

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
REACHING THE HIGHEST PEAK OF THE DIVINE REVELATION**

Message One

**God's Intention in His Economy—
to Build Himself in Christ into Our Being
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Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:12-14a; John 14:23; Eph. 3:16-17a; 4:4-6; Phil. 2:13

**I. God's New Testament economy is for the processed and consummated Triune God to be wrought into us to become our life and our very being—
1 Tim. 1:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-17a; Rom. 8:9-10, 6, 11:**

- A. The most crucial and mysterious matter revealed in the Bible is that God's ultimate intention is to work Himself into His chosen people—Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:4-6.
- B. God's eternal purpose is to work Himself into us as our life and our everything so that we may take Him as our person, live Him, and express Him; this is the desire of God's heart and the focal point of the Bible—Eph. 1:9; 3:11; Phil. 1:20-21a.
- C. In His economy God's intention is for the processed and consummated Triune God to be wrought into our being to make us a new person, a new "I"—Gal. 2:20.
- D. God's economy and goal according to His heart's desire are to build Himself into man and to build man into Him—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Eph. 3:17a:
 - 1. God's intention is to have Christ thoroughly worked into our being; however, in our spiritual seeking we may have no concern about this, caring instead only for our intention—Phil. 2:21.
 - 2. We all need to see that God's desire is to work Himself into us and to reconstitute us with Himself so that we may become His testimony—2 Cor. 5:17, 21; Rev. 1:12, 20.

**II. God's economy is centered on one thing—God's unique work—John 5:17;
4:34; Phil. 1:6; 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10a:**

- A. God's unique work in the universe and throughout all the ages and generations is to work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them—Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17a.
- B. God desires not mainly to do things for us but to work Himself into our being—Eph. 3:17a.
- C. God's purpose is to work Himself into us, making Himself our inward elements:
 - 1. This purpose is the center of the universe, and apart from this purpose the Christian life is meaningless—Rev. 4:11.
 - 2. The principle in God's work is to gain persons and by gaining them to have a way to go on.
 - 3. The proper priority is not for us to work for God but for God to work Himself into us—Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:13.
 - 4. Spiritual progress consists in allowing God to gain ground within us—Col. 2:19; Eph. 3:17a.