

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying
Message Four : Taking Christ as Our Person for the One New Man

I. Overview :

For the new man we all need to take Christ as our person. In the one new man there is only one person, Christ; the requirement that everyone be only one man is extremely high. For the practical existence of the one new man, the total person of the old man must be put away, and we must live by our new person. When we live our life by taking Christ as our person, especially in making decisions, our living will be the living of the new man. Paul is a pattern of taking Christ as our person for the one new man; he experienced that he was full of the revelation of the Son of God, Christ the person lived in him, Christ was formed in him, and Christ might make His home in his heart. Paul lived a life in the inward parts of Christ, experienced Christ in His inward parts. Letting Christ's mind be in him; Paul lived Christ in the closest and most intimate contact with Him to take Christ as his person having his being wholly according to the mingled spirit. If we are unveiled and enlightened, we will see that today in the Lord's recovery we need to rise up together to take Christ as our person for the one **new man.**

II. Truth and Enlightenment :

Day 1 —

A. Expound how the roles of our spirit and soul are changed before and after being saved.

Before being saved, man is a soul, a person, with two organs of the body as an outward organ and the spirit as an inward organ. When we believed in the Lord Jesus and received Him, He came into our spirit as life.

Formerly, our spirit was only an organ, but now it has also become a person with a life. Formerly, you were a soulish person, but now your person is your spirit.

B. Explain how we should grow after our regeneration.

It is wonderful to be born again, but after our new birth, we need to grow. To grow simply means to have more of Christ added and worked into us. We have to deny our former person, the old man and outer man to live by the inner man. We have to realize that we are now another person, the new person in our spirit with Christ as life. We have to live by the new person.

Day 2 —

A. State that our standard must be a person, not a behavior.

We always consider whether a thing is right or wrong. If it is right, we will do it. If it is wrong, we will not do it. Our standard must be a person, not a behavior. Whether a matter is right or wrong, good or bad, we should only care for one thing that who is going to do it? Is our old person going to do it or our new person?

B. Explain how to grow in our new person by practicing.

We should not care whether a thing is right or wrong, good or bad. We must only care for one thing of which person is going to do it. If we know how to deal desperately with Christ, how to feed on Christ through pray-reading the Word, how to drink of Him by calling on His name, and how to breathe Him in day by day, we will be one with Him in our spirit. This will cause us, day by day, to grow in our new person.

Day 3 —

A. Explain that the Body is for moving, and the new man is for living.

When we move, we move in our body; my body is an instrument for different actions. The new man is not for moving; the new man is for decision making and for living. As a human being, you may not move at all, but you still must live. The Body is for moving, and the new man is for living.

B. Expound that the church as the new man is for living by making decisions.

The new man is for living, and eighty to ninety percent of our living is in making decisions. The church is the new man, and we take Christ as our person to make plans and to decide on how we should live. You must see

that your living today is the living of the new man, a corporate living, and your decisions are corporate decisions and not your personal decisions.

Day 4 —

A. Expound that God's purpose is to work Christ into us.

God's purpose is to work Christ into us. When God called us, His desire was that we focus our attention not on forgiveness or justification, but on receiving His dear Son into us. As long as Christ is living in us, we shall have no problem with forgiveness, justification, salvation, or sanctification.

B. Why do we say that without Ephesians 2 & 3 would only be doctrine to us?

Christ has abolished the ordinances in order to create the Jews and the Gentiles into one new man. But for this to be practical in our daily experience, we must allow Christ to make His home in our hearts. One way to tell whether or not you still have ordinances is to check whether or not Christ is making His home in your heart.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the spiritual meaning of making His home in Ephesians 3:17.

In Ephesians 3:17 the phrase making His home is only one Greek word that basically means to settle down in a dwelling, to make a dwelling place. The prefix of this word means that Christ is making His home downward. The Father, according to His wisdom, is exercising His sovereignty to strengthen you through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in your heart.

B. Explain how to experience the Triune God making His home in our heart.

The Triune God is now abiding in us, so we have been rooted into Him. While we are rooted into Him, the Father works to strengthen us through God the Spirit so that God the Son, Christ, may make His home deep down in our heart. Our heart is like a house that has four rooms, and these rooms are the mind, the emotion, the will, and the conscience. Christ has the desire to occupy every room of our heart and every corner of every room.

Day 6 —

A. Fellowship how we hold to truth in love.

The secret that all the saints on the entire earth will become the one new man depends on holding to truth in love. Simply stated, the truth is Christ. Holding to truth is holding to Christ. Spirit. We need to hold to Christ as the truth and grow into Christ, the life-giving Spirit, in all things.

B. State to grow up into Christ in all things.

In verse 15 all things means every single thing, whether big or small; we must grow up into Christ in all things. To grow up into Christ is to grow up into the Spirit. Your speaking must be in the Spirit; your actions, your adornment, and your attire must all be in the Spirit. and the way you treat people must be in the Spirit. You need to get into the Spirit in all things.

III. Conclusion:

Before being saved, the soul was our person, and the spirit and body were organs; After our rebirth, the spirit is our person, and the renewed soul is our organ. Gal. 2:20 unveils that our soul, the former person, has been crucified and we must deny the old man, the outer man but live by a new person, the inner man. When we live by that old person, we always consider whether a thing is right or wrong. But when we live by our new person, we will not consider what we are going to do, rather who is going to do it. The real subjective aspect of the work of the cross is to cross out our old person. No longer am I the old person living, but Christ the new person living. It is not a matter of improving or adjusting your behavior. It is a matter of shifting your being from the old person to the new person.