

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2025**

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

Message Four

**Being Renewed Day by Day
to Put On and Bring Forth the One New Man**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:10, 15; 4:22-24

Eph. 2:10—For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so making peace,*

Eph. 4:22-24—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, ²³And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind ²⁴And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

I. God's intention in His creation of man was to have a corporate man to express Him and to represent Him—Gen. 1:26; Eph. 2:15:

Gen. 1:26—And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so making peace,*

A. God created man in His own image for His expression and gave man His dominion so that man would represent Him to deal with His enemy—Gen. 1:26.

Gen. 1:26—And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

B. The church as the new man in the new creation bears God's image for God's expression and fights against God's enemy for God's kingdom—Col. 3:10-11; Eph. 2:15; 4:24; 6:10.

Col. 3:10-11—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

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Eph. 4:24—And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Eph. 6:10—Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

- C. What was divided and scattered in the old man is recovered in the new man—Gen. 11:5-9; Acts 2:5-13; Col. 3:10-11.

Gen. 11:5-9—And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men had built. ⁶And Jehovah said, Behold, they are one people, and they all have one language; and this is *only* the beginning of what they will do; and now nothing which they purpose to do will be kept from them. ⁷Come, let Us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸So Jehovah scattered them from there over the surface of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Jehovah confounded the language of all the earth, and from there Jehovah scattered them over the surface of all the earth.

Acts 2:5-13—Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together and was confounded because each one heard them speaking in his own dialect. ⁷And they were amazed and marveled, saying, Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how *is it that* we each hear *them* in our own dialect in which we were born? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those dwelling in Mesopotamia, both in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Both in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and the sojourning of Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues the magnificent *works* of God? ¹²And they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, What does this mean? ¹³But others jeered and said, They are full of new wine!

Col. 3:10-11—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

II. The new man as the poem, the masterpiece, of God was created through Christ's death and in His resurrection—Eph. 2:10, 15-16:

Eph. 2:10—For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.

Eph. 2:15-16—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace, ¹⁶And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

- A. We need to pay careful attention to two phrases in verse 15: *in His flesh* and *in Himself*:

1. "In His flesh" Christ terminated all the negative things in the universe: Satan, the devil, the enemy of God (Heb. 2:14); sin (Rom. 8:3; John 1:29); the flesh of fallen man (Gal. 5:24); the world, the cosmos, the evil system of Satan

(John 12:31); the old creation, represented by the old man (Rom. 6:6); and the separating ordinances of the law (Eph. 2:15).

Heb. 2:14—Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

Rom. 8:3—For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

John 1:29—The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Gal. 5:24—But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

John 12:31—Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

Rom. 6:6—Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,

2. “In Himself” as the sphere, element, and essence, Christ created the Jews and the Gentiles into one new man.
3. Christ is not only the Creator of the one new man, the church, but also the sphere in which and the element and essence with which the new man was created.
4. Christ is the very element and essence of the one new man, making God’s divine nature one entity with humanity—cf. Col. 3:10-11.

cf. Col. 3:10-11—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹⁴Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

5. In the creating of the new man, first our natural man was crucified by Christ, and then through the crossing out of the old man, Christ imparted the divine element into us, causing us to become the masterpiece of God’s work, God’s poem, an absolutely new item in the universe, a new invention of God—Rom. 6:6; 2 Cor. 5:17.

Rom. 6:6—Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

2 Cor. 5:17—So then if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

- B. The Greek word for *masterpiece* is *poiema*, meaning “something that has been written or composed as a poem”; not only a poetic writing may be considered a poem, but also any work of art that expresses the maker’s wisdom and design.

- C. We, the church as the masterpiece of God's work, are a poem expressing God's infinite wisdom and divine design; the church is God's wise exhibition of all that Christ is—Eph. 3:10-11.

Eph. 3:10-11—In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church, ¹¹According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

- D. When we exercise our spirit to put off the old man and put on the new man, we are filled with God as our “exceeding joy” (Psa. 43:4a); there are four levels of joy in the Bible:

Psa. 43:4—And I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God.

1. There is the joy of salvation—51:12; 16:11; Isa. 12:2-6; Luke 15:7, 10, 23-24; Rom. 5:10, 17; 10:12-13.

Psa. 51:12—Restore to me the gladness of Your salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.

