

#12 The Processed Triune God, His Work, and the Result of His Work

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I . Leviticus 26:1 and 2 speak of not making idols, keeping Jehovah's Sabbaths, and reverencing His sanctuary; we need to understand the intrinsic significance of these three points—the processed Triune God, His work, and the result of His work.

Lev. 26:1 You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you raise up for yourselves a graven image or a pillar, nor shall you place a stone figure in your land to bow down to it; for I am Jehovah your God.

II . We should not have idols; this signifies that besides God we should have no other goals that we are seeking after, so that we may not lose the position to enjoy our divine inheritance:

A. God Himself must be our unique goal; as God's children, we should not seek anything other than Him.

B. Idols refers to the heretical substitutes for the true God:

① An idol is anything that replaces the true God, the Triune God experienced by us as our life.

② As genuine children of the genuine God, we should be on the alert to guard ourselves from heretical substitutes and from all vain replacements for our genuine and real God, with whom we are organically one and who is eternal life to us.

C. The New Testament reveals that our God is the processed and consummated Triune God, the One who has passed through the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection.

① Processed refers to the steps through which the Triune God has passed in the divine economy; consummated indicates that the process has been completed. **(Mon)**

② Although God is eternal and unchanging in His nature and substance, He has passed through a process in His economy.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

③ Before His incarnation God was unprocessed, having only the divine nature, but through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection, the Triune God was processed and consummated to become the Spirit.

John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

D. The Spirit is the consummation of the processed Triune God.

① The processed and consummated Triune God is the Spirit:

a. We all need to receive a vision of the Spirit—the compound of the Triune God, the man Jesus, His human living, His death, and His resurrection.

b. The Spirit is the processed, compound, all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, sevenfold intensified, consummated Spirit as the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God to be the eternal portion of His chosen, redeemed, regenerated, renewed, transformed, conformed,

and glorified tripartite people as their life, life supply, and everything.

② Before the Lord Jesus was crucified and resurrected, the consummated Spirit was “not yet”.

a. The Spirit of God was there from the beginning, but the Spirit as “the Spirit of Christ”, “the Spirit of Jesus Christ”, was “not yet” at the time of John 7:39, because He was not yet glorified.

b. The Lord Jesus was glorified when He was resurrected, and through this glorification the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Jesus Christ. **(Tue)**

c. The last Adam, who was Christ in the flesh, became the life-giving Spirit in resurrection; since then, the Spirit of Jesus Christ has both divine and human elements, including the reality of the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ.

③ The term the consummated Spirit indicates that the Spirit has been processed and thus has become the consummated Spirit: **Gal. 3:14** In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

a. The Spirit is the Triune God after He has passed through the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection.

b. Having passed through all the steps of the process, the Triune God is now the consummated Spirit as the blessing of God's New Testament economy.

c. The consummated Spirit, the compound Spirit, is the divine and mystical realm into which the believers in Christ may enter today.

III . We should keep God's Sabbaths; this signifies that we should know that the work of God was done entirely by Himself that we might enjoy it, and that there is no need for us to do any work:

A. We need to learn to receive, regard, respect, and enjoy what God has done and not try to do something for ourselves:

① We should deny our work but honor God's work and rest in Him.

Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

② God wants us to stop our doing, be replaced by Christ, and keep away from the taste of anything other than Christ. **(Wed)**

③ The way to enjoy the unsearchably rich Christ is to take Him as our real Sabbath rest, stopping ourselves with our living, doing, and activity, and receive Him as our life, person, and replacement; then we will experience Christ as the power of resurrection to be transformed and to soar in the heavens far above every earthly frustration: **2 Cor. 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

B. We need to know what the Triune God has done for us and highly regard the work of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

① The work of the Father includes:

a. Choosing the believers before the foundation of the world.

b. Predestinating the believers unto sonship.

c. Sending His Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin.

d. Coming in the Son and working within the Son.

- e. Passing through death in the Son.
 - f. Raising up Christ from the dead.
 - g. Seating Christ in the heavenlies, subjecting all things under His feet, and giving Him to be Head over all things to the church.
 - h. Calling, forgiving, justifying, reconciling, receiving, regenerating, washing, sanctifying, and glorifying the believers.
 - i. Sending forth the Spirit of His Son into the believers' hearts.
 - j. Causing all things to work together for good to those who love God and who are called according to His purpose.
 - k. Crushing Satan under the believers' feet.
 - l. Bringing many believers into glory.
- ② The work of Christ includes:
- a. Bringing God into man and making God one with man.
 - b. Serving people.
 - c. Sowing the seed of the kingdom.
 - d. Undoing the works of the devil.
 - e. As the Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world.
 - f. Destroying the devil, who has the might of death. Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
 - g. Rebuilding God's temple, making it a corporate one.
 - h. Becoming the life-giving Spirit.
 - i. As the Lord, exercising His sovereignty over all for the accomplishment of the divine economy.
 - j. Building the church.
 - k. As our High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, interceding for us.
 - l. As the Ruler of the kings of the earth, ruling the whole world that the gospel may spread and the church may be produced. (Thu)
- ③ The work of the Spirit includes:
- a. Convicting the world.
 - b. Regenerating the believers.
 - c. Supplying the believers with His bountiful supply.
 - d. Sanctifying the believers.
 - e. Transforming the believers.
- 2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- f. Guiding the believers into all the reality.
 - g. Pouring out God's love in the believers' hearts.
 - h. Anointing the believers.
 - i. Being the oneness of the Body of Christ.
 - j. Speaking to the churches.

