

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2009**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD**

Message Six

**Christ as the Mystery of God
in the Fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies
(5)**

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:14a; Isa. 53:11; Acts 13:33, 39; Rom. 1:3-4; 4:25; Heb. 2:11

XVI. Christ is the One who was begotten the firstborn Son of God and whose Father God became—2 Sam. 7:14a; Psa. 2:7; Acts 13:33:

- A. Through resurrection Christ in His humanity was born to be the firstborn Son of God—Psa. 2:7; Acts 13:33.
- B. The Lord Jesus was born of a virgin to be the Son of Man, yet He still needed to be born of the Father to be the firstborn Son of God—2 Sam. 7:14a; Rom. 1:3-4.
- C. God is the Father of Christ in the sense that God is the Father of Christ in His divinity from eternity to eternity (John 1:18; 10:30; 17:5) and in the sense that God is the Father of Christ in His humanity in resurrection, through which Christ was begotten to be the firstborn Son of God (Psa. 2:7; Acts 13:33).

XVII. Christ is the resurrected, righteous Servant of Jehovah through whom many are justified—Isa. 53:11b; Acts 13:39; Rom. 4:25:

- A. Christ was raised for our justification; it is in and through the resurrected Christ that the believers are justified by God—v. 25; Acts 13:39:
 - 1. The One through whom we are justified is Himself our justification; Christ in resurrection is our justification—v. 39.
 - 2. The resurrection of Christ is a proof of our justification—Rom. 4:25:
 - a. The death of Christ fully satisfied God's righteous requirements so that we may be justified by God through Christ's death—3:24.
 - b. His resurrection is a proof that God is satisfied with His death for us and that we are justified by God because of His death—Acts 13:39.
- B. The resurrected Christ, the righteous One, will make the many righteous—Isa. 53:11b:
 - 1. This is not merely to justify us objectively but to make us righteous subjectively by living within us as the resurrection life—2 Cor. 5:21.
 - 2. As the resurrected One, He is in us to live for us a life that can be justified by God and that is always acceptable to God—John 14:19; Gal. 2:20.

XVIII. Christ is the One who saw, in resurrection, the fruit of His travail—Isa. 53:11a; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Col. 1:18; Acts 13:33; 1 Pet. 1:3; John 12:24; Rom. 12:5:

- A. In His resurrection, as the processed Christ, the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 7:37-39:
 - 1. Jesus was glorified when He was resurrected; on the day of His resurrection, He came back to His disciples as *the Spirit*—20:22.
 - 2. The life-giving Spirit is the reality of the pneumatic Christ, the One who is full of heavenly, divine, spiritual air for propagation, producing, and spreading, through life-imparting—15:16; Acts 1:8, 22; 2:31-32; 4:33.
- B. In His resurrection Christ, as the preeminent One, the One who has the first place in all things, became the Firstborn from the dead—Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5:
 - 1. Christ's resurrection, in which He became the Firstborn from the dead, was for the germination of God's new creation—Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17.
 - 2. In His resurrection Christ became the Head of the Body—Col. 1:18.
- C. In His resurrection Christ, as the God-man, in His humanity, was begotten of God—Acts 13:33:
 - 1. In the aspect of His being a man, the Lord Jesus was not the Son of God before His resurrection; in His resurrection Christ's humanity was "son-sized"—Rom. 1:3-4.
 - 2. Christ's resurrection was a birth; thus, in His resurrection He was begotten of God to be the firstborn Son of God—8:29.
- D. In His resurrection Christ, as the resurrection life, regenerated all His believers—1 Pet. 1:3:
 - 1. The many sons of God are the members of God's household to be God's kingdom and God's inheritance—Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19; 1:11.
 - 2. It was through Christ's resurrection that God begot the firstborn Son and the many sons—Heb. 1:5-6; 2:10.
- E. In His resurrection Christ, as the one grain of wheat, produced many grains—John 12:24:
 - 1. The many grains are the increase of Christ in resurrection—3:30a.
 - 2. The many grains as the increase of Christ are the components of the one bread—the church, the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 10:17; Eph. 1:22-23.
- F. In His resurrection Christ produced a corporate seed as the issue of the travail of His soul, whom He saw in His resurrection and was satisfied—Isa. 53:10b-11a; Rom. 12:5:
 - 1. The prophecy in verse 11a concerns Christ in His resurrection seeing the fruit of His labor, of His death—the church as the Body of Christ—vv. 4-5; 1 Cor. 12:13, 27; Eph. 1:22-23.
 - 2. The corporate seed implies all the many grains, all the members of Christ's Body, all Christ's brothers, and all the sons of God—John 12:24; 20:17; Rom. 8:29; 12:4-5; Heb. 2:11.
 - 3. This seed is Christ's continuation for the extension of His days; because Christ continues to live by living in us, we are the extension of His days—Isa. 53:10b; Rev. 1:18a; John 14:19.
 - 4. This seed is for the pleasure of Jehovah, which will prosper in the hand of the resurrected Christ; the pleasure of God is to see many sons born of Him to become the members of Christ, who constitute the church as the Body of Christ, the corporate expression of Christ—Isa. 53:10b; Eph. 1:5; Phil. 2:13.