

Message Twelve
**The Processed Triune God,
His Work, and the Result of His Work**

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Scripture Reading: Lev. 26:1-13; 1 John 5:20-21; Matt. 28:19;
1 Tim. 3:15-16; Eph. 2:21-22

- 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.
- Lev 26:2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am Jehovah.
- Lev 26:3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them,
- Lev 26:4 Then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land will yield its produce, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit.
- Lev 26:5 Indeed your threshing will overtake the vintage, and the vintage will overtake the sowing time. Thus you will eat your bread unto satisfaction and dwell securely in your land.
- Lev 26:6 And I will give you peace in the land, so that you will lie down and no one will make you afraid; and I will cause wild beasts to cease out of the land, and no sword will pass through your land.
- Lev 26:7 And you will chase your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.
- Lev 26:8 And five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand; and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.
- Lev 26:9 And I will turn My face toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will establish My covenant with you.
- Lev 26:10 And you will eat the old supply long stored and will have to clear out the old because of the new.
- Lev 26:11 And I will set My tabernacle among you; and My soul will not abhor you.
- Lev 26:12 And I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be My people.
- Lev 26:13 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.
- 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
- 1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.
- Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 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 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.
- Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
- Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

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.

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- Lev 26:2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am Jehovah.

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—v. 1:

- 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.

- A. God Himself must be our unique goal; as God's children, we should not seek anything other than Him—Psa. 73:25-26.
Psa 73:25 Whom do I have in heaven but You? / And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.
Psa 73:26 My flesh and my heart fail, / But God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.
- B. *Idols* refers to the heretical substitutes for the true God—1 John 5:21:
1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.
1. An idol is anything that replaces the true God, the Triune God experienced by us as our life—v. 21.
1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.
 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—3:1; 5:11-13, 20-21.
1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son.
1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
1 John 5:13 I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.
1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.
- 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—John 1:14; 6:57a; Heb. 9:14; Rom. 1:3-4:
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.
John 6:57a As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, ...
Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
Rom 1:3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
Rom 1:4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;
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—John 1:14; 2:22; 7:39; Gal. 3:14.
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.
John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
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.
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.
 2. Although God is eternal and unchanging in His nature and substance, He has passed through a process in His economy—John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
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.
1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

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.
 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—Gal. 3:2, 5, 14; 5:5, 16, 18, 25; 6:8:
 Gal 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
 Gal 3:5 He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit and does works of power among you, does He do it out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
 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.
 Gal 5:5 For we by the Spirit out of faith eagerly await the hope of righteousness.
 Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
 Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
 Gal 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
 Gal 6:8 For he who sows unto his own flesh will reap corruption of the flesh, but he who sows unto the Spirit will of the Spirit reap eternal life.
1. The processed and consummated Triune God is *the Spirit*—3:2, 5, 14:
 Gal 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
 Gal 3:5 He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit and does works of power among you, does He do it out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
 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. 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—John 7:39; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9-11; Phil. 1:19; Gal. 3:14.
 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.
 Acts 16:7 And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.
 Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
 Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
 Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
 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,
 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.
- 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”—John 7:39:
 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.

- a. The Spirit of God was there from the beginning (Gen. 1:2), but the Spirit as “the Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9), “the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:19), was “not yet” at the time of John 7:39, because He was not yet glorified.
- Gen 1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.
- Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
- 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,
- 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.
- 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—Luke 24:26; Phil. 1:19.
- Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?
- 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,
- 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—1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9.
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- Acts 16:7 And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.
- Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
3. The term *the consummated Spirit* indicates that the Spirit has been processed and thus has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39; Gal. 3:14:
- 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.
- 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—John 7:39.
- 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.
- 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—Gen. 1:1-2; Gal. 3:14.
- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Gen 1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.
- 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.
- c. The consummated Spirit, the compound Spirit, is the divine and mystical realm into which the believers in Christ may enter today—John 14:20.
- John 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

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—Lev. 26:2a:

Lev 26:2a You shall keep My Sabbaths ...

A. We need to learn to receive, regard, respect, and enjoy what God has done and not try to do something for ourselves—John 1:16; 20:22; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 4:7:

John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 3:21 So then let no one boast in men, for all things are yours,

1 Cor 3:22 Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all are yours,

1 Cor 3:23 But you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

1 Cor 4:7 For who distinguishes you? And what do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though not having received it?

