

Message Three
Living in the Divine Trinity (2)
Living in the Divine Trinity
by Enjoying Christ as Our Life Supply,
by Living Christ for His Magnification, and
by the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in Our Spirit

Hymns: 255, 1340

Scripture Reading: John 20:22; 6:57, 63; Isa. 12:3-6;

Phil. 1:19-21a; Gal. 6:17-18; Rev. 22:21

- John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- Isa. 12:3 Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation,
Isa. 12:4 And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! / Make His deeds known among the peoples; / Remind them that His name is exalted.
- Isa. 12:5 Sing psalms to Jehovah, for He has done something majestic! / Let it be made known in all the earth!
- Isa. 12:6 Cry out and give a ringing shout, O inhabitant of Zion, / For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- 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,
- Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- Gal. 6:17 Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.
- Gal. 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.
- Rev. 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

I. We live in the Divine Trinity by enjoying Christ as our life supply:

- A. The Lord breathed Himself as the Holy Spirit (the Holy Breath) into His disciples on the day of His resurrection (John 20:22); now we can continually receive the pneumatic Christ as the breath of God so that He can become rich to us by our calling upon His name (Lam. 3:55-56; Gen. 4:26; Rom. 10:12-13; Hymns, #254); we can also inhale the Scripture, the word of God, as the breathing out of God (2 Tim. 3:16); because His spoken words are the embodiment of the Spirit of life, when we receive His words by exercising our spirit, we get the Spirit, who is life (John 6:57, 63).

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

Lam. 3:55 I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit.

Lam. 3:56 You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Gen. 4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

Rom. 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;

Rom. 10:13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hymns, #254 O Lord of life, breathe on us now

(1)	O Lord of life, breathe on us now.	And move within us while we pray:
	The spring of our new life art Thou,	The very light of our new day.
(2)	O strangely art Thou with us, Lord,	Neither in height nor depth to seek;
	In nearness shall Thy voice be heard:	Spirit to spirit Thou dost speak.
(3)	Thou art our Advocate on high:	He is our Advocate within;
	O plead the truth, and make reply	To every argument of sin.
(4)	But ah, this faithless heart of mine!	The way I know, I know my guide;
	Forgive me, O my Friend divine,	That I so often turn aside.
(5)	Be with me when no other friend	The myst'ry of my heart can share:
	And be Thou known, when fears transcend.	By Thy best name of Comforter.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

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.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

B. God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, of living waters to satisfy His chosen people for their enjoyment, with the goal of producing the church as God's increase, God's enlargement, to be God's fullness for His expression—Jer. 2:13; Lam. 3:22-24; 1 Cor. 1:9:

Jer. 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.

Lam. 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;

Lam. 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.

Lam. 3:24 Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him.

1 Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Our drinking of the one Spirit in resurrection makes us members of the Body, builds us up as the Body, and prepares us to be the bride of Christ—12:13; Rev. 22:17; John 4:14b.

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.

John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

2. We can joyously draw water from the springs of salvation by speaking and singing to the Lord, by the Lord, for the Lord, in the Lord, and with the Lord to exalt the Lord and to rejoice in the Lord in a continuing way—Psa. 46:4; Isa. 12:3-6.

- Psa. 46:4 There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God, / The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
- Isa. 12:3 Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation,
Isa. 12:4 And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! / Make His deeds known among the peoples; / Remind them that His name is exalted.
- Isa. 12:5 Sing psalms to Jehovah, for He has done something majestic! / Let it be made known in all the earth!
- Isa. 12:6 Cry out and give a ringing shout, O inhabitant of Zion, / For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

3. We can enjoy the Lord as our spiritual drink by practicing to speak with Him constantly; then spontaneously, we will live Christ—Num. 20:8; Phil. 4:6-7, 12.

- Num. 20:8 Take the rod, and gather the assembly, you and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, so that it yields its water. Thus you shall bring forth water for them out of the rock and give the assembly and their livestock something to drink.
- Phil. 4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- Phil. 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.
- Phil. 4:12 I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

C. We can eat Christ as our spiritual food in order to live because of Him (John 6:57); to eat Christ is to eat His words by exercising our spirit to both pray-read and muse upon His words so that His words become the gladness and joy of our heart (Jer. 15:16; Psa. 119:15-16; Josh. 1:8-9); to live not only by but also “because of” Christ means that the energizing element of Christ becomes the supplying factor for us to live Christ.

