GENERAL SUBJECT—THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST IN THE STAGE OF HIS INTENSIFICATION

Message One
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I. The full ministry of Christ is in three stages:
   A. The first stage is the stage of His incarnation—the stage of Christ in the flesh—to produce a group of redeemed persons—John 1:14.
   B. The second stage is the stage of His inclusion—the stage of Christ as the life-giving Spirit—to produce the church—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17a.
   C. The third stage is the stage of His intensification—the stage of Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit—to build up the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem—Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6; 3:1:
      1. The first stage of Christ’s ministry was judicial, the second stage is organic, and the third stage is sevenfold intensified.
      2. Now Christ is not only the life-giving Spirit—He is the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit carrying out His sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry.

II. Because of the degradation of the church, Christ as the life-giving Spirit has been intensified sevenfold to become the seven Spirits—Rev. 1:4; 5:6:
   A. On the way of Christ’s ministry in the stage of His inclusion, the church became degraded, frustrating the accomplishment of God’s eternal economy—Rev. 2:4, 6, 14-15, 20; 3:1-2, 15-17:
      1. Eventually the church became degraded to such an extent that the Lord could no longer tolerate it.
      2. The Lord reacted to this degradation by intensifying Himself sevenfold to become the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit—Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6.
   B. The seven Spirits are undoubtedly the Spirit of God because They are ranked among the Triune God—Rev. 1:4-5:
      1. As seven is the number for completion in God’s operation, so the seven Spirits must be for God’s move on the earth.
      2. At the time the book of Revelation was written, the church had become degraded, and the age was dark; therefore, the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God was needed for God’s move and work on the earth.
   C. In essence and existence, God’s Spirit is one; in the intensified function and work of God’s operation, the Spirit is sevenfold—cf. Zech. 4:2.
   D. In the intensified function and work of God’s operation, the Lord became the sevenfold intensified Spirit to deal with the degradation of the church, to intensify His organic salvation, to produce the overcomers, to build up the Body of Christ, and to consummate the New Jerusalem.

III. In the Lord’s recovery we need to advance from the stage of inclusion to the stage of intensification:
   A. We need to see that Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit has been intensified sevenfold.
   B. We need to see that Christ’s ministry in the stage of intensification produces the overcomers to build up the Body, which consummates in the New Jerusalem as the unique goal of God’s economy.
C. We need to consider this matter of intensification and pray desperately, saying, “Lord, 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” (Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification, p. 22).

IV. In the stage of His intensification, Christ intensifies His organic salvation sevenfold:

A. In Revelation 1:4-5 the Spirit becomes the second, the center, of the Divine Trinity, revealing the importance of the intensified function of the sevenfold Spirit of God:
1. The seven Spirits are burning before the throne to carry out God's administration, to execute God's economy in the universe, by directing the world situation.
2. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the seven lamps of fire to burn, enlighten, expose, judge, purify, and refine us to produce the golden lampstands for the fulfillment of God's New Testament economy—Rev. 4:5.
3. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the eyes of Christ as the redeeming Lamb and the building stone to observe and search us and to infuse and transfuse us with Christ's essence, riches, and burden for God's building—Zech. 3:9; 4:7; Rev. 1:14; 5:6.
4. The golden lampstands, as the multiplied embodiment of the Triune God, are filled with God the Spirit as the seven shining Spirits—the full expression of the Triune God—Rev. 1:12, 20; Eph. 5:18; Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16, 22-23.

B. In the stage of His intensification, Christ intensifies His organic salvation sevenfold for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem:
1. Christ's redemption is accomplished judicially as the procedure of God's salvation, and His salvation is carried out organically as the purpose of God's salvation—Rom. 5:10.
2. Because the degradation of the church frustrates the accomplishment of God's eternal economy, Christ intensifies His organic salvation sevenfold:
   a. Today the Spirit who is filling and saturating us to save us organically is the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit.
   b. Since the life-giving Spirit has been intensified sevenfold, all the elements of the Spirit have been intensified sevenfold:
      (1) The Spirit is the Spirit of life; the life in the intensified Spirit is an intensified life—Rom. 8:2.
      (2) The Spirit is the Spirit of grace; the grace in the intensified Spirit is an intensified grace—Heb. 10:29.

C. In Christ's sevenfold intensified organic salvation, the Triune God is wrought into His redeemed to make them the golden lampstands, which are the reproduction of Christ and the reprint of the Spirit—Exo. 25:37; Zech. 4:2, 6; Rev. 1:11-12:
1. By regeneration to participate in God's life—1 John 3:9; John 3:15; Col. 3:4.
3. By renewing to participate in God's mind—Titus 3:5; Eph. 4:23; Phil. 2:5.
4. By transformation to participate in God's being—2 Cor. 3:18b; Eph. 3:8.
5. By conformation to participate in God's image—2 Cor. 3:18a; Rom. 8:29.
6. By glorification to participate in God's glory, in God's full sonship, in God's manifestation, and in God's likeness—Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:23; Rom. 8:19; 1 John 3:2.
7. Consummating in the New Jerusalem, the one unique lampstand as the consummation of the lampstands—Rev. 21:18, 23; 22:5.

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