

WEEK 2

Being Renewed in the Spirit of the Mind for the Practical Existence of the One New Man

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:15-16; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11; Rom. 12:2

OUTLINE

« DAY 1 »

- I. Everything that the Lord is doing in this present age is to usher in the practical existence of the one new man; this is the Lord's move on earth today (Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11).
- II. In our experience as believers in Christ, we should cooperate with the Triune God to put off the old man, which was terminated on the cross, and put on the new man, which was created through Christ's death and resurrection (Eph. 2:15; 4:22, 24):
 - A. *Regarding our former manner of life, we must put off the old man (v. 22):*
 1. In baptism we put off the old man; our old man was crucified with Christ and was buried in baptism (Rom. 6:4a, 6).
 2. The former manner of life was a walk in the vanity of the mind (Eph. 4:22, 17):
 - a. The former manner of life includes everything related to us, especially the community life of the old man (v. 22).
 - b. To put off regarding the "former manner of life, the old man" is to put off our

way of living (v. 22).

3. The old man “is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit” (v. 22):
 - a. The article before deceit is emphatic, and the deceit is personified.
 - b. The deceit refers to the deceiver, Satan, from whom come the lusts of the corrupted old man.

B. We need to “put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality” (v. 24):

1. In baptism we put on the new man (Rom. 6:4b).
2. The new man is of Christ; it is His Body created in Him on the cross (Eph. 2:15-16).

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3. To put on the new man is to put on the community life of the one new man (4:24):
 - a. To put on the church life as the one new man is to put on a corporate entity produced by the mingling of the divine Spirit with the regenerated human spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17).
 - b. Since we are part of the one new man, our living should be the living of the one new man as the corporate God-man (Eph. 4:17-32).
4. The reality in Ephesians 4:24 is the personification of God; the reality is God; it was in the righteousness and holiness of the reality that the one new man was created.

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III. The key to putting off the old man and putting on the new man is in being renewed in the spirit of our mind (v. 23):

- A. *Christ as the life-giving Spirit is now in our spirit, and these two spirits mingle together to form the spirit of the mind (2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17).*
- B. *When the life-giving Spirit, who dwells in and is mingled with our regenerated spirit, spreads into our mind, this mingled spirit becomes the spirit of the mind; it is by this mingled spirit that our mind is renewed (Eph. 4:23).*
- C. *To be renewed in the spirit of our mind is inward and intrinsic; the renewing in the spirit of our mind revolutionizes our logic, philosophy, thought, concept, and psychology (Rom. 12:2).*

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- D. *The only possibility of God's purpose being fulfilled in this age is that we all would be willing to be renewed in the spirit of our mind (Eph. 3:11; 4:23).*

IV. The renewal of the mind is for the practical existence of the one new man (vv. 22-24; Col. 3:10-11):

- A. *The only way that the one new man can be realized practically is by our mind being renewed (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10-11).*
- B. *We need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind actually and daily in our living; otherwise, there is no way for the Lord to have the one new man.*
- C. *Our mind needs to be renewed not only for our spiritual conduct or for our personal, ethical behavior but for the existence of the one new man (Eph. 4:24).*

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D. The focal point of our being renewed in the spirit of our mind is the one new man (vv. 23-24).

E. Throughout our life, our national and racial mentality has been built up, and for the existence of the one new man, this mentality must be renewed (v. 23):

1. Our natural and national mentality was educated and built up according to our racial and cultural background; this is the greatest hindrance to the practical existence of the one new man (Col. 3:10-11).
2. In order for the one new man to come into full existence, we must experience a thorough renewal of our mind, which has been built up according to our nationality and culture (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10-11).

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F. In our prayer we need to have a desire to enter into the practicality of the one new man, and thus, we need to ask the Lord to renew our mind and transform our inner being (Rom. 12:2).

