

The Intrinsic Building Up of the Church for Its Organic Function

Monday 6/14

Eph. 4:11-12

11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

Matt. 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

1 Cor. 3:6, 8-9, 12-14

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,

13 The work of each will become manifest; for the day will declare it, because it is revealed by fire, and the fire itself will prove each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built upon the foundation remains, he will receive a reward;

1 Cor. 14:3, 12

3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up . . . - Week 3, Day 1*

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 4 – Sections: *The Ministry In The New Testament Economy; One Ministry; Personal Ministry And Corporate Ministry*

Tuesday 6/15

1 Cor. 12:28

28 And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then

works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

Acts 13:1

1 Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Eph. 4:1-2, 7, 13

1 I beseech you therefore, I, the prisoner in the Lord, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing one another in love,

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Acts 6:3, 5-7

3 But brothers, look for seven well-attested men from among you, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint over this need.

5 And the word pleased all the multitude; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch,

6 Whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God grew, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly; and a large number of the priests obeyed the faith.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up . . . - Week 3, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 4 – Sections: *The Ministries In The Denominations; Not Receiving Ministries That Damage The Body*

Wednesday 6/16

Eph. 4:3

3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:

Eph. 4:13

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Jude 1:3

3 Beloved, while using all diligence to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you and exhort you to earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

Rom. 14:1

1 Now him who is weak in faith receive, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his considerations.

Rom. 15:7

7 Therefore receive one another, as Christ also received you to the glory of God.

Col. 1:27-29

27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

Heb. 6:1

1 Therefore leaving the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be brought on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,

Further Reading: *HWMR The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up . . . - Week 3, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 4 – Sections: *Speaking The Same Thing From Different Angles; The Blessing Of Speaking The Same Thing*

Thursday 6/17

Eph. 4:15-16, 20-21

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

20 But you did not so learn Christ,

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

Col. 1:18-19

18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that

He Himself might have the first place in all things;
19 For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell

Eph. 1:22-23

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Eph. 3:7, 20-21

7 Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God which was given to me according to the operation of His power.

20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up . . . - Week 3, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages"
Chapter 5 – Sections: *Truth Sanctifying For Oneness; Two Functions Of The Truth; Truth Being The Reality Of The Triune God*

Friday 6/18

Rom. 12:4-8

4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,
5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 And having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or service, let us be faithful in that service; or he who teaches, in that teaching;

8 Or he who exhorts, in that exhortation; he who gives, in simplicity; he who leads, in diligence; he who shows mercy, in cheerfulness.

1 Cor. 12:18

18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

Rom. 12:2-3

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.

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to every one who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.

Eph. 4:22-24

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,

23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

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

Further Reading: *HWMR The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up . . . - Week 3, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages"

Chapter 5 – Sections: *Sanctified By The Truth; Sanctification Resulting In Oneness; By Dealing With The Factors Of Division; Worldliness; Ambition*

Saturday 6/19

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11

4 But there are distinctions of gifts, but the same Spirit;

5 And there are distinctions of ministries, yet the same Lord;

6 And there are distinctions of operations, but the same God, who operates all things in all.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable.

11 But the one and the same Spirit operates all these things, distributing to each one respectively even as He purposes.

1 Cor. 14:26

26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Rom. 14:17-19

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who serves Christ in this is well pleasing to God and approved by men.

19 So then let us pursue the things of peace and the things for building up one another.

Rom. 15:1-2

1 But we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those who are weak and not to please ourselves.

2 Let each of us please his neighbor with a view to what is good for building up.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up . . . - Week 3, Day 6 Hymns, #914*

Lord's Day 6/20

1 Cor. 14:1, 5, 12, 20, 24-25, 29-31

1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

5 I desire that you all speak in tongues, but especially that you would prophesy; and greater is he who prophesies than he who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, that the church may receive building up.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church.

20 Brothers, do not be children in your understanding, but in malice be babes and in your understanding be full-grown.

24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;

25 The secrets of his heart become manifest; and so falling on his face, he will worship God, declaring that indeed God is among you.

29 And as to prophets, two or three should speak, and the others discern.

30 But if something is revealed to another sitting by, the first should be silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

Further Reading

CWWL, 1989, vol. 4, "The Organic Building up of the Church as the Body of Christ to be the Organism of the Processed and Dispensing Triune God", ch. 3

Life-Study of Ephesians, msgs. 43, 45

Life-Study of the Romans, msg. 26

Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, msg. 57

