God—Gen. 1:26; 2:9.
 2. We are here for the recovery of the divine life for the corporate expression of the Triune God—John 1:4; 10:10b; 11:25; 14:6; 17:22.
 - B. The Lord is recovering Christ as life and everything to us and the church as His Body, His fullness—Col. 3:4a; 2:19.
 - C. The Lord's recovery is not a movement; the recovery is Christ Himself as the seed of life sown into our being—Matt. 13:3-4, 19:
 1. The kingdom of God is the Triune God in His incarnation sown into His chosen people to grow and develop in them into a kingdom—Mark 4:26-29.
 2. The kingdom is the enlargement of Christ, the multiplication of Christ as the seed of life sown into us—Luke 17:20-21; 8:5-8.
 - D. The Lord wants to recover the church back to the beginning—back to the eating of the tree of life—Gen. 2:9; Rev. 2:7; 22:14.

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The Lord's recovery
is the recovery of the divine life
for the corporate expression
of the Triune God.

The Lord desires to recover
the subjective experience of Christ
for the practice of the church life.

We are inoculated
against the decline of the church
by life and truth
through the God-breathed Scripture and
the healthy teaching of God's economy.

Our oneness
is in the sanctifying word of God
and our one accord is in
the all-inheriting vision of the age.