

*The Full Ministry of Christ in Three Stages***Monday 12/18****Related Verses****John 1:14**

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Luke 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 2:40

40 And the little child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

1 Tim. 1:3-4

3 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 things
4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

Micah 5:2

2 (But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, So little to be among the thousands of Judah, From you there will come forth to Me He who is to be Ruler in Israel; And His goings forth are from ancient times, From the days of eternity.)

Isa. 9:6

6 For a child is born to us, A son is given to us; And the government Is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

2 Cor. 6:1

1 And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

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The central revelation of God is God becoming flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming intensified sevenfold to build up the church to issue in the Body of Christ and to consummate the New Jerusalem. We need to see that the

Triune God became flesh, that the flesh became the life-giving Spirit, and that the life-giving Spirit became the sevenfold intensified Spirit. This Spirit is to build up the church, which becomes the Body of Christ consummating the New Jerusalem as the final goal of God's economy.

The Lord's recovery is God becoming the flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit to build up the church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, "The Divine and Mystical Realm," pp. 92-93)

To be a co-worker or an elder, we...need to experience and enjoy Christ (to gain Christ—Phil. 3:8) in His full ministry in His three divine and mystical stages. How can we be a co-worker and an elder? First, we need to know Christ; second, we need to experience and enjoy Christ, that is, to gain Christ, in His full ministry. First, we have the knowledge, and then we have the experience and enjoyment. To experience and enjoy Christ is to gain Christ [v. 8]...To "have" is not sufficient; we need to "gain." To gain Christ requires paying a price. To gain Christ is to experience, enjoy, and take possession of all His unsearchable riches by paying a price. This is not so simple...It is not easy to win a game, and it is also not easy to win the victory in a war. These require us to pursue by forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before [vv. 12-14a]. Likewise, we need to gain Christ by experiencing and enjoying Him in His full ministry.

The full ministry of Christ is in three divine and mystical stages. The first stage, the stage of His incarnation, began with His human birth and ended with His death, including the entire course of His human life. Hence, His human birth, His passing through human living, and His death formed the stage of His incarnation.

In His full ministry in the first stage, the stage of His incarnation, Christ brought the infinite God into the finite man...This is our new language today. God is infinite, and we human beings are finite...Christ brought the infinite God into the finite man. One is infinite, and the other is finite—how could the two become one?

Nevertheless, it was carried out by Christ in His ministry. In His full ministry in the first stage of His incarnation, Christ also united and mingled the Triune God with the tripartite man. The Triune God is mysterious, and the tripartite man is difficult to understand. If we simply say that Christ united and mingled God with man, this is easy. However, according to the new language of the new culture in the divine and mystical realm, we need to say that Christ united and mingled the Triune God with the tripartite man. Concerning the Triune God, the Father is the source, the Son is the expression, and the Spirit is the entering in. Concerning the tripartite man, the spirit is the innermost part, the soul is in the middle, and the body is on the outside. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations," pp. 222-224)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations," chs. 1-3

Tuesday 12/19**Related Verses****Luke 7:47-48, 50**

47 For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.

48 And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven.

50 But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

Luke 10:30, 33-35

30 Jesus, taking up the question, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beaten him, went away, leaving him half dead.

33 But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion;

34 And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

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35 And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, Take care of him; and whatever you spend in addition to this, when I return, I will repay you.

Rom. 5:10, 17, 21

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,

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.

21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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In His full ministry in the first stage of His incarnation, Christ also expressed in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues. No one can deny that the human virtues of Christ were aromatic; even when non-Christians read the four Gospels, they sense that the Jesus recorded in these books was a sweet and fragrant One, whose virtues were aromatic.

