BANNERS FOR THE 2007 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE

God's desire in His up-to-date move is for us to have a walk worthy of His calling for the reality of the Body of Christ.

To have a walk worthy of God's calling,
we must keep the oneness,
grow up into Christ the Head in all things,
learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus,
live in love and light,
and live by being filled in spirit.

To walk worthily of God's calling is to walk in Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit for the reality of the Body of Christ.

To walk worthily of God's calling is to walk in the truth and by the Spirit for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose.

Outline of the Messages for the International Chinese-speaking Conference February 16-18, 2007

GENERAL SUBJECT: WALKING WORTHILY OF GOD'S CALLING FOR THE REALITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Message One

Having a Walk Worthy of God's Calling for the Reality of the Body of Christ (1)

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:1-4, 31-32; 1 Cor. 1:9; Phil. 3:13-14

I. God's desire in His up-to-date recovery is for us to have a walk worthy of His calling for the reality of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:1-4:

- A. An overcomer is one who has been called by God to enjoy Christ as everything by loving Him to the uttermost for the fulfillment of God's purpose to build up the Body of Christ as a reality in order to express Himself and to defeat His enemy—1 Cor. 1:9; 2:9-10; 12:12-13; Matt. 16:18-19; Gen. 1:26; 2:9; Rev. 2:7.
- B. To walk worthily of God's calling is to have a corporate living of pursuing and gaining Christ to the uttermost so that we can be conformed to His death by the power of His resurrection; this corporate, Christ-magnifying, God-man living, which is the reality of the Body of Christ, will close this age, the age of the church, and will bring Christ back for Him to take, possess, and rule over this earth in the kingdom age—Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10-14; Gal. 2:20; Rev. 19:7-9; 20:6.
- C. We are pursuing toward the goal (the fullest enjoyment and gaining of Christ) for the prize (the uttermost enjoyment of Christ in the millennial kingdom) to which God in Christ Jesus has called us upward to the highest peak in God's economy—the reality of the Body of Christ—Phil. 3:13-14.
- D. Our upward calling is for us to fully enjoy and gain the all-inclusive Christ as the Spirit of reality, the reality of the good land, for the building up of the church, the Body of Christ, as the house of God for His glory and as the kingdom of God for His dominion—vv. 8-14; John 14:17; 16:13; 1 Thes. 2:12; Col. 1:12; cf. Exo. 3:8; 1 Kings 8:48.
- E. In beseeching the saints to walk worthily of God's calling, Paul spoke from his status as a prisoner of Christ Jesus and a prisoner in the Lord—Eph. 3:1; 4:1:
 - 1. Sooner or later every steward of God, every minister of God's riches, every faithful lover of Christ, will be imprisoned not only by Christ but also in Christ; the more we love Him, the more we will be in Him to such an extent that He will become our prison for us to enjoy Him to the uttermost so that we may have a walk that is worthy of God's calling.
 - 2. The more freedom we have, the more blind we are, but if Christ is our prison, our eyes will be opened to see the heavenly vision, and we shall receive the highest revelation of God's economy—3:9; Acts 26:19.

- II. The first item of a walk worthy of God's calling is for us to be diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit as the reality of the Body of Christ, with the transformed human virtues strengthened by and with the divine attributes—Eph. 4:1-4; 1 John 5:6:
 - A. The uniting bars, which held the forty-eight boards of the tabernacle together and brought them into oneness, signify the uniting Spirit, the one Spirit, who joins all the members of Christ into one Body—Exo. 26:26-29; Eph. 4:3-4a:
 - 1. The uniting bars were made of acacia wood for connecting strength and overlaid with gold for uniting; that the bars were made of acacia wood indicates that the oneness of the Spirit involves not only Christ's divinity but also His humanity—v. 2.
 - 2. In actuality, the uniting bars signify not the Holy Spirit alone but the Holy Spirit mingled with our human spirit (Rom. 8:16)—the mingled spirit, which includes both divinity and humanity.
 - B. In the uniting Spirit of the glorified Jesus, there is the transformed humanity of Jesus; to drink of and flow out the one Spirit for the one Body is to drink of and flow out the Spirit of the man Jesus, to drink of and flow out the humanity of Jesus with His divinely enriched human virtues of lowliness, meekness, and longsuffering for bearing one another in love—John 7:37-39; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 16:7; Eph. 4:2-3:
 - 1. In order to live in the reality of the Body of Christ in the church life, we need to experience Christ in His humanity as our lowliness and meekness; to be lowly is to remain in a low estate, and to be meek is to not fight for oneself—v. 2; Phil. 2:5-8; Matt. 11:29; 5:40; Mark 10:45; John 13:12-17.
 - 2. In order to live in the reality of the Body of Christ in the church life, we need to experience Christ in His humanity as our long-suffering with joy; to be long-suffering is to endure mistreatment for the sake of the Body—Col. 1:11, 24.
 - 3. In order to live in the reality of the Body of Christ in the church life, we need to experience Christ in His humanity for bearing one another in love; although at times we cause the Lord a great deal of trouble, the Lord Jesus always bears us; in the church life we should not forsake the troublesome ones but bear them in love as the expression of our enjoyment of Christ as life—Eph. 4:2, 31-32; Rom. 2:3-4; 1 Thes. 5:12-18; cf. Psa. 73:21-26.
 - 4. If we call on the name of the Lord and feed upon Him, we will enjoy Jesus as a man, and all the virtues of His uplifted humanity will be ours in the Spirit of Jesus for the practice of the recovered church life in the Spirit of reality as the reality of the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 1:2; 10:3-4, 17; 12:3b, 13; 16:13; Eph. 4:3-4a.

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