IV. We need to reverence God's sanctuary; this signifies that we should regard with reverence all that God is and has accomplished in Christ as God's dwelling, embodiment, and expression and in the church as the enlargement of Christ for God's dwelling and eternal manifestation:

A. First, we have the processed Triune God and His work for our rest, and then, as the result of His work, we have the church as the expression and the enlargement of Christ.

B. "Let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst" (Exo. 25:8):

① The book of Exodus reveals that the goal of God's salvation is the building of God's dwelling place on earth.

② The sanctuary in Leviticus 26:2 implies God's dwelling, embodiment, and expression in Christ and God's dwelling and eternal manifestation in the church:

C. The church is God's house, the dwelling place of God.

1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

① As the house of God, the church is the dwelling place of God—the place where God can have His rest and put His trust. (Fri)

② The church of God is the house of the living God:

a. The house of God is the household of God: Eph. 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

(1) The dwelling place (the house) and the family (the household) are one entity—a group of called, regenerated ones indwelt by God Himself.

(2) Just as Christ is not separate from the members of His Body but dwells in them, the Father is not a separate member of His household but is in all the children.

b. The house of God is organic in the divine life, organic in the divine nature, and organic in the Triune God; because the church is organic, the church grows.

c. In speaking of the church as the house of God, Paul refers to God as the living God.

(1) The living God, who lives in the church, must be subjective to the church and not merely objective.

(2) Because God is living, the church as the house of God is also living in Him, by Him, and with Him; a living God and a living church live, move, and work together.

③ The church as the house of God—the Father's house—is the enlarged, universal, divine-human incorporation as the issue of Christ's being glorified by the Father with the divine glory.

④ First Timothy 3:15-16 indicates that the church as the house of God is the manifestation of God in the flesh:

1 Tim. 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

a. These verses imply not only that Christ as the Head is the manifestation of God in the flesh but also that the church as the Body is the manifestation of God in the flesh.

b. God is manifested in the church, the Body of Christ, and the house of the living God, as His enlarged, corporate expression in the flesh.

V. Seeing the vision of the processed Triune God with His work and the result of His work will constitute us into obedient ones who will receive God's blessing. (Sat)

Experience①: The Spirit is the consummation of the Triune God. It comes into man and quench the thirst.

The Spirit is the consummation of the Triune God. Eventually, God is called the Spirit, and the transformed tripartite man is the bride.... Consummation means completion. Our God has been completed because He has been processed and compounded.

I hope that we all would receive a vision of the Spirit—He is the compound of the Triune God, the man Jesus, His human living, His death, and His resurrection. All the positive things in the universe are compounded in this one Spirit, which is the Spirit.

We may give a full definition of the Spirit. The Spirit is the processed, compound, all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, sevenfold intensified, consummated Spirit as the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God to be the eternal portion of His chosen, redeemed, regenerated, sanctified, transformed, and glorified tripartite people as their life, life supply, and everything.

John 7:39 speaks of the Spirit, telling us that before the Lord Jesus was crucified and resurrected the Spirit was not yet.... After His resurrection, that is, after He had been glorified, the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Jesus Christ. Even though, before Christ's death and resurrection, the Spirit of God was the Spirit of Jehovah and the Holy Spirit, the Spirit was not yet. This term—the Spirit—is often used by Paul in his Epistles and by John in the book of Revelation. In speaking of the Spirit, John and Paul are referring to the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit of the Triune God. Therefore, eventually and ultimately the Spirit of God is the Spirit.

For new ones

The Triune God as Father, Son and the Spirit went through the process of incarnation, human living, crucifixion and resurrection, and consummated to become the Spirit, the Life-giving Spirit. The Spirit was not yet when Lord Jesus was serving on earth. That is because the Spirit was not done yet.

John7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. **39** But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord. After Christ's resurrection, now the Spirit is here as the consummation of Triune God, just like air. If you open your heart, exercise the spirit and call upon the name of the Lord, the Spirit will come into you and quench the thirst within you. The spirit is the life-

giving spirit that contains all elements. It can come into your spirit and give you rich supply. Even though the Spirit of God come to man, not until the Spirit is consummated can the Spirit come into man. The greatest blessing to you in the New Testament church age is that the Spirit will come into you and supply all your need from inside.

For those newly saved new ones should understand and experience this wonderful spiritual blessing. If you are a graduate student, the spirit can supply you the wisdom, comprehension ability, enforcement power, ability to concisely summarize complex things, patience and so on. By doing so, you will become an excellent graduate student and you can become a witness of the Lord.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus! I call upon your name and pray-read your word. When the Lord was serving on earth, the Spirit was not yet. However, today the Spirit of God is consummated as the life-giving Spirit that contains all. It can come into me to become my life, life supply and my all. I hope that I can touch and enjoy the Spirit so that I can overcome at any difficult time! Furthermore, I hope that the spirit I enjoyed can flow out of me to the people around me! Amen!"