Our attributes are the characteristics of what we are...Our God has His attributes, and His attributes are rich because He is great and bountiful. He is love, light, holiness, and righteousness. These rich attributes were expressed by the Lord Jesus in His humanity to become the aromatic virtues in His humanity. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations," pp. 224-225)

As a help in understanding the expression *in His human virtues with His divine attributes*, let us use some cases in the Gospel of Luke as illustrations. In 7:36-50 a sinful woman came into the home of a Pharisee who had invited the Lord Jesus to eat with him...In His human virtues...He was not at all bothered by that sinful woman, even when she "began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head" and when "she kissed His feet affectionately and anointed them with the ointment" (v. 38). If we had been the Lord Jesus, we

probably would have been troubled by the behavior of this woman..., [but] the Man-Savior was very kind and patient, realizing that this woman had been convicted of her sins.

He was also merciful. People often speak about love but rarely about mercy. Mercy, however, is more tender than love. To be merciful is to sympathize with others in their poor condition and low estate.

In addition to exercising kindness, patience, and mercy toward the woman, the Lord Jesus also exercised His understanding. Often we fail to understand others, but the Lord Jesus was very understanding in the case of this woman. Furthermore, He was wise and loving.

Perhaps you are wondering what divine attributes are expressed in 7:36-50. First,...we have the divine forgiveness (vv. 47-48). God is the only one who can grant forgiveness of sins.

In 7:50 the Lord Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." The giving of peace is also a divine attribute. God is the only one who can give inner peace.

In 7:36-50 we see the Man-Savior in the house of a Pharisee acting in His human virtues with His divine attributes. He could behave in such a manner because He was the God-man...He possessed all the human virtues created by God, and He also had the divine attributes. Hence, He acted in the highest standard of morality, for His human virtues expressed His divine attributes.

The Lord also acted in His human virtues with His divine attributes when He was on the cross. The thief said to Him, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom" (23:42). The Lord replied, "Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise" (v. 43). Here we see the human virtues expressing the divine attributes...Although He was a man, He was filled with all the divine attributes. Therefore, He could act in His human virtues with His divine attributes. These illustrations should help us understand how the Lord ministered in His human virtues with His divine attributes. (*Life-study of Luke*, pp. 90-92)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Luke*, msg. 11, 17, 25; *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, "Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification," chs. 1-2

Wednesday 12/20**Related Verses****Rom. 1:3-4**

3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,

4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

Rom. 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Acts 13:33

33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; this day have I begotten You."

1 Pet. 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Col. 1:18

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;

John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

1 Tim. 3:16

16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

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Before His incarnation, Christ, the divine One, was already the Son of God (John 1:18; Rom. 8:3). By incarnation He put on an element, the human flesh, that had nothing to do with divinity; that part of Him needed to be sanctified and uplifted by passing through death and resurrection. By resurrection His human nature was sanctified, uplifted, and transformed. Hence, by resurrection He was designated the Son of God with His humanity (Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5). (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations," p. 236)

Romans 1:3-4 gives us Jesus as the prototype. In Romans 8:29-30 we have the many sons as the mass production...With the prototype there is the Spirit of holiness, the flesh, and the designation as the Son of God...We also have the Spirit of holiness within, the human flesh without, and we shall be designated in full as sons of God.

We were born the sons of man, but we have been reborn the sons of God...We are sons of God because the Spirit of the Son of God has come into us (Gal. 4:6)...Therefore, in a sense, each one of us is the same as Jesus. Jesus was a man in the flesh with the Son of God in Him. We also are men of flesh with the Son of God in us...Hallelujah! This man of flesh with the Son of God in him is under the process of sanctification, transformation, and glorification. The time will come when we will all declare, "We are designated to be sons of God out of resurrection!"

Even the Lord Jesus according to the flesh had to be designated the Son of God. Before His designation, according to the flesh, He was just the seed of David; in that part of His being He was not yet the Son of God. But by resurrection He was designated the Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness. In the same principle, according to the flesh, we are sinners. But now that we have been regenerated, we can have our being according to the spirit. The more we walk according to the mingled spirit, the more we undergo the process of designation. Day by day, we are resurrected, sanctified, transformed, and glorified.

The sonship is realized by resurrection and in the Spirit. The Spirit who dwells in us is the rising-up Spirit and the designating Spirit.