- 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.
- Jer. 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts.
- Psa. 119:15 I will muse upon Your precepts / And regard Your ways.
- Psa. 119:16 I will take delight in Your statutes; / I will not forget Your word.
- Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.
- Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go.

II. We live in the Divine Trinity by living Christ for His magnification by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—Phil. 1:19-21a:

- 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,
- Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

A. The believers live Christ by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ; the Spirit of

Jesus Christ is the Christ who is the life-dispensing Spirit—v. 19; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6:

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,

1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

1. This bountiful supply includes divinity, humanity, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, the divine attributes, and the human virtues.

2. Everything we do and all our living should come about by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—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,

3. Under the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, we will spontaneously receive the supply of Christ within and will live a life that expresses Christ—vv. 20-21a.

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

B. All of Paul's life and work were not for expressing himself or for displaying his knowledge, his ability, or his other merits and strong points; what he was and what he did were for expressing Christ, even for magnifying Christ—v. 20; 3:3-10; 2 Cor. 4:5.

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,

Phil. 3:4 Though I myself have something to be confident of in the flesh as well. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I more:

Phil. 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day; of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

Phil. 3:6 As to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, become blameless.

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

2 Cor. 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

C. In the apostle's suffering in his body, Christ was magnified; that is, He was shown or declared to be great (without limitation), exalted, and extolled—Phil. 1:20:

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

1. The apostle's sufferings afforded him opportunity to express Christ in His unlimited greatness—Acts 9:16; 2 Cor. 6:4; 11:23; Col. 1:24.

Acts 9:16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer on behalf of My name.

2 Cor. 6:4 But in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Cor. 11:23 Ministers of Christ are they? I speak as being beside myself, I more so! In labors more abundantly, in imprisonments more abundantly, in stripes excessively, in deaths often.

Col. 1:24 I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

2. To magnify Christ under any circumstances is to experience Him with the topmost enjoyment—Phil. 1:18; 4:23.

Phil. 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truthfulness, Christ is announced; and in this I rejoice; yes, and I will rejoice;

Phil. 4:23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

3. As Paul was held captive in a Roman prison, he magnified Christ, making Him to appear great in the eyes of his captors; regardless of the circumstances, Paul was full of joy and rejoicing in the Lord—1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 17-18, 28-29; 3:1; 4:1, 4.

Phil. 1:4 Always in my every petition on behalf of you all, making my petition with joy,

Phil. 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truthfulness, Christ is announced; and in this I rejoice; yes, and I will rejoice;

Phil. 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,

Phil. 2:2 Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing,

Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.

Phil. 2:18 And in like manner you also rejoice, and you rejoice together with me.

Phil. 2:28 I have sent him therefore the more eagerly, so that when you see him again, you may rejoice and I may be less sorrowful.

Phil. 2:29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor,

Phil. 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, for me it is not irksome, but for you it is safe.

Phil. 4:1 So then, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, in the same way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

4. Paul's shining forth and expressing Christ in his joy were a declaration of the unlimited greatness of Christ and a declaration that Christ is inexhaustible—Eph. 3:8, 18; cf. Isa. 9:6.

Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Eph. 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

Isa. 9:6 For a child is born to us, / A Son is given to us; / And the government / Is upon His shoulder; / And His name will be called / Wonderful Counselor, / Mighty God, / Eternal Father, / Prince of Peace.

D. To live Christ for His magnification is to participate in Christ's salvation in life, in which we

are saved from the failure of not living Christ and from the defeat of not magnifying Christ—Rom. 5:10.

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,

- E. As the believers' pattern, Paul lived a life in Christ's ascendancy, a life that was fully dignified, with the highest standard of human virtues expressing the most excellent divine attributes, a life that resembled the one that the Lord Himself had lived on the earth years before—1 Tim. 1:16; Acts 27:21-26; 28:3-6, 8-10.

1 Tim. 1:16 But because of this I was shown mercy, that in me, the foremost, Jesus Christ might display all His long-suffering for a pattern to those who are to believe on Him unto eternal life.