Psa. 16:11—You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Isa. 12:2-6—God is now my salvation; I will trust and not dread; For Jah Jehovah is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation. ³Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing From the springs of salvation, ⁴And you will say in that day, Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! Make His deeds known among the peoples; Remind *them* that His name is exalted. ⁵Sing psalms to Jehovah, for He has done something majestic! Let it be made known in all the earth! ⁶Cry out and give a ringing shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Luke 15:7—I tell you that in the same way there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance.

Luke 15:10—In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting.

Luke 15:23-24—And bring the fattened calf; slaughter *it*, and let us eat and be merry, ²⁴Because this son of mine was dead and lives again; he was lost and has been found. And they began to be merry.

Rom. 5:10—For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rom. 5:17—For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom. 10:12-13—For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord *is Lord* of all *and* rich to all who call upon Him; ¹³For “whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

2. There is the joy of the church—Psa. 42:4; 43:4; 48:1-3; 95:1-2; 100:1-2; 146:1-2; 150:1-6.

Psa. 42:4—These things I remember, And I pour out my soul within me: That I passed through with the throng; I led them to the house of God With the voice of a joyous shout and praise, The festal multitude.

Psa. 43:4—And I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God.

Psa. 48:1-3—Great is Jehovah, And much to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. ²Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, The city of the great King. ³God has made Himself known In her palaces as a high retreat.

Psa. 95:1-2—Come, let us sing for joy to Jehovah; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

Psa. 100:1-2—Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth. ²Serve Jehovah with rejoicing; Come before His presence with joyful singing.

Psa. 146:1-2—Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah, O my soul! ²I will praise Jehovah while I live; I will sing psalms to my God while I yet have being.

Psa. 150:1-6—Hallelujah! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in the expanse that *manifests* His power. ²Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His vast greatness. ³Praise Him with the blast of the trumpet; Praise Him with the harp and lyre; ⁴Praise Him with the tambourine and with dancing; Praise Him with the stringed instrument and the pipe. ⁵Praise Him with the loud cymbals; Praise Him with the loud clanging cymbals. ⁶Let everything that has breath praise Jehovah. Hallelujah!

3. There is the joy of the Body—2 Cor. 1:24; 7:13; 8:2; Phil. 2:2; 1 Thes. 2:19-20; Jude 24.

2 Cor. 1:24—Not that we lord it over your faith, but we are fellow workers with *you* for your joy; for by faith you stand.

2 Cor. 7:13—Because of this we have been comforted. And in addition to our comfort, we rejoiced more abundantly over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

2 Cor. 8:2—That in much proving of affliction the abundance of their joy and the depth of their poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality;

Phil. 2:2—Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing,

1 Thes. 2:19-20—For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at His coming? Are not even you? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

Jude 24—But to Him who is able to guard you from stumbling and to set *you* before His glory without blemish in exultation,

4. There is the joy of the one new man—Eph. 2:14-16; 4:20-24; Col. 3:10-11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rev. 5:8-10.

Eph. 2:14-16—For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity, ¹⁵Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so* making peace, ¹⁶And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

Eph. 4:20-24—But you did not so learn Christ, ²¹If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus, ²²That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, ²³And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind ²⁴And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Col. 3:10-11—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

2 Cor. 5:17—So then if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

Rev. 5:8-10—And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which *bowls* are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sing a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood *men* out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

III. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man; this one new man has only one person, and this person is the Lord Jesus—Eph. 2:15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11:

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so* making peace,

Eph. 4:22-24—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, ²³And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind ²⁴And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

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- A. What the Lord has been doing and is now doing in His recovery is bringing forth the one new man with Himself as the person for God's expression (Eph. 2:17-19; Col. 3:4, 10-11); the one new man will usher in the kingdom of God and will bring Christ, the King, back to this earth (Rev. 11:15).

Eph. 2:17-19—And coming, He announced peace as the gospel to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸For through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Col. 3:4—When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

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Rev. 11:15—And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the *kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

- B. In the one new man, Christ is all the members and is in all the members; because Christ is all the members of the new man, there is no possibility, no room, for any natural person (for any race, nationality, culture, or social status)—Col. 3:10-11:

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1. No matter what kind of person we may be, as far as the one new man is concerned, we all are nobodies; in the one new man there is only one person—the all-inclusive Christ—2:17; 3:4, 11; Gal. 6:3.

