

Message Three

Our Urgent Need to Live in the Mingled Spirit

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 6:17-20; 7:40; Rom. 8:4

- I. God's economy is to work Himself into His chosen and redeemed people in order to make Himself one with them and to make them one with Him—Eph. 3:9:**
 - A. In His economy God even mingles Himself with His people to be one entity with them.
 - B. Concerning this oneness and mingling, 1 Corinthians 6:17 says that we who are joined to the Lord are one spirit; the divine Spirit and the human spirit have been mingled together to be one spirit.
- II. The implications of 1 Corinthians 6:17 are marvelous and far-reaching:**
 - A. To be one spirit with the Lord implies that we are in Him and that He is in us.
 - B. We and He have been mingled, blended, organically to become one in life.
 - C. This verse reveals that we and Christ are one wonderful, living entity.
 - D. We, the complete and entire person—our entire being—and the Lord are one spirit.
- III. To be proper Christians, we must know that the Lord Jesus today as the embodiment of the Triune God is the Spirit indwelling our spirit and mingled with our spirit as one spirit—2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.**
- IV. Ultimately, the Bible requires only one thing of us—that we walk according to the mingled spirit—Rom. 8:4:**
 - A. The key to everything is found in the wonderful Spirit who is in our regenerated spirit and who has become one spirit with our spirit.
 - B. To live in the spirit is to let Christ fill and saturate us until He permeates our whole being and is thereby expressed through us.
 - C. Being close to the Lord or walking in His presence is not the same as being one spirit with Him.
 - D. The mutual abiding in John 15:4-5 is the practice of being one spirit with the Lord.
 - E. When we live in the spirit, we spontaneously bear the cross—Matt. 16:24.
 - F. All the things that happen to us test us whether we are living in the spirit or in the self.
 - G. The best way to silence Satan is to live in the spirit—Rev. 12:11:
 1. There is only one place that Satan cannot invade—our spirit.
 2. Whether or not we are under Satan's authority is not determined by the things we do; rather, it is determined by whether we are in the spirit or in the flesh—Gal. 5:16-17.
 3. As long as we remain in the mingled spirit, we will be kept, and Satan will have no way with us—1 John 5:4, 18-21.