

#3 The Creation and Bringing Forth of the One New Man

(The One New Man Fulfilling God's Purpose in Creating Man) 2019/11/25-12/1

I. "The co-workers and the elders, who take the lead in the Lord's recovery, must realize that the Lord's recovery is resting upon their shoulders. What the recovery will be depends upon what they will be":

A. "I am quite concerned for all the co-workers and elders. It may be that a good number of them do not have a complete understanding of what the Lord's recovery is.

B. "Regarding the Lord's present recovery, I hope that none of you would be held back by your old theology or by your old understanding of the recovery".

C. In the last days of this age, before the Lord will be able to return, we must see the vision of the one Body and the one new man.

Eph. 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace, **16** And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

D. The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose:

Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

1. The emphasis on the church being the Body of Christ is on life, whereas the emphasis on the church being the one new man is on the person.

2. As the Body of Christ, the church needs Christ as its life; as the one new man, the church needs Christ as its person.

E. The Bible reveals that the one new man is a corporate, universal man: **1.** We, the believers in Christ, are all one with Christ to be the new man; thus, we all are parts, components, of the corporate one new man. **2.** The one new man is a corporate God-man, the aggregate of all the God-men; when we put all the God-men together, we have the one new man. **Mon**

II. The new man as the poem, the masterpiece, of God was created through Christ's death on the cross:

Eph. 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace, **16** And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

A. We need to pay careful attention to two phrases in verse 15: in His flesh and in Himself: **1.** In "His flesh Christ terminated all the negative things in the universe: Satan, the devil, the enemy of God; sin; the flesh fallen man; the world, the cosmos, the evil system of Satan; the old creation, represented by the old man; and the separating ordinances of the law. **2.** "In Himself" as the sphere, element, and essence, Christ created the Jews and the Gentiles into one new man: **a.** Christ is not only the Creator of the one new man, the church, but also the sphere in which and the element and essence with which the new man was created.

b. He is the very element and essence of the one new man, making God's divine nature one entity with humanity.

B. In the creating of the new man, first our natural man was crucified by Christ, and then through the cross out of the old man, Christ imparted the divine element into us, causing us to become a new entity, a new invention of God.

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

C. The one new man created through the creating death of

Christ's equals the Body formed in Christ's resurrection and ascension; hence, the one new man and the Body are **synonymous terms and may be used interchangeably.** **Tue**

III. On the cross Christ created the new man in Himself by abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, the middle wall of partition:

Eph. 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity,

A. The law spoken of in 2:15 is not the law of the moral commandments but the law of ritual commandments, such as the ordinances of circumcision, keeping the Sabbath, and eating certain foods.

B. Ordinances are the forms or ways of living and worship, which create enmity and division: **1.** On the cross Christ abolished all the regulations regarding living and worship, regulations that have divided the nations. **Col. 2:14** Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. **2.** From the time of Babel, mankind has been divided by ordinances concerning the ways of living and worship; in God's economy in the church life, we must overcome Babel. **3.** Due to man's fall there are many ordinances, many customs, habits, ways to live, and ways to worship; all these differences among peoples have divided, scattered, and confused mankind. **4.** One of the main elements of ordinances is language; our very language can become an ordinance: **a.** On the day of Pentecost the divisions caused by language were overcome, and the church as the one new man came into existence. **b.** If we can overcome the difficulty presented by language, a great part of our problem with ordinances will be solved. **Wed**

IV. The more we are in the mingled spirit, in the mingling of the divine Spirit with the human spirit, the more we shall be set free from ordinances in order to bring forth the one new man:

Eph. 2:18 For through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father. **22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

A. The cross abolished the ordinances in order to give place to the Spirit, in whom we have access unto the Father:

1. If we have ordinances, we do not have the Spirit, but if we have the Spirit, we shall not have ordinances: **a.** The church life does not consist of ordinances but of the living Spirit. **b.** The church is the reprint of the Spirit. **c.** "No Spirit, no church. More Spirit, more church". **2.** As long as we are not in the Spirit, anything we do is an ordinance.

B. "Neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters". (Gal. 6:15) **1.** The only thing that matters is the new man as the new creation, the masterpiece of life with the divine nature. **2.** To be a new creation is to have Christ wrought into our being. **3.** When Christ is realized through the Spirit in our spirit, we become the new creation, the new man. **Thu**

V. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man:

Eph. 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit. **24** And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

A. What was divided and scattered in the old man is recovered in the new man: **1.** In the old man, man was divided and scattered; in the new man, man is gathered and made one. **2.** In the world the more different and individualistic a person is, the better: this is contrary to God's

economy, which is to gather and to make one. **3.** To put off the old man is to put off the divided and scattered man; to put on the new man is to put on the gathered and one new man. **Fr**

B. Christ should be our only source; we should not allow anything of our background, culture, or nationality to be our source: **Col. 3:10-11** And have put on the one new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him. Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all. **1.** The worldly people regard cultural differences as a source of prestige but in Christ we have lost this prestige; now our only prestige is Christ and the genuine oneness. **2.** If we are willing to let go of our cultural pride, it will be possible for the Lord to have the proper church life.

