

GENERAL SUBJECT:  
**THE GOAL OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY—  
TO BRING FORTH THE ONE NEW MAN**

Message One  
**Our Urgent Need to See  
the Vision of the Church as the One New Man**

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Scripture Reading: Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:19; Eph. 2:15-16; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11

- Prov 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; ...
- Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,
- 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,
- Eph 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

**I. In the last days of this age, before the Lord is able to return, we must see the vision of the one Body and the one new man—1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:15; 4:4, 24:**

- 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
- 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,
- Eph 4:4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

**A. In the Bible *vision* denotes an extraordinary scene; it refers to a special kind of seeing—a glorious, inward seeing—and to the spiritual scenery we see from God—Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:19; Ezek. 1:1; Dan. 7:1, 9-10, 13-14:**

- Prov 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; ...
- Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,
- Ezek 1:1 Now in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth of the month, while I was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.
- Dan 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar the king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote down the dream; he related the sum of the matters.
- Dan 7:9 I watched / Until thrones were set, / And the Ancient of Days sat down. / His clothing was like white snow, / And the hair of His head was like pure wool; / His throne was flames of fire, / Its wheels, burning fire.
- Dan 7:10 A stream of fire issued forth / And came out from before Him. / Thousands of thousands ministered to Him, / And ten thousands of ten thousands stood before Him. / The court of judgment sat, / And the books were opened.
- Dan 7:13 I watched in the night visions, / And there with the clouds of heaven / One like a Son of Man was coming; / And He came to the Ancient of Days, / And they brought Him near before Him.
- Dan 7:14 And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, / That all the peoples, nations, and languages might serve Him. / His dominion is an eternal dominion, which will not pass away; / And His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

1. The heavenly vision governs us, restricts us, controls us, directs us, preserves us, revolutionizes us, keeps us in the genuine oneness, and gives us the boldness to go on—Prov. 29:18a.

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2. Under the heavenly vision we are directed toward God's destination, and our life is controlled according to God's economy—Phil. 3:13-14; 1 Tim. 1:4.

Phil 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

Phil 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

- B. Ultimately, the Bible speaks of the church as the one new man—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11:

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

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,

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

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

1. As the one new man, the church is a corporate person and needs Christ not only as its life but also as its person—Eph. 3:17a; 4:24; Col. 3:4, 10.

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

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

Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

2. For the practical existence of the one new man, we all need to take Christ as our person—Eph. 3:17a.

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

## II. The church is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose—1:9, 11; 3:11; Rom. 8:28; Eph. 2:15-16; 4:22-24:

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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,

Eph 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

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,

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

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

- A. God's intention in His creation of man was to have a corporate man to express Him and to represent Him—Gen. 1:26:

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over

- the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
1. God's creation of man in Genesis 1 is a picture of the one new man in God's new creation; this means that the old creation is a figure, a type, of the new creation—Eph. 2:15; 4:24.
    - Gen 1            be omitted.
    - 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,
    - Eph 4:24        And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
  2. God created man in His own image and then gave man His dominion—Gen. 1:26.
    - Gen 1:26        And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
  3. Eventually, the church as the one new man is the corporate man in God's intention—Col. 3:10.
    - Col 3:10        And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- B. The Bible reveals that the one new man is a corporate, universal man—Eph. 2:15; 4:24:
- 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,
  - Eph 4:24        And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
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—Col. 3:10-11.
    - Col 3:10        And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
    - Col 3:11        Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
  2. The one new man is a corporate God-man, the aggregate of all the God-men—Eph. 2:15; 4:24.
    - 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,
    - Eph 4:24        And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

### **III. The one new man was created through Christ's death on the cross—2:15-16:**

- 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,
  - Eph 2:16        And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.
- A. The one new man was created by Christ with two kinds of materials—the redeemed created man and the divine element; on the cross Christ put these two elements together to produce a new man—v. 15.
- 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,
- B. Apart from being in Christ, we could not have been created into one new man, because in ourselves we do not have the divine essence, which is the element of the one new man—v. 15:
- 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,
1. Only in the divine essence and with the divine essence were we created into the one new man; it is possible to have this essence only in Christ.
  2. In the one new man Christ is all because He is the essence with which the new man was created; therefore, the one new man is Christ—Col. 3:10-11.
    - Col 3:10        And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

#### **IV. The one new man is Christ constituted into us—vv. 10-11:**

- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- A. The Christ who indwells us is the constituent of the one new man—1:27; 3:11.
- Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- B. As we experience and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ, He is constituted into us, and we become the one new man—1:12-13; 3:10.
- Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- C. In the one new man Christ is all the members and is in all the members—v. 11.
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- D. The only way that Christ can be all and in all in the one new man is for Him to be constituted into us—Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17a.
- Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,
- Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

#### **V. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man—2:15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11:**

- 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,
- 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,
- Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
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- A. What the Lord has been doing and is doing now in His recovery is bringing forth the one new man with Himself as the life, person, and constituent—Eph. 3:17-19; Col. 3:4, 10-11.
- Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
- Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
- Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- B. The Lord wants to show Satan that He can produce and bring forth the one new man out of every tongue and people from among the nations; this is not an outward movement—it is

Christ Himself within us as our life, person, and constituent—Rev. 5:9-10; Eph. 3:17; Col. 3:4, 10-11.

Rev 5:9       And they sing a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Rev 5:10      And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

Eph 3:17      That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Col 3:4       When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

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Col 3:11      Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

- C. The one new man will usher in the kingdom of God and will bring Christ, the King, back to the earth—Rev. 11:15.

Rev 11:15     And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

## **VI. Now is the time for God to accomplish His purpose—to perfect the one new man, who will come into full existence on earth—Eph. 4:24:**

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

- A. The world situation has been raised up for the goal of bringing forth the one new man; everything that the Lord is doing in the present age is to usher in the practical existence of the one new man.

- B. When the one new man is full-grown and perfected, that will be the time for the Lord's coming, and the full-grown, perfected one new man will be the bride—vv. 12-13; Rev. 19:7.

Eph 4:12      For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

Eph 4:13      Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Rev 19:7      Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

- C. "Today everything is ripe, ready, and prepared for the new man to come forth. We all have to see where we are. We are at the end time, and this is the most golden time. This is the right time for the Lord's recovery. Our view must be broadened" (*The One New Man*, p. 26).

- D. "The Lord today is doing this work on the earth, and this is the goal of the Lord's recovery today" (*One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man*, p. 101).