G. Daily we need to put off the old man and put on the new man; for this we need to drink of the one Spirit so that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind in every area of our daily life (1 Cor. 12:13):

1. When we drink of the Spirit, He saturates every part of our being; the first part of our soul that He saturates is our mind (v. 13; Rom. 12:2).
2. If we drink of the Spirit, we will be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and this renewing will make us all into one new man (Eph. 4:23-24).
3. When our mind has been renewed, the one new man will come into existence in a practical way, and Christ will truly be all and in all (Col. 3:10-11).

H. "All those who love Him, pursue Him, and follow Him on the

entire earth today must be renewed in the spirit of their mind to become the one new man, taking Him as their person and living by Him. This is what the Lord wants today" (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man," p. 350).

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Morning Nourishment

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.

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.

The Lord prophesied in Matthew 16:18 that He would build His church. Whatever the Lord has prophesied must be fulfilled. Without the practical existence of the new man, the building up of the church may be vain talk. The building of the church depends upon the existence of the new man. If the new man comes into existence, no doubt, the builded church is here. Regardless of the present situation of division, the Lord is going to get the new man. Everything that the Lord is doing in this present age is to usher in the practical existence of the one new man. To drop our natural, religious concepts, our mind needs to be saturated, permeated, possessed, and taken over by our mingled spirit. Then our concepts will be fully revolutionized, and we will no longer have any ordinances. The new man will then come into existence. This is the Lord's move on the earth today. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," p. 520)

Today's Reading

The goal of God's New Testament economy is to gain the new man. The old man failed God, so in His New Testament economy God is going to get a new man. For this purpose Christ died on the cross not only to take away our sins, to crucify our old man, to destroy Satan, and to judge the world, but also to abolish the ordinances, the different ways of living among different peoples, so that He could create in Himself a new man. All the different ways of living and worship were abolished on the cross. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," p. 521)

In Ephesians 4:22 Paul says, “You put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit.” In verse 24 Paul goes on to say, “Put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.” It is based upon our having put off the old man and having put on the new man that we can enjoy Christ as the reality and grace for the living of the new man. In our experience, we should cooperate with the Triune God to put off the old man, which He terminated on the cross; we should also cooperate with the Triune God to put on the new man, which He created through Christ’s death and resurrection.

Verse 22 says that we have put off, as regards the former manner of life, the old man. The former manner of life was a walk in the vanity of the mind. Such a manner of life has been terminated and put away. Verse 22 also says that the old man “is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit.” The old man is of Adam, who was created by God but fallen through sin. The article before the word deceit is emphatic and indicates that the deceit is personified. Hence, deceit here refers to the deceiver, the devil, from whom are the lusts of the corrupted old man. The old man is corrupted according to the lusts of the devil, the deceiving one. Outwardly, the manner of life of the old man is a walk in the vanity of the mind. Inwardly, the old man is corrupted according to the lusts of the devil, the lusts of the deceit. This old man was crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6) and was buried in baptism (v. 4). We should praise the Lord that we have put off the old man in baptism.

It was [also] in baptism that we put on the new man (v. 4b). The new man is the practical church life, which is Christ as the life-giving Spirit mingled with our spirit in a corporate way. To put on the church life as the new man is to put on this entity produced by the mingling of the divine Spirit with the human spirit. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3433-3434)

Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 341; Truth Lessons—Level Three, vol. 4, lsn. 63

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Morning Nourishment

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.

Because the book of Ephesians is a book on the church, we should view everything in it from the perspective of the church. If we fail to do this, we shall wrongly apply many things in this book. As we read 4:17-32, we should apply these verses corporately, not individualistically. These verses are not written in relation to the lives of individuals but in relation to the corporate life of the one new man. The new man must become our daily living. In verse 24 Paul speaks of putting on the new man. To put on the new man means to have the church life, which is the new life of the new mankind created by Christ in Himself. The church is a new humanity. Corporately we need to put on another humanity. It is crucial for us to have this view as we consider the second half of Ephesians 4. (Life-study of Ephesians, p. 777)

Today's Reading

To put off the old man is not merely to put off the old nature; it is to put off the old way of life, the former way of living. Our old way of living was not entirely an individualistic way of life, for it involved our social life, our community life. No human being can be altogether individualistic. Human nature is inherently social. To be a human being is to live in society and to have some kind of community life.