C. What the Lord has been doing and is now doing in His recovery is bringing forth the one new man with Himself as the life and the person for God's expression.

D. The one new man will usher in the kingdom of God and will bring Christ, the King, back to this earth.

E. Now is the time for God to accomplish His purpose to perfect the one new man, who will come into full existence on earth: **1.** The world situation has been raised up for the goal of the one new man. **2.** Everything that the Lord is doing in the present age is to usher in the practical existence of the one new man. **3.** Because of the advances in technology, there is now the possibility that the saints in every locality in their environmental circumstances will become the one new man in reality and in practicality.

F. When the one new man is perfected, that will be the time for the Lord's coming, and the perfected new man will be the bride. **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): Experience Christ as life first, and then experience Christ as person

OL1: In the last days of this age, before the Lord will be able to return, we must see the vision of the one Body and the one new man.

OL2: The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose.

OL3: The emphasis on the church being the Body of Christ is on life, whereas the emphasis on the church being the one new man is on the person.

OL4: The one new man is a corporate God-man, the aggregate of all the God-men; when we put all the God-men together, we have the one new man.

Eph. 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace.

We are not individually new men; instead, you are a part of the new man, I am a part of the new man, and all the saved ones are also parts of the new man. Ephesians 2:15...is sufficient proof that the new man is corporate, not individual.

First, we must see that the Body is a matter of life, and the new man is a matter of person. Our body has life in it; without life it is not a body but a corpse. When we speak of the Body, we understand that it has life in it. Thus, the Body is a matter of life. When we speak of one new man, though, it is a matter of person. A man has a person. Today my body does not need a person; my body only needs life. In other words, my body needs to be healthy, and health is life. ...The new man, however, is a matter

of person. My body cannot plan where it will go, but my person can make a plan. There is a person within me who decides, saying, "This morning this body will go to this place, and this evening this body will go to that place." By this you can see the difference between the person and the life that is in the body. The person makes a decision about where to go, and the body immediately takes action. The Body of Christ is a matter of life, whereas the new man is a matter of person.

Still, you all must know that both the life and the person are Christ. The life in this Body is Christ, and the person in this one new man is also Christ.

Application to the new ones

The important thing in the Christian life primarily is to exercise your spirit and touch the Lord, enjoy the Lord and be filled with the Lord. When you are filled with the life of Christ, you will become healthy and lively person. For this, please call upon the name of the Lord and pray read the Lord's Word every morning. After you enjoy the Lord and go to school or to work with the Lord, there is a need to experience Christ as person in your study or work. Without experiencing Christ as life, you cannot experience Christ as person. So the practices of calling on the Lord's name and pray reading the Word to be filled with the Lord's life are for you to experience and enjoy Christ as life. Moreover, the morning revival is the base for you to experience Christ as person in your daily living.

To experience Christ as person means, for instance, when you study, you call upon the name of the Lord to experience Christ as your understanding, concentration and wisdom.

You can pray like this, "Oh Lord Jesus, I want to study with you and experience You as my understanding. I cannot understand this mathematical formula. I call on the Lord's name and put my mind on the spirit. I use my mind and in the same time I pray, making Christ as my person and understanding". If you are a business person, please pray like this, "Oh Lord Jesus, I have to complete my task today. Lord, I praise You. You are my life and also my person. For my task, I experience You as my concentration, understanding, discernment and decisiveness. Lord, bless me".

Crucial Point(2): Learning English and Chinese language for one new man will be our help to overcome enmity and division caused by language

OL1: On the cross Christ created the new man in Himself by abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, the middle wall of partition.

OL2: Ordinances are the forms or ways of living and worship, which create enmity and division.

OL3: One of the main elements of ordinances is language; our very language can become an ordinance.

OL4: On the day of Pentecost the divisions caused by language were overcome, and the church as the one new man came into existence. If we can overcome the difficulty presented by language, a great part of our problem with ordinances will be solved.

Due to the improvements in transportation and communication, the people of the world are becoming intermingled more and more. This is under the sovereignty of the Lord so that He can have the new man, the proper

church life which includes all different peoples. Therefore, concerning our way of life, we all must learn not to impose requirements on others and not to have any ordinances.

The differences among the peoples began at Babel. In God's economy in the church life we must overcome Babel. Our very language can become an ordinance. When we stay for a long period of time in another country or even live there, we should, if possible, learn the language of the people there and not insist on our native tongue. The primary source of the divisions among Christians throughout the centuries has been ordinances.

