

Message Six

**Living in the Mingled Spirit
for the Reality of the Body of Christ as Revealed in Ephesians
(3)**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:3-4, 23-24; 5:18-21; 6:17-18

- V. We must allow the renewing Spirit mingled with our regenerated spirit to become the spirit of our mind so that we can be renewed day by day to become as new as the New Jerusalem for the reality of the Body of Christ as the new man—Titus 3:5; Eph. 4:23-24; 2 Cor. 4:16; Col. 3:10-11:**
- A. Our mingled spirit needs to spread into our mind in order to subdue, take over, and occupy our mind, thus becoming the spirit of our mind; the more the mingled spirit penetrates, saturates, and possesses our mind, the more we let Christ's mind become our mind—Phil. 2:5; Eph. 4:23; 1 Cor. 2:16.
 - B. To be renewed in the spirit of our mind is to get rid of all the old concepts concerning the things of the human life and to be made new again by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit; this renewing is carried out by the exercise of our spirit in prayer and in reading the Word day by day—Psa. 119:105, 130; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Deut. 17:18-20.
 - C. Our being renewed in the spirit of our mind is for our daily transformation into the image of Christ through the consuming of our outer man by the suffering in our environment for the renewing of our inner man by the fresh supply of the pneumatic Christ as the resurrection life—Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:16.
 - D. We should not live according to the vanity of the mind but according to the spirit of the mind; this is the key to the daily living of the corporate one new man, the secret to having a church life filled with the character of God, the aroma of Christ, and the oneness of the Spirit—Eph. 4:3-4, 17-18, 23-24.
- VI. We must be filled with the beautifying, bride-preparing Spirit mingled with our spirit so that we can be prepared to be Christ's glorious church, His beautiful bride and the house of God's beauty, for God's expression—5:18, 26-27; Isa. 60:7, 19; 62:3; Gen. 1:26:**
- A. We must be filled in our spirit with Christ as the beautifying Spirit unto all the fullness of God—Eph. 5:18; 3:19:
 - 1. To be drunk with wine in the body dissipates us, but to be filled in spirit causes us to overflow with Christ in speaking, singing, psalming, giving thanks to God, and subjecting ourselves to one another—5:18-21.
 - 2. Out of this inward filling will come submission, love, obedience, care, and all the other virtues of a proper Christian life, church life, family life, and community life for the expression of Christ in His Body with the glory of His divinity and the beauty of His humanity—5:22—6:9; cf. Exo. 28:2.
 - B. We must be beautified by Christ as the life-giving, speaking Spirit in our spirit; through the Lord's speaking within us as the life-giving Spirit, we are becoming His glorious church—Eph. 5:26-27; Rev. 2:7:

1. The primary work of the Lord in His recovery is for Him to prepare His glorious bride; the beauty of the bride comes from the very Christ who is wrought into the church and expressed through the church—19:7-9; cf. Isa. 28:5; Psa. 27:4.
2. The church is being beautified through the process of sanctification by Christ as the life-giving Spirit cleansing us by the washing of the water in His word—Eph. 5:26:
 - a. This indicates that in the word of Christ is the Spirit as the water of life; the words that He speaks to us are spirit and life—John 6:63.
 - b. The Greek word rendered “word” in Ephesians 5:26 is not *logos*, the constant word, but *rhema*, which denotes the instant word, the word the Lord presently speaks to us.
 - c. Christ’s speaking is the Spirit; His speaking is the very presence of the life-giving Spirit—John 6:63; Eph. 6:17.
 - d. The indwelling Christ as the life-giving Spirit is always speaking an instant, present, living word to metabolically cleanse away the old and replace it with the new, causing an inward transformation.
3. Through such a washing process, we are saturated with Christ and beautified by Christ to be His holy, beautiful, God-expressing bride, a bride without blemish or imperfection—Rev. 19:7; cf. S. S. 6:13; 8:13-14.

VII. We must experience the slaying Spirit mingled with our spirit so that everything of God’s adversary can be killed within us, enabling us to rule in the divine life of the Spirit over Satan, sin, and death for God’s dominion—Eph. 6:17-18; Rom. 5:17; Gen. 1:26:

- A. In Ephesians 5 the word is for nourishment, which leads to the beautifying of the bride, but in Ephesians 6 the word is for killing, which enables the church as the corporate warrior to engage in spiritual warfare—vv. 10-18.
- B. We must receive the word of God by means of all prayer, “praying at every time in spirit”—vv. 17-18:
 1. We need to receive the word of God in a living way, that is, to receive the word as the Spirit; then the Spirit becomes the killing sword to kill all the “germs” within us and the evil spirits in the air so that we can live a healthy Body life, a healthy church life.
 2. Without the word as the Spirit to be the killing sword, there would be no way for us to be kept in the church life over the years.
 3. When we exercise our spirit to pray over and with God’s word, His word slays the adversary in us, killing the negative elements within us, such as hatred, jealousy, pride, and doubts; as we pray-read the word, eventually the self, the worst foe of all and the enemy of the Body, will be put to death, and Christ will be victorious in our entire being.

VIII. We must live in our mingled spirit for the reality of the Body of Christ so that the Lord can recover the “missed” Body of Christ and the “neglected” oneness of the Body of Christ; to live in our mingled spirit and in the unique oneness of the Body, as revealed in the book of Ephesians, is to be kept in the Lord’s recovery—John 4:24; Eph. 4:3-4, 23.