In the church we have the best community life. If there were no church meetings, we would feel aimless, and our existence would be meaningless. We enjoy coming together in the meetings. The fact that the saints often linger after the meetings are dismissed indicates that in the church we have a genuine community life. If we would be the one new man, we must put off the community

life of the old man and put on the community life of the new man. (Life-study of Ephesians, p. 777)

The believers experience the dispensing of the processed Triune God corporately by putting on the new man (Eph. 4:22-24). The new man is of Christ. It is His Body, created in Him on the cross (2:15-16). It is not individual but corporate (Col. 3:10-11).

The phrase “in Himself” in Ephesians 2:15 is very significant. It indicates that Christ was not only the Creator of the one new man, the church, but also the sphere in which and the essence with which the one new man was created. Christ is the very element of the new man. Nothing of our old man was good for the creation of the new man, for our former essence was sinful. But in Christ there is a wonderful essence, in which the one new man has been created. This new man, which is the church, is corporate and universal. There are many believers, but there is only one new man in the universe. All the believers are components of this one corporate and universal new man.

Outwardly everything related to the new man is righteous, and inwardly everything related to the new man is holy.

In 4:24 righteousness signifies God’s deeds, and holiness signifies His being. Whatever God does is righteous, and whatever God is, is holy. The new man is created according to God in both of these respects.

The righteousness and holiness of the new man are of “the reality.” The article before “reality” in verse 24 is emphatic. As the deceit in verse 22, related to the old man, is the personification of Satan, so reality here, related to the new man, is the personification of God. This reality was exhibited in the life of Jesus, as mentioned in verse 21. In the life of Jesus righteousness and holiness of reality were always being manifested. It was in the righteousness and holiness of this reality, which is God realized and expressed, that the new man was created. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 1809-1810, 1814)

Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 166; Life-study of Ephesians, msgs. 24-25, 47

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Morning Nourishment

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Eph. 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

To have the practice of the new man we must know who Christ is and where Christ is. Christ today is the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17), and He is in our spirit (Rom. 8:16; 2 Tim. 4:22). The life-giving Spirit, Christ, is now in our spirit, and these two spirits mingle together to form the spirit of the mind (Eph. 4:23). Ephesians 4:23 says that we are being renewed in the spirit of our mind. Our mind is being renewed through our realization that Christ as the life-giving Spirit is mingled with our human spirit.

It is uncommon today to hear a message concerning the mingled spirit or on being renewed in the spirit of the mind. Some who have never heard of the mingled spirit may teach that it is sufficient for us to read the Bible, win souls, and glorify God by our good behavior. However, Ephesians 4:23 is vital and crucial to us. The key to putting off the old man (v. 22) and putting on the new man (v. 24) is in being renewed in the spirit of our mind. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," p. 491)

Today's Reading

As believers, we can experience and enjoy Christ as the reality and grace for the living of the new man through the renewing in the spirit of our mind [Eph. 4:23]...Our being renewed is for our transformation into the image of Christ (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18). The spirit here is the regenerated spirit of the believers, which is mingled with the indwelling Spirit of God. Such a mingled spirit spreads into our mind, thus becoming the spirit of our mind. It is in such a spirit that we are renewed for our transformation. This, of course, implies a process of metabolic

transformation. As this process takes place, the mingled spirit enters our mind, takes over our mind, and becomes the spirit of our mind.

