Outline of the Messages for the Full-time Training in the Fall Term of 2024

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES— GALATIANS

Message Seven

The All-inclusive Christ as the Seed of Abraham Becoming the All-inclusive Life-giving Spirit the Aggregate of the All-embracing Blessing of the Full Gospel of God

Scripture Reading: Gal. 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19; 3:14

- I. Galatians reveals that God's plan according to His good pleasure is to work Christ Himself into us; the most evil thing, according to Galatians, is to distract people from Christ—Eph. 1:5; Gal. 1:4-17; 2:20; 4:19; *Hymns*, #538.
- II. Galatians presents the Christ who is the threefold seed in humanity for God's dispensing of Himself into the believers of Christ for the fulfillment of His economy (the word *seed* means "son" or "descendant"); Christ is the seed of the woman, the seed of Abraham, and the seed of David:
 - A. In resurrection Christ, as the last Adam in the flesh, the threefold seed in humanity, became (was transfigured—pneumatized—into) the life-giving Spirit, the Spirit of life, to dispense Himself into us (1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:2) for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ.
 - B. As the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Gal. 4:4), Christ destroyed God's enemies; as the seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:7; Matt. 1:1; Gal. 3:16), Christ became the consummated Triune God as our full blessing, the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit; and as the seed of David (2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 1:1; 22:42-45; Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16), Christ causes us to reign in life, share in His kingship, and become His kingdom that fills the whole earth, making the whole earth God's kingdom (Rom. 5:17, 21; Dan. 2:34-35).
 - C. Thus, the enemies are gone, the blessing is here, and we are in the kingdom—this is the good news of the revelation of the entire Bible!
- III. Christ as the seed of Abraham is for the blessing to all the families of the earth; the unique seed of Abraham, as the last Adam, became the life-giving Spirit, who is the blessing of Abraham (the reality of the good land), for the dispensing of Himself into the believers of Christ to make them the corporate seed of Abraham—Gen. 12:2-3, 7; 17:7-8; Gal. 3:14, 16, 29; John 14:17-20; 1 Cor. 15:45b; John 12:24; Isa. 53:10:
 - A. The resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit is the transfigured descendant of Abraham, the seed of Abraham, dispensed into us to make us the sons of Abraham, the corporate seed of Abraham, those who can receive and inherit the consummated Spirit as the blessing of Abraham—Gal. 3:7, 14, 29; 4:28.
 - B. The physical aspect of the blessing that God promised to Abraham was the good land (Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 17:8), which is a type of the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17).

