

GENERAL SUBJECT: LIVING IN THE MINGLED SPIRIT

Message One

The Essence of the New Testament

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 6:17-20

- I. **The essence of the New Testament is the two spirits—the divine Spirit and the human spirit—mingled together as one spirit—6:17; Rom. 8:4.**
- II. **The word *joined* in 1 Corinthians 6:17 refers to the believers' organic union with the Lord through believing into Him—John 3:15-16; 15:4-5.**
- III. **The expression *one spirit* indicates the mingling of the Lord as the Spirit with our spirit:**
 - A. The spirit, which is the mingling of our spirit and the Lord's Spirit into one spirit, is both the Spirit of the Lord and our spirit—Rom. 8:4; 2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:18.
 - B. All our spiritual experiences, such as our fellowship with the Lord, our prayer to Him, and our living with Him, are in this mingled spirit.
- IV. **The union of God and man is a union of the two spirits, the Spirit of God and the spirit of man (1 Cor. 2:11-14); the union of these two spirits is the deepest mystery in the Bible.**
- V. **The mingled spirit is a spirit that is one spirit with God and that is the same as God in His life and nature but not in His Godhead—1 John 5:11; 2 Pet. 1:4:**
 - A. The divine Spirit and the human spirit are mingled as one within us so that we can live the life of a God-man, a life that is God yet man and man yet God—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:19-21a.
 - B. The God-man living is the living of the two spirits, the Spirit of God and the spirit of man joined and mingled together as one.
- VI. **The focus of God's economy is the mingled spirit, the divine Spirit mingled with the human spirit; whatever God intends to do or accomplish is related to this focus—Eph. 3:9, 5; 1:17; 2:22; 4:23; 5:18; 6:18.**
- VII. **By being one spirit with the Lord, we can experience Him as the all-inclusive One—1 Cor. 1:2, 24, 30; 2:8, 10; 3:11; 5:7-8; 10:3-4; 11:3; 12:12; 15:20, 47, 45:**
 - A. We enjoy Christ by being joined to the Lord as one spirit.
 - B. We can experience Christ and take Christ as everything because we have become one spirit with Him.
 - C. When we are one spirit with the Lord, we enjoy the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord—v. 9.
 - D. For anyone who is one spirit with the Lord, the supply is inexhaustible.

- E. The spirit of faith (2 Cor. 4:13) is the Holy Spirit mingled with our human spirit; we should exercise such a spirit to believe and to speak the things that we have experienced of the Lord.

VIII. The Holy Spirit is in our spirit (Rom. 8:16), and our spirit is within our body; hence, our body becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit—1 Cor. 6:19-20:

- A. Our organic union with the Lord makes it possible for our bodies to be members of Christ—v. 15.
- B. Because we are organically united with Christ and because Christ dwells in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22) and makes His home in our heart (Eph. 3:17), our entire being, including our purified body, becomes a member of Christ.
- C. We urgently need to see the vision that our bodies are members of Christ, that we are one spirit with the Lord, and that our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit—1 Cor. 6:15, 17, 19.