We have the designating Christ as resurrection within. Do not try to improve yourself or to make yourself sinlessly perfect. Rather, enjoy and experience the designating Spirit. If by the Spirit we put to death the practices of the body, we shall live (Rom. 8:13). We need to walk according to the Spirit, set our mind upon the Spirit, and by the Spirit put to death the practices of the body. If we walk daily according to the Spirit, we shall be fully in the process of designation by resurrection. By the power of resurrection, we shall be transformed, conformed, and, eventually, glorified.

The more we contact the Lord by calling upon His name, the more we sense His presence and the more we are conscious of His anointing within. By calling on the name of the Lord, we are watered, we are refreshed, we are sanctified, we are satisfied, and we are strengthened. In this way we are brought into His presence, and we are made ready for His coming. The kind of teachings we need today are not the objective teachings about prophecy or about the dispensations but those regarding how we are designated by enjoying and experiencing Christ as the life power. If we have this kind of teaching, we shall realize that in ourselves we are hopeless and helpless, and we shall no longer try to improve ourselves. Rather, we shall exercise our spirit to contact the Lord so that we may enjoy His anointing and participate in the process of designation by resurrection. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 22-23, 22, 595, 572, 574-575)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 2, 54-56, 62

Thursday 12/21

Related Verses**1 Cor. 15:45**

45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Rom. 8:2, 6

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

John 6:63

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Phil. 1:19

19 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,

1 Pet. 1:3-5 (4-5)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 Unto an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, kept in the heavens for you,

5 Who are being guarded by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time;

1 Cor. 12:13

13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

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In Christ's resurrection all of God's chosen people were regenerated to be the many sons of God and the many brothers of the firstborn Son of God (1 Pet. 1:3; Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:29). In Christ's resurrection the Spirit of God was consummated to be the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b); the Spirit of Christ—the pneumatic Christ, the pneumatized Christ (Rom. 8:9); the ultimate consummation of the processed and consummated Triune God, who is embodied in the pneumatized Christ as the life-giving Spirit; and the reality of resurrection, which is Christ Himself and the processed and consummated Triune God (John 11:25; 1 John 5:6).

Because so many complications are involved in Christ's second becoming, His becoming the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit in resurrection, we may use the word *inclusion* in speaking of this second stage of Christ. The issue of this becoming was not something

simple but something compounded, that is, not just oil signifying the Spirit of God but the ointment signifying the life-giving Spirit, the Spirit who gives life. This Spirit is the pneumatic Christ, the Christ in the second stage—the stage of inclusion. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, “Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification,” p. 193)

Romans 8:2 speaks of the life of the Triune God. Verse 10 reveals that this life has been dispensed into our spirit and has caused our spirit to become life...According to verse 6, this life can be dispensed into our mind and can cause our mind to be life also. Ultimately, as verse 11 discloses, the divine life can even be imparted into our mortal bodies...The spirit is the center, the body is the circumference, and the mind is in between. From the center through the middle to the circumference, the life of the Triune God is being dispensed into our entire being.

When we set our mind on the spirit, our mind, which represents our soul, becomes zoe [v. 6]...This is the dispensing of the divine life into our soul.

Are you about to gossip? Turn your mind to the spirit. Are you tempted to lose your temper? Turn your mind to the spirit. Drop the ethical and religious teachings and come back to God's living Word, which reveals that the life of the Triune God is dispensed into our spirit to make our spirit life and also reveals that the mind set on the spirit is life.

We need to say to the Lord, “Lord, I thank You. Since You came into me, my spirit has become life. Now if I set my mind on my spirit, my mind also will be life. O Lord, how I praise You! Through Your indwelling Spirit, Your zoe life can be dispensed even into my mortal body. Lord, I worship You for this, I enjoy this, and I am one with You in this dispensing.” This is the dispensing of the life of the Triune God into the tripartite man...It is through this dispensing of the divine life that we become sons of God. Furthermore, it is by this dispensing that we are transformed and conformed to the image of Christ. This is the Christian life and the church life.