Experience②: Accept God's work by faith and enjoy it in the rest

We should take God's work and rest because of it. However, most people neglect God's work and, instead, try to do something for themselves and by themselves. This is the situation among believers as well as unbelievers. Many believers ignore what God's work has accomplished for them and work by themselves to accomplish something for themselves. But it is an insult to God to ignore what He has done for us that we may rest in Him and in His work. To rest in God and in His work is to keep His Sabbath.

We may ignore God's work and seek to do something for ourselves and by ourselves under the cloak of doing something for God. Such a thing may have a good appearance, but it is actually an insult to God, for it ignores what He has done for us that we may rest in Him and enjoy what He has done for us. Instead of ignoring what God has done, we should deny what we can do or want to do. We need to deny our work but honor God's work and rest in Him.

For Junior & Senior High School / College Students
Eph.1:19 And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength, **20** Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, **21** Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come; **22** And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Please accept God's work by faith and enjoy it in the rest. You should not be unfaithful and use your own power to help God's work. God had gone through the process to become the life-giving Spirit in the resurrection. That Spirit is already flowing into you from the heavenly power plant. You don't need to call the power plant to ask for electricity. To do so is not believing and ignoring God's work. You just need to turn on the electric switch already set up in your spirit by faith. Turn on the spirit's switch, praise and thank the Lord. Simply enjoy the fact that the Lord has done for you in the Sabbath.

For example, your human relationship is not good at school. You feel being isolated. You feel that you can not catch up with your studies and become anxious. In such a case, the Lord can cheer you inside of you and can supply the power to move forward positively. You can pray as follows,

"Oh Lord Jesus! I am weak and hurt. But now I exercise the spirit and come to you. I believe you can heal me and cheer me up. What I need is not to be weak or panic, but to come to you in the rest and participate in your work. Oh Lord! Save me from not believing. And save me from using you for myself. Please let me become pure, accept your heart, experience you and your work and make me a student who expresses you. Amen!"

Experience③: Renew consecration and participate in God's work and build the church which is the goal of God's work

Three matters—God, God's work, and the result of God's work—are covered fully in the sixty-six books of the Bible. In the Old Testament we see the types, and in the New Testament we see the fulfillment. The entire Bible is thus an unveiling of these three things. First we have the processed Triune God and His work for our rest, and then, as the result of His work, we have the church as the expression and the enlargement of the consummated Christ. We need to see this. Seeing these three things will give us a strong basis for obeying, going along with, God.

Many Christians have read through the book of Exodus without being deeply impressed with the fact that the goal of God's salvation is to bring His redeemed people into His dwelling place on earth. God's aim in His salvation is to make us His dwelling place.

The church, the dwelling place of God on earth, is the place in which God can have His rest and put His trust. In this dwelling place God lives and moves to accomplish His will and satisfy the desire of His heart.

For Young Working Saints/Graduate students
OL: Seeing the vision of the processed Triune God with His work and the result of His work will constitute us into obedient ones who will receive God's blessing.

You face a huge requirement which needs to be fulfilled as a working young person, or graduate

student. But praise the Lord. Lord has the supply which surpasses the requirement. The processed and consummated Triune God is the bountiful supply of the Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

FN "the bountiful supply": The Greek word refers to the supplying of all the needs of the chorus by the choragus, the leader of the chorus. The bountiful supply of the all-inclusive Spirit enabled Paul to live and magnify Christ in his sufferings for Him.

You should not struggle to success in your business life by yourself. But please realize that the business life is the good opportunity to participate in the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. If you do not have a practical setting like business life, it will be difficult for you to realize the Lord's bountiful supply. Please sing stanza 4, 5 and 6 of the hymn 841.

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Lord, Thy life abundant, Flowing, rich and free,
Constantly refreshes And empowers me.
Death by life is swallowed, Weakness is made strong,
All my bonds are broken, Gloom is turned to song.

5

I would give myself, Lord, Fully unto Thee,
That Thy heart's desire Be fulfilled in me.
I no more would struggle To myself reform,
Thus in me to hinder What Thou wouldst perform.

6

I would cease completely From my efforts vain,
Let Thy life transform me, Full release to gain;
Build me up with others Till in us Thou see
Thy complete expression Glorifying Thee.

And do not use Christ for your business life and flourishing study life. The building of the church, which is God's economy, is much higher and have eternal value. If you evaluate God's economy in this way, you will surely make Christ and the church as your primal occupation and not making your business life and study life first. If you are for God, your life will be blessed because of God's economy.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I love You. I build up the church as Your house. I give myself and the business life to You. Let me experience You bountifully in the real setting like business life. This Christ I experienced is primarily for the building up of the church, and secondary is useful for the business. Thank You that I can participate in God's work and build the church."

Hymn 30

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What love Thou hast bestowed on us,
We thank Thee from our heart;
Our Father, we would worship Thee
And praise for all Thou art.