When our human spirit is regenerated by and thus mingled with the Spirit of God, it becomes the mingled spirit. When our regenerated spirit is gradually enlightened, motivated, inspired, and occupied by the Spirit of God, the mingled spirit spreads into our mind and becomes the spirit of our mind. At the time of regeneration the mingled spirit is only in the realm of our spirit; through renewing, this mingled spirit progressively moves into the territory of our mind to become the spirit of our mind. It is by the spirit spreading into our mind that we are renewed in order that the new man would live on earth.

As those who love Christ, we should not have vanity in our mind; instead, we should have the spirit in our mind. Our mind should no longer be full of vanity; rather, it should be saturated with the mingled spirit. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3432-3433)

To be renewed in the spirit of our mind is inward and intrinsic. If we learn to be renewed in this way, we will have a deeper perception with which to understand persons and matters. To understand a person requires that we have a deeper sight, a perception that goes farther and deeper. Often our knowing of people is shallow. We lack the perception that penetrates the barriers and coverings because we do not practice being daily renewed in the spirit of our mind. The renewing in the spirit of our mind always revolutionizes our logic, philosophy, thought, concept, and psychology. As a result, our perception in all things is different, and we have a deeper understanding of the people we meet. Even by the way they ask questions, we can know people's condition. A natural man is a very shallow man, but if we are spiritual, we will be deep. If we are deep, we will know others, even though they will not be able to know us (1 Cor. 2:15). (CWWL, 1990, vol. 2, "Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990," p. 453)

Further Reading: The Believer's Experience of Transformation, ch. 4; CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," ch. 5

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Morning Nourishment

Eph. 4:23-24 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

Not only is there no natural person in the new man, but there is no possibility, no room, for any natural person. In the new man there is room only for Christ. He is all the members of the new man and in all the members. He is everything in the new man. Actually, He is the new man, His Body (1 Cor. 12:12). In the new man He is the centrality and universality.

The only possibility of the Lord's eternal purpose being fulfilled in this age is if we would all be willing to be renewed in the spirit of our mind. This means that we have to open up ourselves and drink of the Spirit in order that the Spirit may get into our being, saturating our natural mentality so that we can have a metabolic change in our way of life. Then there is much possibility for the new man to come into full existence. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," pp. 510-511)

Today's Reading

The only way the one new man can be realized practically is by our mind being renewed. The one new man cannot be realized by our being corrected or taught but by the Spirit of God permeating our mentality.

I believe that the Lord's grace will work in us and upon us to such an extent that we are being renewed in the spirit of our mind not only when we are praying but also while we are living our daily life. When we pray ourselves into the spirit, we are being renewed. Peter was renewed in the trance that he had, but in practice Peter had a problem. Today it is the same with us. When we pray, we pray ourselves into the spirit, but we have to keep ourselves all the time in our spirit in our daily life. Do not let yourself come out of the spirit.

Through this fellowship we can see how much renewal we need in all the matters of our daily life. The husbands need to be renewed in their relationships with their wives. Do not be what you have habitually been. You have to be renewed in the spirit of your mind actually and daily in your living. Otherwise, there is no way for the Lord to have the Body, and no way for Him to have the new man. This is not a matter of adjusting our behavior but a matter of being transformed by being renewed in the spirit of our mind to make us another person. Daily we need to put off the old man and put on the new man. For this we need to drink of the one Spirit so that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind in every area of our practical, daily life.

We need to be renewed in our mind not just for our personal, ethical behavior but for the one new man. Many Christians today still hold on to their natural, religious, and individual concepts because they will not let the Spirit spread into their mind...We all need to open ourselves up to the Lord and pray, "Lord, I am here. I want my mind to be fully opened to You. Come in and fill me up. Permeate, saturate, and possess my entire inward being." I believe that if we would pray to the Lord in such a way, the Spirit would have a way to permeate our mind. When the Spirit permeates our mind, the ordinances are over. When the Spirit has possessed and saturated our mind, we will not care for black, white, Chinese, Japanese, American, British, German, French, Italian, or Spanish. We will not care whether the meeting is noisy or quiet. We will only care for the one new man.

