

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2019**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Message Five

**The Spirit of Reality Guiding Us into All the Reality
for Us to Experience and Be Constituted with the Divine Reality**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:6, 20; John 1:14, 17; 14:6; 16:13-14; 3 John 3-4

I. First John 5:20 twice speaks of *Him who is true—or the true One, the True*:

- A. The term *the true One* refers to God becoming subjective to us, to the God who is objective becoming the true One in our life and experience:
 - 1. This verse indicates that the divine reality, which is God Himself, has become our reality in our experience—John 14:6.
 - 2. The God who was once objective to us has become our subjective reality—1 John 5:6.
- B. To be in the true One is to be in His Son Jesus Christ; this indicates that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the true God—v. 20.
- C. The word *this* in verse 20 refers to the God who has come through incarnation and has given us an understanding to know Him as the genuine God and to be one with Him organically in His Son Jesus Christ—John 1:1, 14, 17:
 - 1. *This* refers to the true God and Jesus Christ in whom we are; it includes the fact that we are in this One, the true One—1 John 5:20.
 - 2. The true God and eternal life include our being in the true One and in His Son Jesus Christ; now in our experience the true One becomes the true God, and Jesus Christ becomes eternal life.
- D. By being in the True, we know the divine reality intrinsically and experientially—v. 20; John 17:3.

II. The divine reality is the Triune God and His word—1 John 5:6:

- A. Reality is the element of God realized by us in the Son—John 1:14.
- B. The divine reality is God, who is light and love, incarnated to be the reality of the divine things—1 John 1:5; 4:8; John 1:1, 14.
- C. The divine reality is Christ, who is God incarnated and in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, as the reality of God and man, of the types, figures, and shadows in the Old Testament, and of all the divine and spiritual things—Col. 2:9, 16-17; John 1:18, 51; 11:25; 14:6.
- D. The divine reality is the Spirit, who is Christ transfigured, as the reality of Christ and of the divine revelation; hence, the Spirit is the reality—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 14:16-17; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:6.
- E. The divine reality is the Word of God as the divine revelation, which not only reveals but also conveys the reality of God and Christ and of all the divine and spiritual things; hence, the Word of God also is reality—John 17:17.

- F. God, Christ, and the Spirit—the Divine Trinity—are essentially one; hence, these three, being the basic elements of the substance of the divine reality, are actually one reality—1:1, 14; 14:6; 1 John 5:6.
- G. The divine reality is versus the lie, the vanity of the old creation, and the idolatrous substitutes of the true God—John 8:44; Eccl. 1:2; 1 John 5:20-21.

III. The Spirit of reality guides us into all the reality—John 16:13-14:

- A. Only that which is in the Spirit of reality is spiritual reality—14:17; 15:26.
- B. The Spirit of reality guides the believers into all the reality of the Triune God and of all divine matters—2 Cor. 13:14.
- C. In John 16:13 *the reality* refers to what the Father has, what the Son has, and what the Spirit receives of the Son and of what the Father has:
 1. What the Father has is reality, what the Son has is reality, and what the Spirit receives is also reality—14:6, 17.
 2. What the Father has becomes the Son's, what the Son has is received by the Spirit, and what the Spirit receives is disclosed to us—15:26.
 3. The Father is embodied in the Son, the Son is transfigured to be the Spirit, and the Spirit is the reaching of the Divine Trinity to us—2 Cor. 13:14.
- D. Through the Spirit, the reality of the Triune God is transmitted into us; thus, the reality into which the Spirit guides us is the reality of the Triune God—1 John 4:13-14; 5:6.
- E. As the Spirit of reality guides us into the divine reality by transmitting this reality into us, the divine reality—the processed and consummated Triune God—becomes the constituent of our being—Eph. 3:14-17a.
- F. The Spirit of reality guides us into all the reality of Christ, including all that He is and has and all that He has attained and obtained—John 16:13-14.

IV. We experience the divine reality through the dispensing of the Divine Trinity—1 John 4:13-14; 5:6; 2 Cor. 13:14:

- A. The divine reality is the Father in the Son and the Son as the Spirit dispensed into God's chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people so that they may enjoy Him as their life, their life supply, and their everything—John 3:15; 4:14; 6:48; 20:22.
- B. The Son is the embodiment and expression of the Father, and the Spirit is the reality and realization of the Son—14:7-11, 17-20.
- C. The Triune God—the Father in the Son and the Son as the Spirit—dispenses Himself into us to be our portion so that we may experience and enjoy Him as everything in His Divine Trinity—2 Cor. 13:14.

V. The divine reality is the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—becoming our constituent—1 John 4:13-14; 5:6:

- A. We are constituted with the divine reality through the Word, by the Spirit, and in the church life—John 17:17; 16:13; 1 John 5:6; 1 Tim. 3:15.
- B. We need to be constituted with the divine reality in our inward parts, that is, the parts of our soul—the mind, the emotion, and the will—Phil. 1:8; Psa. 51:6.
- C. The divine reality should become our reality, life, and living, and this reality should be applied to our entire being in everything and in every way and thereby become our reality in our daily walk—3 John 3.
- D. The divine reality—the essence of the Christian faith—which has been wrought into us, molds, shapes, and determines our daily life—vv. 3-4.