Our God is the Triune God who has passed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Now He is the all-inclusive Spirit to be the divine zoe for our participation, experience, and enjoyment. First, He dispenses Himself into our spirit, the center of our being. From the center He spreads into our mind and saturates it with zoe. Then He expands into our mortal body and thereby makes our whole being zoe. In this way we become men of zoe. Hallelujah,...we are men of life! (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 648, 651-653)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, “The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit,” ch. 6

Friday 12/22

Related Verses

Rev. 1:4-5

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood

Rev 2:4-5

4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.

5 Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

Col. 1:18b

18b , that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Eph. 3:17

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

Eph 4:15-16

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.

Eph 6:24

24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

Related Reading

For His ministry in the stage of His inclusion, Christ became the life-giving Spirit, the pneumatic Christ, to carry out His organic salvation for the producing of the church and the building up of His Body to consummate the New Jerusalem. However, on the way of His ministry in the stage of His inclusion, before He had attained His purpose, the church became degraded; such degradation frustrates the accomplishment of God's eternal economy. Hence, Christ as the one life-giving Spirit was intensified sevenfold to become the seven Spirits of God (Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6; 3:1).

The book of Revelation refers to the seven Spirits of God. The seven Spirits are not seven individual Spirits, but the one Spirit who is intensified sevenfold. This is the proper interpretation of the Word...Christ became the sevenfold intensified Spirit in order to intensify the organic salvation of God sevenfold for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate God's eternal goal, which is the New Jerusalem. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, “How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations,” pp. 253-254)

As the sevenfold intensified Spirit, Christ saves the believers from the things related to the degradation of the church...The church in Ephesus had lost four things: the genuine and proper church life, the first love toward the Lord, the shining capacity of the lampstand, and the enjoyment of Christ as life.

The sevenfold intensified Spirit saves the believers from the formal church life, the loss of the first love to the Lord, the loss of the shining capacity of the lampstand, and the loss of the enjoyment of Christ as life in the church in Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7)...Such [losses are]

very serious. Some of the churches in the Lord's recovery may have lost these four things. Instead of a real and genuine church life, the saints in these churches have only a formal church life. The saints still love one another, but their love is quite formal. They do not have the real and genuine love toward the brothers. Furthermore, the saints in these churches still come to the meetings, but they attend the meetings merely in a formal way. A good number of saints have this kind of formality. We need to be genuine, and to be genuine is to be in the spirit and do everything in the spirit.

If we have lost our first love to the Lord, we will not be warm toward Him. Although we may continue to serve Him, we will be cold in our serving. We need to be saved from a formal church life and serve the Lord with a burning spirit (Rom. 12:11).

The believers need to be saved also from the worldliness in union with the world as a marriage and the teaching of Balaam and the Nicolaitans in the church in Pergamos (Rev. 2:12-17). The believers need to be saved from the losing of the crown, which has been gained already in Brethrenism, signified by the church in Philadelphia (3:7-13).

Finally, Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit saves the believers from the lukewarmness and the Christlessness in degraded Brethrenism, signified by the church in Laodicea (vv. 14-22). We know that the church in Laodicea was Christless by the fact that He was outside the church, standing at the door and knocking (v. 20). This indicates that we may have Christ in name but not in reality. We need to be careful lest this becomes our situation today. We all should consider these matters not for others but for ourselves. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, "The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit," pp. 290-291)

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 5, "The Vital Groups," ch. 8

Saturday 12/23

Related Verses

Rev. 5:6

6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Rev. 19:7-9

7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

9 And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

Rev. 21:2

2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 22:17, 20, 21

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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I would urge you to consider this matter of intensification and to pray desperately, saying, "Lord, I must advance. I need Your grace to bring me onward. I do not want to remain in the work of incarnation nor even in the work of inclusion. I want to advance from inclusion to intensification. Lord, You have been intensified sevenfold, and I pray that I also will be intensified sevenfold to overcome the degradation of the church that the Body may be built up to consummate the New Jerusalem." (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 4, "Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification," p. 197)

We are saved from degradation by the speaking of the unlimited, life-releasing, sevenfold intensified pneumatic Christ (the Lamb with the seven Spirits as His eyes—Rev. 5:6)...The seven Spirits' being the eyes of Christ indicates that They are one with Christ...At the beginning of each epistle [to the seven churches (chs. 2-3)], Christ is speaking, and at the end the Spirit is speaking. This shows that Christ is the Spirit.

