

**LIVING AND SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY
CONCERNING THE CHURCH –WEEK 9**

Morning Watch

Mar. 11-17, 2024

**The Function of the Church (2)
The Corporate Manifestation of
God in the Flesh**

Monday 3/11

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.

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.

John 8:58

58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

John 7:6

6 Jesus therefore said to them, My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

John 12:24

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 1:4

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Rom. 8:3

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,

Phil. 2:7-8

7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;
8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 9, Day 1*

Tuesday 3/12

Col. 2:9

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

John 14:10

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

2 Cor. 5:16

16 So then we, from now on, know no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him so no longer.

John 1:15-18

15 John testified concerning Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, He who is coming after me has become ahead of me, because He was before me.

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 9, Day 2*

Wednesday 3/13

1 Cor. 14:24-25

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.

1 Cor. 12:4-13

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.

8 For to one through the Spirit a word of wisdom is given, and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit;

9 To a different one faith in the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing in the one Spirit,

10 And to another operations of works of power, and to another prophecy, and to another discerning of spirits; to a different one various kinds of tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues.

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

12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

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.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy...– Week 9, Day 3*

Thursday 3/14

Eph. 2:19

19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

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. 3:6-11

6 That in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the Body and fellow partakers of the promise through the gospel,

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.

8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the

ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

10 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,

11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 9, Day 4*

Friday 3/15

Eph. 5:32

32 This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

1 Cor. 6:17

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

1 Cor. 7:40

40 But she is more blessed if she so remains, according to my opinion; but I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

1 Tim. 4:1

1 But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons

Gal. 2:20

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 in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

John 15:4-5

4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Rom. 8:3

See Monday

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;

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 9, Day 5*

Saturday 3/16

Rev. 21:2, 11, 1, 3-10

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

11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea is no more.

3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death will be no more, nor will there be sorrow or crying or pain anymore; for the former things have passed away.

5 And He who sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said, Write, for these words are faithful and true.

6 And He said to me, They have come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely.

7 He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be God to him, and he will be a son to Me.

8 But the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and fornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all the false, their part will be in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy... – Week 9, Day 6*

Lord's Day 3/17

Rom. 12:4-5, 9-16

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.

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 Love one another warmly in brotherly love; take the lead in showing honor one to another.

11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.

12 Rejoice in hope; endure in tribulation; persevere in prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

16 Be of the same mind toward one another, not setting your mind on the high things but going along with the lowly; do not be wise in yourselves.

Hymn, #976

Further Reading:

The Subjective Truths in the Holy Scriptures, ch. 8

Churchwide Truth Pursuit

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: *Heb. 2:1-4*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 5-6*

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: Giving Heed More Abundantly to the Things Which We Have Heard Lest Perhaps We Drift Away

Scripture: *Heb. 2:1-4*

Assigned Reading: *CWWN, vol. 21, "The Christian (1934-1940)," ch. 12: Leaking and Drifting; CWWN, vol. 10, "The Present Testimony (3)," ch. 3: The Last Part of the Journey*

Supplemental Reading: *None*

Questions:

1. What are some things which have been heard that we ought to give heed more abundantly, especially in our days?

2. What is the significance of the phrase "drifting away?"

3. What are some examples of believers in both the Old and New Testaments who drifted away?

4. How can we be saved from drifting away?