

**Aspects of a Person
Who Is Living in the Holy of Holies (2)**

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 6:1, 4-10, 14-18; 7:1; 1:1; 11:2-4, 28-29; 12:11-19, 7-10

I. The sixth aspect of a person who lives in the spirit, in the Holy of Holies, is that he is a co-worker of God—2 Cor. 6:1:

- A. To be a co-worker of God means that you have to be bound together with God.
- B. We need to see the signs that prove that someone is a co-worker with God:
 - 1. In 6:4-7a Paul lists eighteen qualifications of a minister of the new covenant: in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in the word of truth, and in the power of God.
 - 2. Paul said that he was commended as a minister of God through three groups of things—through the weapons of righteousness on the right and on the left, through glory and dishonor, and through evil report and good report—vv. 7-8a.
 - 3. He was also commended as a minister of God in seven ways, as seven kinds of persons—“as deceivers and yet true; as unknown and yet well known; as dying and yet behold we live; as being disciplined and yet not being put to death; as made sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things”—vv. 8b-10.

II. In 2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1 we see the seventh aspect of a person living in the spirit—the temple of God:

- A. As the temple of God we need to be holy, or separated—v. 1; 6:14-16.
- B. A dwelling place is always an expression of the dweller; since we are the dwelling place of God, we should be the expression of God as the Dweller.
- C. In order to be the temple of God in reality, we have to be separated absolutely and thoroughly so that we may perfect holiness in the fear of God.
- D. If we consider that we are the dwelling place, the temple of God, and yet still hold on to something which is not corresponding to the nature or character of God, we are not perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

III. Paul told the Corinthians, “I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ”—11:2:

- A. All of the saints, especially the brothers, need to realize that they are a part of the virgin to Christ; before the Lord and to the Lord we have to consider ourselves as females—c.f. S. S. 1:3.
- B. As a virgin we need to be pure and single, or simple—2 Cor. 11:3.
 - 1. To follow the Lord, to walk in the spirit, to live in the Holy of Holies, we need to be so simple.
 - 2. We should have the attitude that we do not know anything except the simplicity concerning Christ being our Savior, our Lord, our life, our Husband, and our everything, concerning the church as the unique expression of Christ, and concerning the practice of the church life on the unique ground of oneness.
 - 3. All of the different teachings, differing from the apostles’ teaching centered upon Christ and the church, cause much complexity—1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4.
 - 4. Whenever we consider taking another way to practice the church besides the way revealed in the holy Word, we are out of the spirit.

IV. If we have really been captured by the Lord, are under His writing in the spirit, are unveiled mirrors reflecting Him all the time, are broken vessels to express Him, mean business with Him to represent Him on this earth as His ambassadors, are bound with Him as one to be His co-workers, are the temple for His rest, and are the virgins to Him for His satisfaction, we are surely lovers of the church because the Body of Christ, the church, is what Christ is longing for:

- A. Second Corinthians shows us that the apostle Paul's heart was fully for the church and on the church; the church was so precious to him because he realized what the Lord's heart's desire is.
- B. Second Corinthians was not addressed to individual saints but to the church of God—1:1:
 - 1. If you have the vision concerning the local expression of the Body of Christ on this earth in the place where you are, you will never be offended by the church.
 - 2. If you love the church, you would love it regardless of how it treats you simply because it is the expression of the Body of Christ.
 - 3. If we want 2 Corinthians to be our experience, we must be one with the church and love it unconditionally.

V. The tenth aspect of a person living in the spirit is that he is a taster of Christ:

- A. If we are going to love the church, we have to experience Christ:
 - 1. Today what the Body of Christ needs is not a group of people who merely have the visions and the revelations, but who have the practical experience of Christ.
 - 2. It is through this experience that we have something of Christ practically to minister to His Body.
 - 3. We need to experience Him as the all-sufficient grace meeting our need in every kind of environment, and we need to taste Him, experiencing His power being perfected in our weakness—12:9-10.
- B. What we have to minister to the church is only the very Christ whom we have enjoyed, whom we have experienced.
- C. The ministry is constituted with, and produced and formed by, the experiences of the riches of Christ through sufferings, consuming pressures, and the killing work of the cross.