One of the main elements of ordinances is language. As we all know, the division of the peoples at Babel was related to differences of language. Hence, a primary element of ordinances is language. If we can overcome the difficulty presented by language, a great part of our problem with ordinances will be solved.

On the day of Pentecost God Himself did something very significant concerning language. Peoples of different languages were saved and brought into oneness. On that day the divisions caused by language were overcome, and the church as the one new man came into existence. For the church to be the new man means that the church is a new mankind, a new humanity, a new human race.

Application to young people and college students

In Japan, the telecommunication field has been developed by companies like NTT and Softbank (including LINE). This development is actually for you to practice church life as one new man. Development of transportation also helps you to experience one new man. In the case of Church in Kobe, we accept many visitors for blending from Taiwan and China through a year. This is because they can visit Japan with less expenses using LCC flight. These are advancement of outward environment. In order to gain benefit from these opportunities of blending, you need to learn other languages. Especially, learn English and Chinese languages. In addition to them, if affordable, you may learn Korean, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. Division of people is caused mainly by their difference of languages. By learning other languages, you can remove the wall of partition and so you can practice the church life of one new man.

Brother Lee encourage co-workers who came from Taiwan to U.S. to learn English by saying, "You must be able to speak English like Americans." English language is not only the national language of the United States and the United Kingdom, but also the common language in the business world and research field. If you can speak English, your opportunity in business will be expanded greatly. In the same way, if you can speak English in your church life, you can have an intimate interaction with brothers and sisters from various countries. Such interaction, blending will help the local churches in Japan to come out of Japanese culture and to experience one new man.

Especially in Asia, there is a great need on Chinese language. The Lord's recovery started from brother Watchman Nee and brother Witness Lee from China and has expanded to the whole earth. Most of their messages are spoken in Chinese. If you can understand Chinese language, you can read those messages in original language (Most of their messages have not been translated in English yet.)

Many people in Mainland China and Taiwan and Chinese residents in other Asian countries are Christians. They are, in number, about a hundred times as many saints as in Japan or more than that. There are a lot of saints who are models to us because of their advancing testimonies in practicing church life and living in faith. In past, a co-worker in Taiwan told us, "Most of Chinese speaking saints in Kobe can also speak Japanese and even do oral translation. This brings a wonderful benefit to the church life here." For brothers and sisters in Japan, to learn and benefit from the saints in Chinese speaking countries through Chinese translation, is the practical practice of church life of one new man, so that it is requisite for local churches in Japan to step forward.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, through blending with the oversea saints, let me come out of the Japanese culture to experience the one new man practically. For that, I want to be serious to learn English and Chinese languages. May I be able to break through the language barrier, the main element of causing division among Christians."

Crucial Point(3): In the old man, man was divided and scattered; in the new man, man is gathered and made one.

OL1: The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man. OL2: In the old man, man was divided and scattered; in the new man, man is gathered and made one.

OL3: To put off the old man is to put off the divided and scattered man; to put on the new man is to put on the gathered and one new man.

OL4: Christ should be our only source; we should not allow anything of our background, culture, or nationality to be our source.

The church was brought forth not just with one people but with many peoples. In Acts 2:9-11 at least fifteen nationalities speaking at least fifteen dialects were represented. Although all these were Jews, under God's sovereignty all...were not of one language... They were divided and scattered. However, when the time came for the church to be brought forth, they were all gathered together, and in that gathering, the church was produced. This indicates that what was divided and scattered in the old man was fully recovered in the new man. In the old man, man was divided and scattered, but in the new man, man is gathered and made one.

Without Paul's Epistles we could not see the light concerning the one new man. Ephesians 2:13 says, "Now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near in the blood of Christ." To become near is to become near not only to God but near to the believers. Verse 14 says, "For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity." The middle wall of partition is the division, the dividing factor, between different peoples. This factor was torn down by Christ on the cross. By this, Christ has created one new man of two peoples, the Jews and the Gentiles. Ephesians 4:22 says, "That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit." To put off the old man is to put off the divided and scattered man. To put on the new man is to put on the gathered and one new man, "which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality." (4:24)

The worldly people regard cultural differences as a mark of prestige. But in Christ we have all lost this prestige. Now our only prestige is Christ and the genuine oneness... We all need to exercise ourselves to go along with others. As long as a certain practice does not involve idolatry or immorality, there is nothing wrong with it.... If we are willing to let go of our cultural pride, it will be possible for the Lord to have the proper church life.