Col. 2:17—Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

Col. 3:4—When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Col. 3:11—Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

Gal. 6:3—For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

2. Christ is in all of us as one person; therefore, we all have only one person; for the practical existence of the one new man, the total person of the old man must be put away, and we must live by our new person—Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:22, 24; 3:17a.

Rom. 6:6—Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Gal. 2:20—I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Eph. 4:22—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

Eph. 4:24—And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Eph. 3:17—That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

- C. We need to consider *one new man* in Ephesians 2:15 together with *one mouth* in Romans 15:6 and *speak the same thing* in 1 Corinthians 1:10:

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so making peace*,

Rom. 15:6—That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:10—Now I beseech you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion.

1. In the past there were too many mouths because there were too many persons; *with one accord* and *with one mouth* (Rom. 15:6) mean that even though we are many and all are speaking, we all “speak the same thing” (1 Cor. 1:10).

Rom. 15:6—That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2. Although we are many and come from many places, we all have one mouth and we all speak the same thing; this is because we all are the one new man having only one person—Eph. 2:15; 4:22-24; 3:17a; Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10.

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so making peace*,

Eph. 4:22-24—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, ²³And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind ²⁴And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

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3. In the one new man it is impossible to have different teachings other than the unique teaching of God's eternal economy because we have one mouth in order to speak the same thing—1 Tim. 1:3-4; Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10.

1 Tim. 1:3-4—Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things⁴Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

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IV. We must experience the putting off of the old man and the putting on of the new man by being renewed in the spirit of our mind—Eph. 4:22-24; Rom. 6:6, 4:

Eph. 4:22-24—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,²³And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind²⁴And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Rom. 6:6—Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Rom. 6:4—We have been buried therefore with *Him* through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

- A. We should not live according to the vanity of the mind but according to the spirit of the mind; this is the key to the daily living of the corporate one new man, the secret to having a church life filled with the character of God, the aroma of Christ, and the oneness of the Spirit—Eph. 4:3-4, 17-18, 23-24.

Eph. 4:3-4—Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:⁴One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Eph. 4:17-18—This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,¹⁸Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

Eph. 4:23-24—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind²⁴And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

- B. To put off the old man, we must deny and renounce our old self; to put on the new man is to live and magnify Christ through the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—vv. 22, 24; Matt. 16:24; Phil. 1:19-21a.

Eph. 4:22—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

Eph. 4:24—And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Matt. 16:24—Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Phil. 1:19-21—For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

- C. By our loving the Lord and by the exercise of our spirit in prayer and in reading the Word day by day, our mind is filled with the mingled spirit; this changes and renews our mind; for us to be renewed in our mind is to get rid of all the old concepts concerning the things of the human life and be made new again by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit—Psa. 119:105, 130; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Deut. 17:18-20.

Psa. 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psa. 119:130—The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

2 Tim. 3:15-17—And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

Deut. 17:18-20—And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write out for himself a copy of this law in a book, out of *that which is* before the Levitical priests. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, in order that he may learn to fear Jehovah his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes and doing them, ²⁰So that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers and he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right or to the left; that he and his sons may extend their days over their kingdom in the midst of Israel.

- D. The new man is in our spirit; the way to put on the new man is for our spirit (which is mingled with the Spirit), in which are found God, God's dwelling place, and the new man, to become the spirit of our mind—Eph. 2:22; 4:23.

Eph. 2:22—In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Eph. 4:23—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

- E. For the spirit to become the spirit of our mind means that the spirit directs, controls, dominates, overrules, and possesses our mind (cf. 1 Cor. 2:15-16; 2 Cor. 2:13; 10:4-5); when the spirit directs our mind, our whole being is under the control of our spirit, and there is no ground for culture, for opinions, or for ordinances.

cf. 1 Cor. 2:15-16—But the spiritual man discerns all things, but he himself is discerned by no one. ¹⁶For who has known the mind of the Lord and will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

cf. 2 Cor. 2:13—I had no rest in my spirit, for I did not find Titus my brother; but taking leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

cf. 2 Cor. 10:4-5—For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds, ⁵As we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ.

