

## Message Two

### **The Grafted Life and the God-man Living**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 6:3-5; John 15:1, 4-5; 1 Cor. 6:17; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 12:2; 8:4

#### **I. As believers in Christ, we should live a grafted life—a life in which we are one spirit with the Lord and live in an organic union with Him—1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:1, 4-5:**

- A. The Bible reveals that the relationship which God desires to have with man is that He and man become one—1 Cor. 6:17:
  - 1. God desires that the divine life and the human life be joined together to become one life—John 15:1, 4-5.
  - 2. This oneness is an organic union, a union in life—a grafted life.
- B. In order for us to be grafted into Christ, He had to pass through the processes of incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 1:14; 3:14; 12:24; 20:22:
  - 1. Christ became flesh to be the seed of David, the branch of David, that we may be grafted together with Him—1:14; Matt. 1:1; Zech. 3:8; Jer. 23:5; 33:15.
  - 2. Christ was “cut” on the cross so that we could be grafted into Him, and He was resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit to enter into us and make us one spirit with Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17a; Rom. 8:10; 1 Cor. 6:17.
- C. As regenerated ones we should live a grafted life—a life in which two parties are joined to grow organically—John 15:1, 4-5:
  - 1. After we have been grafted into Christ, we should no longer live by ourselves but allow the pneumatic Christ to live in us—Gal. 2:20.
  - 2. We should no longer live by our flesh or by our natural being; instead, we should live by our regenerated spirit, a spirit grafted with Christ.
  - 3. Through this grafting we are united with Him, mingled with Him, and incorporated with Him to become the Body of Christ—Rom. 12:4-5.
- D. The grafted life is not an exchanged life but a grafted life—the mingling of the human life with the divine life—6:3-5; John 15:1, 4-5:
  - 1. Instead of exchange there is the dispensing, the infusing, of the divine life into the human life and the mingling of the divine life with the human life.
  - 2. The most wonderful reality in the Christian experience is that the believers in Christ are united with Christ in the way of life.
- E. In the grafted life the human life is not eliminated but is strengthened, uplifted, and enriched by the divine life—Rom. 11:17-24:
  - 1. In the grafted life the branch still retains its same essential characteristics, but its life is uplifted and transformed by being grafted into a better life.
  - 2. In the grafted life the divine life works within us to discharge the negative elements—2 Cor. 3:18.
  - 3. In the grafted life the divine life resurrects God’s original creation, and our faculties are uplifted—John 11:25; Eph. 4:23.
  - 4. In the grafted life the divine life supplies the riches of Christ to our inward parts—Rom. 12:2.

5. In the grafted life the divine life saturates our whole being; by this saturation we are transformed and conformed to the image of Christ—2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29.

**II. To live the grafted life—a life of being one with the Lord in the organic union with Him—is to have the God-man living—Phil. 1:19-21a; Rom. 8:4:**

- A. The Lord Jesus, the first God-man, is the prototype for the producing of the many God-men, who, as His reproduction, have been born of God to possess the life and nature of God, thus belonging to the species of God—v. 29; John 1:12-13.
- B. Christ's human living was man's living God to express the attributes of God in the human virtues—Luke 1:26-35; 7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10:
  1. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, though He was a man, He lived God—John 6:57; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28; 7:16-17.
  2. The Lord Jesus lived God and expressed God in everything; whatever He did was God's doing from within Him and through Him—14:10.
- C. As the expansion, increase, reproduction, and continuation of the first God-man, we should live the same kind of life He lived—1 John 2:6; 1 Pet. 2:21:
  1. The Lord's God-man living set up a model for our God-man living—being crucified to live that God might be expressed in humanity—Gal. 2:20.
  2. We need to deny ourselves, be conformed to Christ's death, and magnify Him by the bountiful supply of His Spirit—Matt. 16:24; Phil. 3:10; 1:19-21a.
  3. The One who lived the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us—2 Cor. 3:17; 13:5; Eph. 3:16-19.
- D. In order to have the God-man living, we need to live and walk according to the mingled spirit—1 Cor. 6:17:
  1. To be proper Christians, we must know that the Lord Jesus today as the embodiment of the Triune God is the Spirit indwelling our spirit and mingled with our spirit as one spirit—2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.
  2. Ultimately, the Bible requires only one thing of us—that we walk according to the mingled spirit—Rom. 8:4:
    - a. The key to everything is found in the wonderful Spirit who is in our regenerated spirit and who has become one spirit with our spirit.
    - b. To live in the spirit is to let Christ fill and saturate us until He permeates our whole being and is thereby expressed through us.
    - c. The mutual abiding in John 15:4-5 is the practice of being one spirit with the Lord.
    - d. When we live in the spirit, we spontaneously bear the cross—Matt. 16:24.
    - e. The best way to silence Satan is to live in the spirit—Rev. 12:11:
      - (1) Whether or not we are under Satan's authority is not determined by the things we do; rather, it is determined by whether we are in the spirit or in the flesh—Gal. 5:16-17.
      - (2) As long as we remain in the mingled spirit, we will be kept, and Satan will have no way with us—1 John 5:4, 18-21.