Acts 27:21 And when they had been a long time without food, Paul then stood in their midst and said, O men, you should have listened to me and not set sail from Crete and gained this damage and loss.

Acts 27:22 And now I advise you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

Acts 27:23 For this very night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood by me,
Acts 27:24 Saying, Do not fear, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.

Acts 27:25 Therefore, cheer up, men, for I believe God that it shall be so, even in the way in which it has been spoken to me.

Acts 27:26 But we must run aground on a certain island.

Acts 28:3 But when Paul had collected a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened onto his hand.

Acts 28:4 And when the natives saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to one another, Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, whom, though he has been brought safely out of the sea, Justice has not allowed to live.

Acts 28:5 However he shook off the snake into the fire and suffered no harm;

Acts 28:6 And they expected that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited for a long time and beheld nothing unusual happening to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

Acts 28:8 And the father of Publius was lying down sick with fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him, and having prayed and laid his hands on him, healed him.

Acts 28:9 And when this happened, the rest also in the island who had sicknesses came to him and were healed.

Acts 28:10 They also honored us with many honors; and as we put out to sea, they put on board the things for our needs.

III. We live in the Divine Trinity by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in our spirit—Gal. 6:18:

Gal. 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

- A. Day by day a marvelous divine transmission should be taking place: God is supplying the Spirit of grace bountifully, and we should be receiving the Spirit of grace continually so that He can become our constituent, and we can become His expression—Heb. 10:29b; John 1:16; Gal. 3:2-5; 2 Cor. 1:12; 12:9:

Heb. 10:29 By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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

- 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. 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- Gal. 3:4 Have you suffered so many things in vain, if indeed it was in vain?
- 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?
- 2 Cor. 1:12 For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.
- 2 Cor. 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

1. The way to receive and enjoy grace is to turn to our spirit, exercise our spirit, and enthrone the Lord:

- a. Whenever we come to the throne of grace by turning to our spirit, we should enthrone the Lord, giving Him the headship, the kingship, and the lordship within us—Heb. 4:16; Rom. 5:17, 21; Col. 1:18b; Rev. 2:4.

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Rom. 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom. 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Rev. 2:4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.

- b. God's throne is the source of the flowing grace; whenever we fail to enthrone the Lord, dethroning Him, the flow of grace stops—22:1.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

- c. If we enthrone the Lord Jesus within us, the Spirit as the river of water of life will flow out from the throne of grace to supply us; in this way we will receive grace and enjoy grace—v. 1; Hymns, #770.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Hymns, #770 In the holiest place

(1) In the holiest place, touch the throne of grace, Grace as a river shall flow;
In the holiest place, touch the throne of grace, Grace as a river shall flow.

(Chorus) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Grace as a river shall flow;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Grace as a river shall flow.

(2) In the holiest place, live before His face, Light of glory thru me will shine;
In the holiest place, live before His face, Light of glory thru me will shine.

(Chorus) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Light of glory thru me will shine;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Light of glory thru me will shine.

(3) To the spirit turn, and the incense burn, Touch the living fountain of life;
To the spirit turn, and the incense burn, Touch the living fountain of life.

(Chorus) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Touch the living fountain of life;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Touch the living fountain of life.

2. As we bear the brands of Jesus, we enjoy the grace of Christ—Gal. 6:17-18:

Gal. 6:17 Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.

Gal. 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

a. Spiritually, the brands of Jesus signify the characteristics of the life that Paul lived, a life like the one the Lord Jesus lived on this earth; such a life is continually crucified (John 12:24), does the will of God (6:38), does not seek its own glory but the glory of God (7:18), and is submissive and obedient to God, even unto the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8).

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.

Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

b. If we bear the brands of Jesus and live a crucified life, we will enjoy the grace of Christ as the supply of the life-giving Spirit in our spirit for us to minister Christ as God's grace to God's household—3:10; 2 Cor. 4:10-11; Eph. 3:2.

Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

2 Cor. 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

2 Cor. 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Eph. 3:2 If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

B. The grace of the Lord Jesus dispensed into His believers throughout the New Testament age consummates in the New Jerusalem as the consummation of God's good pleasure in uniting, mingling, and incorporating Himself with man for His glorious enlargement and expression—Rev. 22:21; Eph. 2:10.

Rev. 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Eph. 2:10 For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.