- F. When we believed in the Lord Jesus, the life-giving Spirit came into our spirit, bringing with Him the new man as a finished product; now the new man must saturate and spread into every part of our being; this spreading is both the putting on of the new man and the renewing.
- G. The only possibility of God's purpose being fulfilled in this age, to have the one new man in reality, is if we would all be willing to be renewed in the spirit of our mind; our spirit mingled with the Spirit of God must become the spirit of our mind; then all our living will be by the spirit, and whatever we do will be according to the spirit (Rom. 8:4); as we are renewed by this spirit, we put on the new man.

Rom. 8:4—That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

- H. We need to walk according to the mingled spirit that is spreading into our mind and filling it; in this way the daily walk of the new man will be in the spirit of the mind; this is the secret of the church life—Eph. 4:23.

Eph. 4:23—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

V. The believers should be renewed to be as new as the New Jerusalem since they all are becoming the New Jerusalem by walking in newness of life (Rom. 6:4) and building the New Jerusalem by serving in newness of spirit (7:6):

Rom. 6:4—We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

Rom. 7:6—But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter.

- A. Our being renewed in the spirit of our mind is for our daily transformation into the image of Christ through the consuming of our outer man by the suffering in our environment for the renewing of our inner man—2 Cor. 4:16:

2 Cor. 4:16—Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner *man* is being renewed day by day.

- 1. While we are in the midst of suffering, we need to receive the renewing; otherwise, the suffering we pass through means nothing to us; within us

there is a refuge—our spirit—Psa. 91:1; 27:5; 31:20; Isa. 32:2; 2 Tim. 4:22; Gal. 6:17-18.

Psa. 91:1—He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Psa. 27:5—For He will conceal me in His shelter In the day of trouble; He will hide me in the hiding place of His tent; He will raise me up upon a rock.

Psa. 31:20—You hide them in the hiding place of Your presence Apart from the conspiracies of men; You lay them away secretly in a shelter Apart from the contention of tongues.

Isa. 32:2—And a man will be like a refuge from the wind And a covering from the tempest, Like streams of water in a dry place, Like the shadow of a massive rock in a wasted land.

2 Tim. 4:22—The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Gal. 6:17-18—Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

2. God arranges our environment so that little by little and day by day our outer man will be consumed and our inner man will be renewed by the fresh supply of the pneumatic Christ as the resurrection life—2 Cor. 4:16.

2 Cor. 4:16—Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner *man* is being renewed day by day.

- B. In order to be renewed day by day, we need to be revived every morning—Matt. 13:43; Luke 1:78-79; Prov. 4:18; Judg. 5:31.

Matt. 13:43—Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 1:78-79—Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high, ⁷⁹To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prov. 4:18—But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

Judg. 5:31—May all Your enemies so perish, O Jehovah. But may those who love Him be like the sun When it rises in its might. And the land had rest forty years.

- C. We are renewed day by day through four items: the cross (2 Cor. 4:10-12, 16-18); the Holy Spirit, by whom we are reconditioned, remade, and remodeled with the divine life (Titus 3:5); our mingled spirit (Eph. 4:23); and the holy word of God (5:26).

2 Cor. 4:10-12—Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then death operates in us, but life in you.

2 Cor. 4:16-18—Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our momentary lightness of

affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,
¹⁸Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen;
for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are
eternal.

Titus 3:5—Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy
He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Eph. 4:23—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

Eph. 5:26—That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in
the word,

- D. We need to come to the Lord's table in newness (Matt. 26:29); the Lord never
takes an old table; we need to be renewed by learning to say, "I'm sorry; forgive
me."

Matt. 26:29—But I say to you, I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from
now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.

- E. Newness is God; therefore, to become new is to become God in life and in nature
but not in the Godhead; God is forever new, and He infuses His ever-new essence
into our being to renew our entire being with the fresh supply of the resurrection
life to replace our culture so that we may become the one new man in reality by
becoming as new as the New Jerusalem—Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:10.

Rom. 12:2—And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the
renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and
well pleasing and perfect.

Col. 3:10—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge
according to the image of Him who created him,