1. We should deny our work but honor God's work and rest in Him—Matt. 11:28-29.

Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

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—Gal. 2:20; John 6:57; Isa. 55:1-2; 58:3.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

Isa 55:1 Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, / And you who have no money; / Come, buy and eat; / Yes, come, buy wine and milk / Without money and without price.

Isa 55:2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, / And the result of your labor for what does not satisfy? / Hear Me attentively, and eat what is good, / And let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Isa 58:3 Why have we fasted, and yet You do not see? / Why have we afflicted our soul, and yet You do not acknowledge? / Indeed, on the day of your fast you find delight, / And oppress all your laborers.

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—Matt. 11:28-30; Isa. 40:28-31.

Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

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.

Matt 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Isa 40:28 Do you not know, / Or have you not heard, / That the eternal God, Jehovah, / The Creator of the ends of the earth, / Does not faint and does not become weary? / There is no searching out of His understanding.

Isa 40:29 He gives power to the faint, / And to those who have no vigor He multiplies strength.

Isa 40:30 Although youths will faint and become weary, / And young men will collapse exhausted;

Isa 40:31 Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; / They will mount up with wings like eagles; / They will run and will not faint; / They will walk and will not become weary.

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—Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14:

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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.

1. The work of the Father includes:

- a. Choosing the believers before the foundation of the world—Eph. 1:4.
Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,
- b. Predestinating the believers unto sonship—v. 5.
Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- c. Sending His Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin—Rom. 8:3.
Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- d. Coming in the Son and working within the Son—John 5:17, 24, 30.
John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father is working until now, and I also am working.
John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.
John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- e. Passing through death in the Son—Heb. 9:12; Acts 20:28; 1 John 1:7.
Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.
Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.
1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
- f. Raising up Christ from the dead—Acts 2:24.
Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.
- g. Seating Christ in the heavenlies, subjecting all things under His feet, and giving Him to be Head over all things to the church—Eph. 1:20-23.
Eph 1:20 Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies,
Eph 1:21 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;
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.
- h. Calling, forgiving, justifying, reconciling, receiving, regenerating, washing, sanctifying, and glorifying the believers—Rom. 8:30, 33; 5:10; 14:3; 1 Thes. 2:12; 5:23; Heb. 8:12; 1 Pet. 1:3; 1 John 1:9.
Rom 8:30 And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.
Rom 8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies.
Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,
Rom 14:3 He who eats, let him not despise him who does not eat; and he who does not eat, let him not judge him who eats, for God has received him.
1 Thes 2:12 So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.
1 Thes 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Heb 8:12 For I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore."
- 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- i. Sending forth the Spirit of His Son into the believers' hearts—Gal. 4:6.
Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father!
 - j. Causing all things to work together for good to those who love God and who are called according to His purpose—Rom. 8:28.
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.
 - k. Crushing Satan under the believers' feet—16:20.
Rom 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
 - l. Bringing many believers into glory—Heb. 2:10.
Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
2. The work of Christ includes:
- a. Bringing God into man and making God one with man—John 1:1, 14.
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
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.
 - b. Serving people—Matt. 20:28.
Matt 20:28 Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.
 - c. Sowing the seed of the kingdom—13:19, 24, 37.
Matt 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown beside the way.
Matt 13:24 Another parable He set before them, saying, The kingdom of the heavens has become like a man sowing good seed in his field.
Matt 13:37 And He answered and said, He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;
 - d. Undoing the works of the devil—1 John 3:8.
1 John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
 - e. As the Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world—John 1:29.
John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
 - f. Destroying the devil, who has the might of death—Heb. 2:14.
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—John 2:19-22.
John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?
John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.
John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered

that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

- h. Becoming the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b.
1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
 - i. As the Lord, exercising His sovereignty over all for the accomplishment of the divine economy—Acts 2:36.
Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.
 - j. Building the church—Matt. 16:18.
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.
 - k. As our High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, interceding for us—Heb. 5:10; 7:24-26.
Heb 5:10 Being addressed by God as a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedec;
Heb 7:24 But He, because He abides forever, has His priesthood unalterable.
Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,
 - 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—Rev. 1:5.
Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood
3. The work of the Spirit includes:
- a. Convicting the world—John 16:8-11.
John 16:8 And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment:
John 16:9 Concerning sin, because they do not believe into Me;
John 16:10 And concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer behold Me;
John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
 - b. Regenerating the believers—3:5-6.
John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
 - c. Supplying the believers with His bountiful supply—Phil. 1:19.
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,
 - d. Sanctifying the believers—2 Thes. 2:13.
2 Thes 2:13 But we ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth,
 - e. Transforming the believers—2 Cor. 3:18.
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—John 16:13.
John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.
 - g. Pouring out God's love in the believers' hearts—Rom. 5:5.
Rom 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