For the young working saints and graduate students

There is a Chinese proverb saying, "Seeking the commons while keep the differences." This means that you can look for the same thing even if there is a difference. Japanese people are serious and tend to pay attention to minor differences. As a result, they can't become one by emphasizing the differences, so they break up into smaller groups. It is not possible to carry out the church life according to this Japanese culture. This proverb includes a thought that leads to one new man. But this proverb does not present a way to do it.

Eph. 2:14 reveals that Christ has broken down the middle wall of partition, ordinances, on the cross. Hallelujah! The enmity, the law of the commandments in ordinances was abolished. The principle of all the old man, not just Japanese, is that they are divided and scattered. But on the cross, the Lord abandoned the ordinances and created a new man. The principle of the new man is to gather people from different backgrounds and make scattered people into one.

The company pays a high salary to the human resources who can lead various professionals into a team. There are not many such people in the world. However, you have the experience of "abandoning different regulations of enmity" and "gathering to become one" in your church life, so you are developing your "excellent ability of making one." Applying what you have learned in the church life to your business can make you an excellent manager.

For example, in many cases, the more you discuss in a meeting, the more it will fall apart and not being put together. However, if you are in the service of building the church, you will be able to proceed with a positive discussion toward one purpose while listening to various opinions. At first glance, even if negative opinions appear, we will accept and absorb them without denying them but with positive thinking. That way, those who disagree are not denied, so they don't think negatively about the project team and you. Hallelujah! The church life uplifts the business life, and Christ you experienced in business life is to build the church as one new man.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, Christ has already abandoned the middle wall of partition, the ordinances of enmity! Hallelujah! I took off old man who divides in the church life, and cultural prestige, and learn to build the scattered things into one. The church life of one new man can also improve my business skills. Thank the Lord."

Hymn 1232

- 1 Once by nature we were dead in sin,
In a world of utter discord;
But together God has quickened us,
Raised us up to sit together with the Lord.
- (C) Jesus is getting us together, Come and see the saints in one accord. His love is knitting us together,
To the stature of the fullness of the Lord.
- 2 Thus with all saints we can apprehend
All the vast dimensions of God.

- Knowing Christ's love passes all we know,
We're together filled to fullness with our God.
- 3 Now we know the purpose of our God,
Visible the mystery became:
Christ, the church, together now we see,
And together put the enemy to shame.
- 4 For this cause we pray the Father God—
Strengthen Thou with might our inner man;
Make Yourself at home in all our hearts,
Root us, ground us in Your love and for Your plan.
- 5 In the Body we'll be fitly framed
As the many members Christ supply;
Working in the measure of each part,
All by growth in love the Body edify.
- 6 Now we're one His purpose to fulfill,
As the one new man of His plan.
Unto Him be glory in the church,
And in Jesus Christ forevermore—Amen!

The Mystery of Human Life (2)

The Miserable Situation of Human (2): "Condemning"

- A. "each knowing the plague of his own heart," (1 Kings 8:38)
- B. "A trespass offering mocks fools," (Prov. 14:9)
- C. To persuade our heart before God is to have a good conscience, void of offense, that our heart may be conciliated, convinced, assured and tranquilized. This too is a condition of the life that abides in the Lord. To abide in the Lord requires a tranquil heart with a conscience void of offense. (1 John 3:19 FN2)
- D. A conscience void of offense in a tranquil heart straightens and clears the way for our petition to God. (1 John 3:22 FN1)
- E. "If we confess our sins, He is ... to forgive us our sins ..." —Our wrongdoings, which causes us not to be right with either God or men. The offense needs God's forgiveness ... for the restoration of our broken fellowship with God, that we may enjoy Him in uninterrupted fellowship with a good conscience void of offense. (1 John 1:9 FN5)

The Grace and Blessings from God (2): "Joy"

- A. "A joyful heart is good medicine." (Prov. 17:22a)
- B. "many will rejoice at his birth." (Luke 1:14b)
- C. "My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full." (John 15:11b)
- D. "no one takes your joy away from you." (John 16:22b)
- E. "these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy made full in themselves." (John 17:13b)
- F. Fellowship is the issue of the eternal life, and joy, that is, the enjoyment of the Triune God, is the issue of this fellowship, the issue of participation in the Father's love and the Son's grace through the Spirit. By such a spiritual enjoyment of the divine life, our joy in our Triune God can be made full. (1 John 1:4 FN2)
- G. "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 14:17)

Our attitude (4): "Desire/(eagerness, willingly admit)"

- A. One who is full of sin and who is willing to confess all his sin before God is forgiven and cleansed. (Lev. 13:12 FN1)
- B. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
- C. "let him who wills take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17b)
- D. "For if the eagerness is there, it is acceptable according to whatever one has..." (2 Cor 8:12)
- E. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, In whose heart are the highways to Zion." —Mount Zion in the heaven is the place where Christ is today in His ascension. (Psa. 84:5, 2:6 FN2)