

Message Two

THE PRODUCING OF THE CHURCH

I. As the Fullness of Christ

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

Ephesians 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.

II. As the Body of Christ

Ephesians 1:22-23

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

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

Acts 9:4-5

4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.

1 Corinthians 12:21-22

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 But much rather the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

Romans 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

III. As the Masterpiece of God

Ephesians 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.

Ephesians 3:8-10

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

9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church

IV. As the One New Man

Ephesians 2:14-16

14 For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity,

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,

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

Colossians 3:10-11

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

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

V. As the Kingdom of God

Ephesians 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

Colossians 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.

15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God in those who are being saved and in those who are perishing:

Revelation 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.

VI. As the Dwelling Place of God

Ephesians 2:21-22

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

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Isaiah 66:1-2

1 Thus says Jehovah, / Heaven is My throne, / And the earth the footstool for My feet. / Where then is the house that you will build for Me, / And where is the place of My rest?

2 For all these things My hand has made, / And so all these things have come into being, declares Jehovah. / But to this kind of man will I look, to him who is poor / And of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Psalms 132:2-5, 13-14

2 How he [David] swore to Jehovah / And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 I shall not go into the tent of my house; / I shall not go up onto the couch of my bed;

4 I shall not give sleep to my eyes, / Slumber to my eyelids;

5 Until I find a place for Jehovah, / A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

13 For Jehovah has chosen Zion; / He has desired it for His habitation.

14 This is My resting place forever; / Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.