

Message Three

In the Father's House —Living in a Realm of Resurrection

Scripture Reading: John 11:25; 14:2, 20; 2 Cor. 1:8-10

- I. **The church as the Father's house, which is the Body of Christ, is absolutely in resurrection—John 14:2, 20; 1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 2:6; Matt. 16:18:**
 - A. If we would live in the Father's house, the Body, we need to be absolutely in the resurrection life of Christ—John 11:25; 14:2, 20; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 1:9:
 1. In our natural life and in the old creation we are not the Body; we are the Body in the new creation germinated by Christ's resurrection life—5:17; Eph. 1:19-23.
 2. The reality of resurrection is Christ as the life-giving Spirit—John 11:25; 20:22; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 3. If we do any work which is not in resurrection, the life-giving Spirit will not honor it; the Spirit honors only what is in resurrection—vv. 45b, 58.
 4. The principle of resurrection is that the natural life is killed and that the divine life rises up in its place—2 Cor. 1:9.
 5. When we do not live by our natural life but live by the divine life within us, we are in resurrection; the issue of this is the Body of Christ—Phil. 3:10-11.
 6. Everything we say, everything we do, and everything we are in the church life must be in resurrection.
 - B. Our natural strength and ability need to be dealt with by the cross to become useful in resurrection—vv. 10-11:
 1. The natural strength and ability have no divine element; they act on their own, not according to God's will; and they seek their own glory and satisfy their own desire.
 2. Our strength and ability need to be brought into resurrection through the dealing of the cross—vv. 10-11.
 3. In resurrection something divine is wrought into our ability; thus, our "dealt-with" ability is full of God.
 4. Resurrection means that we ignore what we are and trust only in what God is—2 Cor. 1:9; 4:14.
 5. That which passes through death and still remains is resurrection—Phil. 3:11:
 - a. Resurrection is something that has come out of death and that is beyond the natural realm.
 - b. Resurrection is an eternal principle in our service to God.
- II. **In the Father's house, the Body of Christ, we know and experience God as the God of resurrection—John 11:25; 2 Cor. 1:8-10:**
 - A. Resurrection is the very God, who resurrects the dead—John 11:25.
 - B. The working of the cross terminates our self so that we may experience God in resurrection; the experience of the cross always issues in the enjoyment of the God of resurrection—2 Cor. 1:1-10.
 - C. God is working through the cross to terminate us, to bring us to an end, so that we will no longer trust in ourselves but in the God of resurrection—v. 9.

- D. While the living God can perform many acts on man's behalf, the life and nature of the living God are not wrought into man; when the God of resurrection works, His life and nature are wrought into man—4:16.
- E. The killing of the cross results in the manifestation of the resurrection life; this daily killing is for the release of the divine life in resurrection—2 Cor. 4:10-12.
- F. Our God is the God of the first day of the week—1 Cor. 16:2:
 - 1. The first day of the week is a sign that the Triune God has been processed in resurrection to become the life-giving Spirit—15:45b.
 - 2. In the church life, everything we do must be on the first day of the week; this means that everything must be done in resurrection.
- G. We need to experience, in resurrection, a mysterious transfer out of "Tyre" and "Dan" into the tribe of "Naphtali"—2 Chron. 2:14; 1 Kings 7:14; Gen. 49:21; Hab. 3:19; Psa. 22 (title):
 - 1. A hind signifies a person who trusts in God when he is in a desperate situation and who lives in resurrection for God's building.
 - 2. Our life and our being should not only be transformed but also transferred so that we are absolutely of "Naphtali."

III. In the Father's house, the Body of Christ, we are renewed day by day with the fresh supply of resurrection life—2 Cor. 4:16:

- A. The real Christian life is to have the God of resurrection added into us day by day—Rom. 8:10-11.
- B. In order to receive the renewing capacity of the divine life in resurrection, we need to contact God, open ourselves up to Him, and let Him come into us to be a new addition in us every day—Phil. 2:13; 3:10-11.