The church is the new man. Even though in this modern era so many races and peoples have been brought together, people still like to keep themselves divided. To keep ourselves divided from other Christians because of religious ordinances is to be conformed to this age because this age is one of division...We need to interpret Romans 12:2 in the way of not being conformed to this age of division. We Christians are one. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," pp. 520, 529-530, 519-520)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man," chs. 8-9

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Morning Nourishment

Col. 3:10-11 And have put on the 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.

When I was a young believer, I thought that the renewing in the spirit of our mind was just for our Christian behavior. We can get our mind renewed by allowing it to be filled, possessed, and taken over by the Spirit of God. We have to pray, to fellowship with the Lord, to call on His name, and even to make a thorough confession of our sins. Then we will be transformed, and our behavior will be changed. Although this is true, the focal point of being renewed in the spirit of our mind is for the one new man. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," p. 516)

Today's Reading

In the new man Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, and free man have no place. The renewal is not merely for our behavior. The renewal is...to get rid of our racial ordinances and to get rid of the natural persons....We all need to be renewed for the existence of the one new man.

When the Spirit spreads into our mind, it becomes the spirit of our mind. It is in such a Spirit that we are renewed for our transformation. The Spirit renews, reconstructs, rearranges, our mind. Man is absolutely under the control and direction of his mind. What his mind thinks, he does,...he follows,...[and] he carries out. The director of our being is our mind. Even after you have been regenerated and are loving the Lord, you are still under the direction of your mind.

We need to drink of the one Spirit so that the Spirit can saturate our mind. The renewal of the mind is for the real practice of the new man. The British, the Chinese, and the Americans all have different ordinances related to their culture.

This is why we need to have our national mentality renewed. Our national and even natural mentality was educated and built up according to our racial and cultural background. This is the top hindrance to the existence of the new man. Brother Hudson Taylor went to China with a burden to bring the gospel to the Chinese. He was so burdened that he even dressed the way the Chinese did. This was very commendable, but we must go further to see that it is necessary to be renewed in our mentality. Merely to change in an outward way could be a kind of performance and not the renewal in our mind.

We believe that this is the age for the new man to be perfected and to come into existence in a full way. The Lord has arranged the outward environment and situation for the new man to come into being, but the outward situation has to match the inward reality. There is the need of the inward reality in the members of the Body of Christ. Due to the scientific inventions and the political situations on this earth, the many nationalities and cultures have been brought together. Now there is the need of the inward reality, which is the renewal of our mind. Our national, racial mentality, which has been built up through our entire life, must be renewed.

[When I first] came to the United States, the Lord showed me that I had to give up my Chinese mentality. I wanted a mind that cared only for the Lord's recovery and not for my Chinese way of living. We need the Lord's mercy and grace for Him to renew our mind. The Lord is going to perform something to bring this one new man into full existence. The Lord is going to do such a marvelous thing with all the different cultures and races. The tendency of this age is pointed toward the Lord's work for the one new man. But in order for this to happen, we must have a thorough, proper, and adequate renewal of our mind, which has been built up by our nationality. This is why we have to drink of the Spirit. Then our entire being, especially our mind, will be saturated by the Spirit. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," pp. 516-517, 507-509)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1971, vol. 1, "The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration," chs. 8-9; God's Intention concerning Christ and the Church, ch. 9

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Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

Humanly speaking, there is no possibility of getting rid of the differences between the races. In addition to our national character, each one of us has a particular character and disposition since we were raised in different environments and come from different backgrounds. Without the Lord's grace and without the Spirit, no one could be one with anyone else. We may have the doctrine. We may have listened to a message concerning the one new man. We may have received and accepted the vision of the one new man. But what about our practical, daily living? Are we day by day really under the renewing in the spirit of our mind? The matter of renewing is very practical. If you are really renewed, this will be seen in your practical, daily life. When the Lord saved us, we began to love Him. Now we realize that we have to practice the proper church life in putting on the one new man. This is why we need to ask the Lord to renew our mind and transform our inward being. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," p. 528)

Today's Reading

In our prayer we must have a desire to get into the practicality of the new man. We need to ask the Lord to show us what the real practical problem is in our daily living for our fellowship with all the saints, for our church life. I believe that if we ask the Lord to shine on us in this way, He will point out many things.