- C. Actually, the Spirit as the realization of Christ in our experience is the good land as the source of God's bountiful supply for us to enjoy; the Spirit is the compound Spirit and actually is the Triune God Himself processed in His Divine Trinity through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection that we may receive Him as our life and everything; this is the focus of the gospel of God—Phil. 1:19; Exo. 30:22-25.
- D. The gospel of God concerns Christ as the life-giving Spirit living within the believers after His resurrection; this is the gospel of the One who is now indwelling the believers as their subjective Savior—John 1:4; 14:6; 10:10; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 1:1; 8:2, 10, 6, 11, 16.
- E. The good land today is Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit (Gal. 3:14), who dwells in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 8:16) to be our enjoyment; to walk according to this Spirit (v. 4; Gal. 5:16) is the central and crucial point in the New Testament (Col. 2:6).
- F. Christ as the life-giving Spirit is the blessing of Abraham (Gal. 3:14), the reality of both the seed of Abraham and the good land promised to Abraham; our blessing today is God Himself, who is embodied in Christ and realized as the Spirit to be dispensed into us for our enjoyment.
- G. The seed of Abraham is Christ in us, and the good land promised to Abraham is the Christ in whom we live; Christ lives in us as the seed, and we live in Him as the land for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose—Col. 1:12; 2:6; Eph. 3:8-11.
- H. The faith that is precious in God's sight is the faith that believes that God is able to work Himself into us to bring forth Christ; this kind of faith is precious to God and is accounted by Him as righteousness; Abraham's being justified by God was not merely related to sin; rather, it was for the gaining of a seed to produce a kingdom that will inherit the world that they might exercise God's dominion on earth—Gen. 15:4-6; 22:18; Rom. 4:3, 13; Gen. 1:26; 1 John 3:23; Gal. 3:22-23, 25.
- I. In the gospel we have received not only the blessing of forgiveness, washing, and cleansing; even more, we have received the greatest blessing, which is the Triune God—the Father, Son, and Spirit—as the processed, all-inclusive life-giving Spirit dwelling in us in a most subjective way for our enjoyment—Eph. 1:3; Num. 6:22-27.
- J. Oh, what a blessing it is that we can enjoy such an all-inclusive One as our daily portion!
 - 1. We bless our God and Father, who has blessed us with the Spirit as the unique blessing in the universe in His multifarious aspects, as every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ—Eph. 1:3.
 - 2. God's promise to Abraham was that He would bless him and make him a blessing (Gen. 12:2-3); we need to pray that God would bless us with Himself as the Spirit and make us a blessing as a channel of the Spirit to others (Phil. 1:21-25; Judg. 9:8-9):
 - a. To be blessed with the Spirit is to honor God by being filled with the Spirit to walk by the Spirit for Christ's magnification in us—Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16, 25; Phil. 1:20.
 - b. To bless others with the Spirit is to honor man by overflowing with the Spirit to minister the Spirit for Christ's impartation into others—John 7:38; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6.
- K. If we have the Spirit, the presence of the Triune God, we have everything, and we are short of nothing; the Spirit is everything to us to live the Christian life.

IV. Galatians reveals the way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit—the aggregate of the all-embracing

blessing of the full gospel of God in Christ for the divine dispensing according to the divine economy—3:14:

- A. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by God's revealing of Christ in us; we live the Christian life according to the Christ whom we have seen—1:16a; Eph. 1:17; Gen. 13:14-18; Eph. 3:8, 19.
- B. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by our receiving of Christ out of the hearing of faith—Gal. 3:2:
 - 1. The faith of the believers is Christ entering into them to be their faith, making their spirit a spirit of faith—Heb. 12:2a; Gal. 2:16; Rom. 3:22; 2 Cor. 4:13.
 - 2. Faith comes out of the hearing of the word—Rom. 10:17.
 - 3. Faith is to believe that God is and we are not; faith always annuls us and reveals Christ to us—Heb. 11:6; Gen. 5:24; John 8:58; Gal. 2:20.
 - 4. The believers are the members of the family, the household, of faith; this faith house is a house that believes in God through His word—6:10.
- C. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by being born according to the Spirit and by being given the Spirit of God's Son into our hearts—4:29b, 6.
- D. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by putting on Christ through the baptism that puts us into Christ—3:27.
- E. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by being identified with Him in His death so that it may be no longer we who live but He who lives in us; and the life we now live in the flesh we live by the faith of Christ—Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 2:20:
 - 1. To be identified with Christ means to be one spirit with Him and even to be one entity with Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17; Phil. 1:20-21a.
 - 2. We live such a life in Christ as our faith; genuine faith is Christ Himself infused into us to become our appreciation of Him as a reaction to His attraction—Gal. 2:20b; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Heb. 12:2a.
- F. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by living and walking by the Spirit—Gal. 5:16, 25.
- G. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by having Christ formed in us through travail—4:19:
 - 1. Christ's being formed in us depends on our being transformed; our being transformed and His being formed in us cause us to be conformed to His image—2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29.
 - 2. To have Christ formed in us is to have the three parts of our soul (our mind, emotion, and will) renewed—12:2; 2 Cor. 4:16.
- H. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by sowing unto the Spirit with the desire and aim of the Spirit in view, to accomplish what the Spirit desires—Gal. 6:7-8.
- I. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by boasting in the cross of Christ and living a new creation—vv. 14-15.
- J. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ with our spirit—vv. 17-18.