

# ***Intimacy with Father, Son and Spirit in the Context of Eschatology***

## ***Session 7: The Conclusion to Intimacy with God***

### **I. JESUS WILL RESCUE US FROM SPIRITUAL DULLNESS- BY DINING WITH US.**

A. Jesus promised the church of Laodicea deep fellowship with Him. He required that they repent of being spiritually lukewarm and promised them “gold” and to “dine with Him”

*16“...you are lukewarm...18I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire...19...be zealous and repent. 20I stand at the door and knock. If anyone...opens the door, I will...dine with him... (Rev. 3:16-20)*

But this is not the only place this idea of eating is used to illustrate deep intimacy.

*53Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” (Jn 6:53-58)*

*3Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down in his shade with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste. (Songs 2:3)*

*7“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” (REV 2:7)*

**B. Buy from Me gold:** We are repenting in order to “buy gold” or to engage in the God-ordained process of acquiring a deep relationship with God as highlighted in John 13-17.

In “buying” gold, we do not “earn” it, but we invest ourselves in a costly way to position ourselves to receive “gold.”

Isaiah called us “to buy food” by listening and being attentive in our conversation with the Spirit.

*1“Everyone who thirsts...come, buy wine and milk without money<sup>2</sup>...Listen carefully to Me... let your soul delight in abundance. 3Incline your ear, and come to Me...” (Isa. 55:1-3)*

**C. I dine with him:** To eat together speaks of deep fellowship as the Spirit tenderizes our heart. The teaching in John 14-16 is in the context of the meal the disciples shared with Jesus in John 13.

Thus, we spiritually eat the food—the truths and promises that Jesus highlighted in John 14-17.

***17....To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. (Rev 2:17)***

## II. ONE KEY VERSE AND ONE KEY PRAYER

A. In John 15:9, Jesus declared the two most significant truths (that the Father loves Jesus; that Jesus loves His people in the same intensity) and gave the most important command (to abide or stay engaged and in conversation with God related to these two truths).

***9“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide [stay engaged] in My love.” (Jn. 15:9)***

B. Jesus promised to reveal the Father’s name (glory) and prayed a most important prayer—that the Father’s love for Jesus be imparted in us. So we must pray, “Holy Spirit, reveal the Father’s glory to me and impart His love for Jesus in me.

***26And I [Jesus] have declared [revealed] to them Your name [glory], and will declare it, that the love with which You [the Father] loved Me may be in them...” (Jn. 17:26)***

As declares/reveals His Father to us, and promises the same love to us so are the magnificent declarations made on our behalf.

The Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit are the most unselfish lover’s existence has ever known. Here are a few eternal rewards where Jesus declares/reveals us to the Father and to each other as a basis of our partaking in intimacy and overcoming sin.

***10...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Rev 2:10)***

***5He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. (Rev 3:5)***

***12He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. (Rev 3:12)***

***21To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ’ (Rev 3:21-22)***

Jesus’ promise in His prayer in John 17:26 was not just a empty promise that we as people make all the time. The entire bible is the Trinity doubling, tripling, a bizillioning down of His promise to us, and they increase. His love for us is as we are His most prized possession.

C. In Deuteronomy 30, Moses taught that the command to love and obey God was not too mysterious

(too hard to understand), nor was it far off (outside their ability), nor did they need to ascend to heaven (have a heavenly encounter), nor go overseas (to receive it at a revival center) to do it.

His point is that the power to love God is so near us—in our mouths (30:14)—by speaking to God.

***6The LORD your God will circumcise your heart...to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul...11This commandment...is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. 12It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us...?" 13Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea...and bring it to us...?" 14The word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. (Deut. 30:11-14)***

D. It is a common error to try to live the Christian life without Christ—without conversation with Him.