Outline of the Messages for the Full-time Training in the Fall Term of 2003

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE DIVINE ECONOMY IN THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Message Twenty-nine

The All-inclusive Christ in His Four Stages according to God's New Testament Economy

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In the Stage of His Resurrection

- Scripture Reading: Isa. 53:10c-11b; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Col. 1:18; Acts 13:33; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 1:6; 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:3; John 12:24; 1 Cor. 10:17; Col. 3:4, 10-11
 - I. The seed and the issue mentioned in Isaiah 53:10c-11b imply a great deal; in his writings Paul explained and defined Christ's resurrection and unveiled many items concerning the produce of Christ's resurrection.
- II. In His resurrection, as the processed Christ, the last Adam became a lifegiving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17:
 - A. John 7:37-39 indicates that the believers would receive the Spirit.
 - B. Jesus was glorified when He was resurrected; on the day of His resurrection, He came back to His disciples as *the* Spirit—20:22.
 - C. Because many Christians know little concerning the produce of Christ's resurrection, they have not seen that in resurrection He, the last Adam, became a life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b.
 - D. This life-giving Spirit is the reality of the pneumatic Christ, the One who is full of heavenly, divine, spiritual air.
 - E. Christ's becoming the life-giving Spirit is for propagation, for producing, for spreading, through life-imparting—John 15:16; Acts 1:8, 22; 2:31; 4:33:
 - 1. The life-giving Spirit went along with the preaching of the gospel to impart Christ into us, and we were regenerated (John 3:3-8); this is Christ's spreading.
 - 2. We are Christ's propagation, parts of Christ-15:5a.
- III. In His resurrection Christ, as the preeminent One, the One who has the first place in all things, became the Firstborn from the dead—Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5:
 - A. Christ's resurrection, in which He became the Firstborn from the dead, was for the germination of God's new creation—Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17.
 - B. In His resurrection Christ became the Head of the Body—Col. 1:18.

IV. In His resurrection Christ as the God-man, in His humanity, was begotten of God—Acts 13:33:

A. In the aspect of His being a man, the Lord Jesus was not the Son of God before His resurrection; in His resurrection Christ's humanity was "sonized"—Rom. 1:3-4.

- B. Christ's resurrection was a birth; thus, in His resurrection He was begotten of God to be the firstborn Son of God—8:29.
- C. In His coming back, the Lord Jesus will be the firstborn Son of God—Heb. 1:6.
- D. Christ as the firstborn Son is a model for conforming many sons to His image—Rom. 8:29.
- V. In His resurrection Christ as the resurrection life regenerated all His believers—1 Pet. 1:3:
 - A. The many sons of God are the members of God's household to be God's kingdom and God's inheritance—Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19; 1:11.
 - B. It was through Christ's resurrection that God begot the firstborn Son and the many sons—Heb. 1:5-6; 2:10.

VI. In His resurrection Christ, as the one grain of wheat, produced many grains—John 12:24:

- A. Through Christ's death and resurrection the one grain, Christ, became many grains.
- B. The many grains produced by Christ's resurrection are His increase—3:30a.
- C. The many grains as the increase of Christ are the components of the one bread—the church, the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 10:17; Eph. 1:22-23.
- VII. Through His life-releasing death and with His life-imparting resurrection, Christ produced a corporate seed as the issue of the travail of His soul, whom He saw in His resurrection and was satisfied—Isa. 53:10c-11b:
 - A. The corporate seed implies all the many grains, all the members of Christ's Body, all Christ's brothers, and all the sons of God.
 - B. This seed is Christ's continuation for the extension of His days (Rev. 1:18a); because Christ continues to live by living in us, we are the extension of His days.
 - C. This seed is for the pleasure of Jehovah, which will prosper in the hand of the resurrected Christ—Eph. 1:5, 9; Phil. 2:13; Isa. 53:10c.
 - D. The resurrected Christ, the righteous One, will make the many righteous (v. 11b); this is not merely to justify us objectively but to make us righteous subjectively (2 Cor. 5:21) by living within us as the resurrection life.
- VIII. As the life of the believers, the resurrected Christ is all the members and in all the members of the new man—Col. 3:4, 10-11:
 - A. As one of the items produced through Christ's resurrection, the new man is God's new creation—Gal. 6:15.
 - B. The new man carries out God's New Testament economy according to God's good pleasure—Eph. 1:5, 9; Phil. 2:13.

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