The overcoming of the degradation is by the participation of the overcoming saints who are living in their spirit (1:10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10). On the one hand, our overcoming is by Christ's speaking becoming the Spirit's speaking. On the other hand, it is by our living in our spirit all the time. Christ's sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry is for the complete preparation of the bride for Christ the Bridegroom to have His triumphant wedding in the millennium for His satisfaction according to His good pleasure (19:7-9).

Christ's sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry is also for the formation of the bridal army for Christ to defeat and destroy His top enemies in humanity, the Antichrist and his false prophet (vv. 11-21; 17:14). The coming Antichrist and his false prophet will be human enemies of Christ, attacking Christ to the uttermost. They will fight face to face with an army against Christ. But Christ and His bride will destroy them and throw them into the lake of fire.

Christ's sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry is for the binding of Satan and the casting of him into the abyss for one thousand years (20:1-3).

Christ's sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry is also for the bringing in of the kingdom of Christ and of God, which will be the millennium (vv. 4-6).

Ultimately, Christ's sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry is for the initial consummation of the New Jerusalem in the millennium (2:7) and its full consummation in the new heaven and new earth (21:2). In other words, the New Jerusalem will be consummated by the overcomers first in the initial part in the thousand years on a small scale and then in eternity on a full scale. All the believers, through the discipline of the one thousand years, will be matured, transformed, and

conformed to participate in the New Jerusalem in eternity.

The final outcome is that the ultimately consummated Spirit as the consummation of the processed Triune God becomes the Bridegroom, and the aggregate of the overcoming saints becomes the bride of the universal romance between the redeeming God and His redeemed man as the conclusion of the entire Scriptures (22:17). The conclusion of the entire Bible is a couple, which is the consummation of the universal romance of the redeeming God and His redeemed man. (*CWWL*, 1994-1997, vol. 4, "The Divine and Mystical Realm," pp. 148-149)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1991-1992, vol. 4, "The Overcomers," chs. 2-3 Enlightenment and inspiration

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Related Verses

Phil. 3:8-14

8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *The Vital Groups*, ch. 8

Hymn#1122

1 "Seven Spirits" of our God—
Lo, the age has now been turned
To the Spirit with the Son.
For the churches He's concerned.

Come, O seven Spirits, come,
Thy recovery work be done!
Burn and search us thoroughly,
All the churches are for Thee.
Burn us, search us,
All the churches are for Thee!

2 Sevenfold the Spirit is
For the deadness of the church,
That the saints may turn and live,
That the Lord may burn and search.

3 Now the Spirit of our God
Has become intensified:
'Tis not one but sevenfold
That the church may be supplied!

4 Now the seven Spirits are
Seven lamps of burning fire,
Not to teach us, but to burn,
Satisfying God's desire.

5 See the seven Spirits now—
Seven piercing, searching eyes.
In the church exposing us,
All the church He purifies.

6 Seven Spirits doth the Lord
For the churches now employ;
All those in the local church
May this Spirit now enjoy.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans

Level 1—Romans Sequential Study

Scripture: Rom. 16:1-27

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 68-69

Level 2—Romans Topical Study

Crucial Point: Christ as All and in All in the Gospel of God

Scripture: Rom. 1:1-4; 10:1-21; 16:25

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 31-32; *Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, vol. 11, "What are We?"

Supplemental Reading: *Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans*, chs. 25-26; *The Satanic Chaos in the Old Creation and the Divine Economy for the New Creation*, chs. 4-5

Hymn(s): #538, #981

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