

2016 PREPARATION TRAINING

GENERAL SUBJECT: COMPLETELY CONSECRATING FOR THE BUILDING UP OF GOD'S HOUSE

Message Seven Becoming the Reproduction of Christ for the Building Up of God's House as the Corporate Expression of the Triune God

Scripture Reading: John 12:24; Rom. 8:29; Rev. 1:2, 11-12, 20; Acts 8:1; 9:31; Matt. 28:19; Phil. 1:20-21a

- I. The Scriptures reveal that God's intention is to make His chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people the reproduction of Christ for the temple of God—the Body of Christ—as the corporate expression of the Triune God—John 1:12-14; 12:24; Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3, 29; 12:4-5:**
- A. In Song of Songs we see that, as the reproduction of Christ, the loving seekers of the Lord become the sanctuary of God and a corporate Shulammitte—6:4, 13.
 - B. According to the Gospel of John, Christ has a reproduction for God's building—12:24; 2:19-22:
 - 1. As a grain of wheat, the Lord Jesus fell into the ground and died in order to produce many grains in resurrection as His reproduction—12:24; Eph. 2:6.
 - 2. In Christ's resurrection we are His reproduction; in His resurrection He imparted the divine life into us, making us the same as He is in life and nature to be His reproduction for God's building, the temple of God—John 2:19-22; 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3; 1 Cor. 3:16-17.
 - C. In Revelation the living person of Jesus is the expression and testimony of God, and the church is the testimony of Jesus, the corporate expression of Christ; as such, the church, the enlarged Christ, is the reproduction of the testimony and expression of God in Christ—1:2, 5, 9, 12, 20; 21:2, 10-11:
 - 1. The churches as golden lampstands bear the testimony of Jesus; the golden lampstands signify the local churches as the reproduction of Christ and the reprint of the Spirit—Rev. 1:2, 9; 20:4; 5:6; Exo. 25:31-40; Zech. 4:2, 6, 10.
 - 2. When all the lampstands, or local churches, are added together, they are the multiplication of Christ, the multiplied embodiment and expression of the Triune God to be the testimony of Jesus—Rev. 1:2, 9, 11-12, 20.
- II. For the universal spreading of the church as the testimony of Jesus, we need to plant “church trees” for the corporate expression of the Triune God as life; to plant a church tree is to establish a local church as a golden lampstand—John 5:26; 1 John 5:11-12; 1 Cor. 1:2; Rev. 1:11-12:**
- A. In the eyes of God the universal church, the Body of Christ, has been formed; now, after the formation of this universal church as a complete entity, there is the need for the spreading of the church—Acts 8:1; 9:31.
 - B. What we are doing today is simply establishing churches in different localities by planting “church trees”; this planting of church trees is the establishing of the church—1 Cor. 1:1-2; 1 Thes. 1:1.
 - C. The local churches as church trees are golden lampstands, which are actually living, golden trees—Rev. 1:11-12, 20.
 - D. Our burden is to bring the church as a tree to every city, town, and village and plant a church there—Acts 8:1; 13:1; Col. 4:15-16:

1. The married couples should be like Prisca and Aquila, who planted a church tree wherever they went; wherever they were, they were willing to bear the burden of the practice of the church by opening up their home—Rom. 16:3-5a; 1 Cor. 16:19.
2. We all need to be faithful to carry out the burden to establish local churches by planting church trees; if we all have the desire to establish churches by planting church trees, the establishing of the churches will be very fast and prevailing—Rom. 16:16b; Gal. 1:2; 1 Thes. 1:1; 2:14; Acts 19:20.

III. For the building up of the church as the house of God and the Body of Christ, we need to "disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" and to teach them to observe all that the Lord has commanded—28:19-20.

IV. We should learn to have a proper relationship with others—(4) Disciple:

- A. The constituents of the vital groups are the disciples of Christ; a disciple is one who lives the divine life in his human life—Matt. 5:1; 28:19; Gal. 2:20:
 1. The disciples of Christ are discipled through Christ's human living, Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.
 2. Every believer should also be a disciple, one who is trained, ruled, led, disciplined, and dealt with by the Lord's kingdom—Rom. 14:17.
- B. The purpose of the vital groups is the increase, perfecting, and building up of the Body of Christ—Acts 2:46-47; Eph. 4:12.

V. The vital groups should be groups of people who live such a life; our living the life of a God-man will save people, edify others, and build up the local churches even to the building up of the Body of Christ—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a; Matt. 16:18:

- A. The reality of the Body of Christ is the corporate living of the perfected God-men, a living that is exactly the same as the way Jesus lived on earth; these perfected God-men live a meal-offering church life, a Spirit-filled, resurrection-saturated, cross-purifying human living as a duplication of Christ's human living—Lev. 2:1-2. 4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 24; 10:17.
- B. We need to become a corporate model, the reality of the Body, a people who live the life of a God-man; such a model will be the greatest revival in the history of the church to bring the Lord back—Matt. 16:18; Rev. 19:7-8.