

Message Three

Being One with God and Constituted with God

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:4; Eph. 3:17a

- I. As God's chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people, we should be one with God—1 Cor. 6:17:**
- A. The basic principle of the Bible is that in His economy God is making Himself one with man and is making man one with Him—John 15:4.
 - B. God desires that the divine life and the human life be joined together to become one life that has one living—1 Cor. 6:17.
 - C. In the Bible to be one with God means to be mingled with God; biblical oneness with God is a oneness in which we enter into God and God enters into us—1:30; 2 Cor. 13:5; John 15:4.
 - D. God's intention is to tear us down and rebuild us with Himself as our life and nature so that we may be absolutely one with Him—2 Cor. 4:16; 5:17.
 - E. In 1 Corinthians 7 we see the principle of being absolutely one with the Lord in all circumstances, situations, and conditions; this chapter conveys the spirit of a person who loves the Lord, who cares for the Lord's interests on earth, who is absolutely for the Lord and one with the Lord, and who in every respect is obedient, submissive, and satisfied with God and the circumstances arranged by Him—vv. 17, 24.
- II. As God's chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people who are one with God, we need to be constituted with God—Eph. 3:17a; Col. 3:10-11:**
- A. God's economy is to dispense Himself into our being so that our being may be constituted with His being to be one constitution with His being—Eph. 3:17a; 4:4-6.
 - B. As the Divine Being, God infuses us with His elements, causing us to be the same as He is in life and nature but not in the Godhead—2 Cor. 13:14.
 - C. God's economy is that we eat Christ and become constituted with Him—John 6:57.
 - D. If we enjoy the Lord as our nourishment, He will become the constituent of our being—vv. 32-33, 35, 51, 53-56.
 - E. In the divine life and by the working of the law of the divine life, God will be wrought into us, and we will be constituted with Him in His life and nature—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11, 29.