

LIVING IN AND SERVING BY THE MINGLED SPIRIT

Message 1

The Mingled Spirit—the Divine Spirit Mingled with Our Human Spirit

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; Job 32:8; John 4:24; 3:6; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Tim. 4:22; 1:6-7; Rom. 8:4-6

- I. **We need to see a vision of the mingled spirit—the divine Spirit mingled with our regenerated human spirit—1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 8:4; cf. Eph. 1:17-18, and notes 18¹ and 18²; Mark 10:46-52; John 9:1-7; Hymns, #745:**
 - A. We all need to receive a vision of *the Spirit*—the processed, compound, all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, sevenfold intensified, consummated Spirit as the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God—John 7:39; Exo. 30:23-25; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:9-11; Rev. 1:4; 22:17:
 1. Christ is everything in God's economy; He as the all-inclusive One is the reality of all the positive things in the universe—Col. 1:12-19; 2:9, 16-17.
 2. This Christ accomplished everything necessary to fulfill God's plan; He includes not only divinity, but also humanity, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension—John 1:1, 14; Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:9-15; Eph. 2:5-6, 13-16; Heb. 1:3.
 3. Moreover, this Christ, including all that He is and has accomplished, has become the life-giving Spirit; the Spirit applies all that the Triune God is in Christ, all that the all-inclusive Christ is, and all that He has accomplished, obtained, and attained to His people; thus He has become the one divine application—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 14:17, and note 1; 16:13-15; Hymns, #490.
 - B. We need to be impressed with the proper knowledge of our human spirit—1 Thes. 5:23; Heb. 4:12b; Gen. 2:7; Zech. 12:1b; Job 32:8; Prov. 20:27:
 1. God is a Spirit, and He made a spirit within man so that we can contact Him, receive Him, and contain Him—Gen. 2:7-9a; John 4:24.
 2. The difference between man and the other living creatures is that only man has a spirit; we have the body as our outward organ; but we also have an intrinsic organ within us—our spirit; we can substantiate all the things in the divine, spiritual, and heavenly field by our spirit—Job 12:10; 32:8; John 4:24; cf. Luke 1:47.
 - C. To be proper Christians, we must know that the Lord Jesus today is the Spirit indwelling our spirit and is mingled with our spirit as one spirit—2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17:
 1. The Spirit is the extract of the Triune God, who became a man, lived a human life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead; many elements are included in this extract, including divinity, humanity, human living, the all-inclusive death, and the all-powerful resurrection—15:45b; Exo. 30:23-25.
 2. When we received this extract, we received all the elements in it; this extract is in our spirit; by turning to our spirit and remaining there, we enjoy what we have received and now possess—John 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 6:17.
 3. The essence of the New Testament is the two spirits, the divine Spirit and the human spirit, mingled together as one spirit; if we see this, we will be different persons, rejoicing continually—John 3:6; 4:24; Rom. 8:16.
- II. **The divine Spirit mingled with our human spirit is the secret of God's organic salvation and the key to the entire Christian life—vv. 2, 4, 16; 1 Cor. 6:17:**

- A. The Spirit with our spirit is the secret of all the experiences of God's organic salvation: regeneration, feeding, sanctification, renewing, transformation, building, conformation, and glorification—John 3:6; Eph. 6:17-18; Rom. 15:16; Eph. 4:23; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 2:22; Rom. 8:26-29; Eph. 1:13-14.
- B. We enjoy the Lord's presence in our mingled spirit—2 Tim. 4:22; *Hymns*, #491.
- C. It is by means of the mingled spirit that the New Testament revelation concerning Christ and the church is revealed to us—Eph. 3:5; cf. 1:17-18; Rev. 1:10, 12-13; 21:10.
- D. Whenever we turn to our spirit and exercise our spirit, we touch the Body, because the Body is in our spirit—Eph. 1:17; 2:22; 3:5, 16; 4:23; 5:18; 6:18.
- E. Our spirit is where the building up of the church takes place; if we stay in the life-giving Spirit in our spirit, we keep the oneness of the Spirit for the building up of the Body—2:22; John 4:24; Eph. 4:3-4a.
- F. When we are in our spirit, we overcome the world, we cannot sin, the evil one cannot touch us, and we are guarded from idols—1 John 5:4, 18-19, 21.
- G. When we are in spirit, everything is different; our spirit is connected to heaven; hence, when we are in our spirit, we are in heaven—Gen. 28:12, 17; John 1:51; 1 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 2:22.
- H. In our mingled spirit there is no problem, so there is no need of solutions; everything we need is in our spirit—Phil. 1:19; 4:23.
- I. We need to forget about our weaknesses, our shortcomings, our failures, and everything of the self and set our mind on the spirit, that is, remain in the spirit by always paying attention to our spirit, using our spirit, and caring for our spirit—Rom. 8:6; Mal. 2:15.
- J. If we walk according to the Spirit, we will be crucified without trying to be crucified, we will be victorious without trying to be victorious, we will love others without trying to love them, and we will have light without trying to obtain it; to live in the spirit is the most simple, convenient, and excellent way.
- K. Ultimately, the entire Bible requires only one thing of us—to walk according to the mingled spirit; the mingled spirit is the hinge, the secret, and the key to our Christian life and our church life—Rom. 8:4-6.

III. Since we have the divine Spirit in our human spirit, we should exercise our mingled spirit—2 Tim. 1:6-7; Rom. 8:5-6; cf. 1 Tim. 4:7b Isa. 64:7; *Hymns*, #781, #782, #866:

- A. To exercise the spirit is not only to pray but to live, walk, speak, and do everything in the spirit—Rom. 8:4-6:
 - 1. To exercise the spirit is to take care of our inner man and always go along with the inner man in all things; if we do this, our spirit will be strong, living, and active—Eph. 3:16; Rom. 8:6.
 - 2. Not only in prayer or in reading the Word but in all matters in our daily life and walk, private or public, we need to always exercise our spirit.
- B. The word *exercise* implies forcing; if we Christians want to be strong and want to grow in the Lord, we must force ourselves to use our spirit until we build up a strong habit of exercising our spirit—1 Tim. 4:7:
 - 1. Satan knows that if we all release our spirits, he will be defeated; he subtly hits the strategic point of choking the spirit of the saints; as long as he can choke our spirit, we are finished and he is successful; therefore, we must fight the battle.
 - 2. To force yourself to exercise, or to use, your spirit makes you a different person.
- C. We can continually exercise our spirit by calling on His name, pray-reading His word, rejoicing always, praying unceasingly, giving thanks in everything, fanning our spirit into flame, not quenching the Spirit, and practicing to prophesy for the building up of the church—Rom. 10:12; Eph. 6:17-18; 1 Thes. 5:16-20; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; 1 Cor. 14:4b.