As long as we have the baptism in the Spirit and the constant drinking, we

will also have a thorough renewal. Whatever we drink saturates, refreshes, and renews our physical body. In like manner, when we drink the Spirit, He saturates every part of our inner being. Just to have the baptism in the Spirit is not adequate. We need the inward saturation, so we need to drink of the Spirit. If we drink of the Spirit, we will be renewed in the spirit of our mind (Eph. 4:23). We do not just need an outward baptism but an inward, constant, and instant drinking of the Spirit into our very inward being. When we drink of the one Spirit, this Spirit saturates our inward being. The leading and central part of our inward being is the mind. Thus, when the Spirit has been drunk into us, it first saturates our mind.

Some of the saints are frustrated in their spiritual drinking. Their drinking of the Spirit fluctuates. At times they will drink a lot, and at other times they will not drink for a week. If our drinking of the Spirit is inconsistent and irregular, we cannot have a healthy spiritual situation. Without drinking, it is hard to be healthy. The more we drink, the more we bring in the existence of the one new man.

When the element of God gets into our mentality, we will think as He thinks, we will see things the way He does, and we will consider the situation as He does. It is then that the one new man will come into existence. There will be no races, no social ranks, and no religious differences. Christ will truly be all and in all. I believe that this is the up-to-date vision of the Lord's move on this earth. The Lord is moving on to get the one new man. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," pp. 528, 507, 515, 520)

The renewing makes us all into the new man. In this renewing we put off the old social life and put on the church life. This is putting off the old man and putting on the new man.

The Lord today is doing this work on the earth, and this is the goal of the Lord's recovery today. All those who love Him, pursue Him, and follow Him on the entire earth today must be renewed in the spirit of their mind to become the one new man, taking Him as their person and living by Him. This is what the Lord wants today. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man," p. 350)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, "The One New Man," chs. 6-7

WEEK 2 — HYMN

God before the world's foundation

The Church — Her General Definition

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The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with the lyrics '1. God be - fore the world's foun - da - tion Chose the Church in Christ the'. The second staff continues with 'Son, That the Church might share the son - ship, Ho - ly, blame - less, with Him'. The third staff is marked 'Chorus' and begins with 'one; (C) That the Church be His pos - ses - sion With the Spir - it as the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'seal, Of our her - i - tage the earn - est While His Son He does re - veal.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, G, C/G, G, Em, G/B, Am, D7, G, C/G, G, D/F#, Em, G/D, G/B, Am/C, D7, G, D7/F#, D7, Em, Em/B, A7, A/C#, D, D7, G, D/F#, Em, G/D, G/B, Am/C, D7, C/G, G.

2. To the throne Christ has ascended,
Far above all rule and power;
God has made Him Head o'er all things
To the Church, His Body here.
All in all He ever filleth,
And His fulness is expressed
Through the Church, which is His Body
And His image manifests.
3. We, once dead in our offences,
Walking in the worldly course,
Lusts of flesh and mind fulfilling,
Satan and his hosts their source,
God with Christ has resurrected,
Seated in the heavenlies;
We, His masterpiece, created
In Christ Jesus, Him to please.
4. Jews and Gentiles are one body—
God His myst'ry has made known—
On apostles, prophets founded,
Jesus Christ the cornerstone;
We in Him are built together
For God's dwelling manifest,
Fitly framed by God the Spirit
For His pleasure and His rest.