- h. Anointing the believers—2 Cor. 1:21; 1 John 2:20, 27.
 - 2 Cor 1:21 But the One who firmly attaches us with you unto Christ and has anointed us is God,
 - 1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.
 - 1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.
- i. Being the oneness of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:3-4.
 - Eph 4:3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:
 - Eph 4:4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
- j. Speaking to the churches—Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.
 - Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
 - Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall by no means be hurt of the second death.
 - Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.
 - Rev 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
 - Rev 3:6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
 - Rev 3:13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
 - Rev 3:22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says 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—Lev. 26:2b; John 1:14; 14:2-3; Col. 2:9; 1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15-16:

- Lev 26:2b ... and reverence My sanctuary; I am Jehovah.
- 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.
- John 14:2 In My Father’s house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.
- Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
- 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 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
- Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
- 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 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. 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—Lev. 26:1-2.
 - 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.
 - Lev 26:2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am Jehovah.

- 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—vv. 8-9; 29:45-46; 40:1-2, 34-38.
 - Exo 25:8 And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst;
 - Exo 25:9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.
 - Exo 29:45 And I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel, and I will be their God.
 - Exo 29:46 And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell in the midst of them; I am Jehovah their God.
 - Exo 40:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
 - Exo 40:2 On the first day of the first month you shall raise up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.
 - Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.
 - Exo 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud settled on it and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.
 - Exo 40:36 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel set out on all their journeys;
 - Exo 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, they did not set out until the day that it was taken up.
 - Exo 40:38 For the cloud of Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel on all their journeys.
 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—Eph. 2:21-22; Rev. 21:10.
 - Lev 26:2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am Jehovah.
 - Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
 - Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
 - Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- C. The church is God’s house, the dwelling place of God—1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 4:17:
- 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.
 - Heb 3:6 But Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are if indeed we hold fast the boldness and the boast of hope firm to the end.
 - 1 Pet 4:17 For it is time for the judgment to begin from the house of God; and if first from us, what will be the end of those who disobey the gospel of God?
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—Eph. 2:21-22.
 - Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
 - Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
 2. The church of God is the house of the living God—1 Tim. 3:15:
 - 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.
 - a. The house of God is the household of God—Eph. 2:19:
 - 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—1 Pet. 1:3; 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:16.
 - 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
 - 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a

spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

- 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—Rom. 8:10; 12:4-5; 2 Cor. 6:16.

Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

2 Cor 6:16 And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, even as God said, "I will dwell among them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people."

- 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—Eph. 2:21.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

- c. In speaking of the church as the house of God, Paul refers to God as the living God—1 Tim. 3:15:

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) The living God, who lives in the church, must be subjective to the church and not merely objective—1 Cor. 3:16.

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

- 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—John 12:23; 13:31-32; 14:2.

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

John 13:31 Then when he went out, Jesus said, Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him.

John 13:32 If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and He will glorify Him immediately.

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

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 3:15 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 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—
Lev. 26:3-13.**

- Lev 26:3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them,
- Lev 26:4 Then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land will yield its produce, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit.
- Lev 26:5 Indeed your threshing will overtake the vintage, and the vintage will overtake the sowing time. Thus you will eat your bread unto satisfaction and dwell securely in your land.
- Lev 26:6 And I will give you peace in the land, so that you will lie down and no one will make you afraid; and I will cause wild beasts to cease out of the land, and no sword will pass through your land.
- Lev 26:7 And you will chase your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.
- Lev 26:8 And five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand; and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.
- Lev 26:9 And I will turn My face toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will establish My covenant with you.
- Lev 26:10 And you will eat the old supply long stored and will have to clear out the old because of the new.
- Lev 26:11 And I will set My tabernacle among you; and My soul will not abhor you.
- Lev 26:12 And I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be My people.
- Lev 26:13 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.