### THE LIVING AND EXERCISE OF GOD-MEN FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE GOAL OF GOD'S ECONOMY TO GAIN HIS TESTIMONY IN THE CHURCH

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# OUTLINE FOR MESSAGE TWO: THE GOD-MAN LIVING REQUIRED IN THE CHURCH LIFE IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT THE GOAL OF GOD'S ECONOMY

- I. Being filled with the breath of God as the lifesupply for our organic salvation
- A. In order to fulfill God's ultimate intention to gain a corporate God-man for His corporate manifestation, God desires not good men but God-men who are filled with the breath of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- B. Christ in resurrection became the Holy Breath for His divine transmission into our spirit for His indwelling and supplying (1 Cor. 15:45b; John 20:22; Rom. 5:10; Phil. 1:19).
- C. We can receive this life imparting as we exercise our spirit for the continual receiving of the Spirit in the Scripture, the Word of God, the breathing out of God, which is profitable for teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:14-17).
- 1. Teaching brings revelation, the rolling away of the veil to see something of the Triune God and His economy (Eph. 1:17).

- 2. Conviction comes from the revelation as we see something of God and realize our mistakes, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and sins, leading us to be reproved and to abhor and deny ourselves (Isa. 6:1-8; Job 42:5-6; Matt. 16:24).
- 3. Correction follows, helping us set right all that is wrong and restoring us to an upright state (Matt. 7:13-14).
- 4. Instruction in righteousness leads us to live out Christ as our righteousness (Phil. 3:9).
- 5. Being equipped for every good work is the issue of God's exhaling and our inhaling (John 6:63; Acts 6:4).

## II. Enjoying the empowering grace through the indwelling Spirit and the equipping Word

- A. The wonderful Christ is the saving, empowering, and ever-present grace as the unsearchably rich capital for our Christian life and church life (John 1:14, 17; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; 2:1; 4:22).
- B. Grace is God's visitation as the resurrection power in us to be our supply to meet our timely need for growth in Him and as our support to sustain, strengthen, cover, and protect us (2 Cor. 12:9; Heb. 4:16; 1 Pet. 5:5).
- C. We are empowered by grace as we become lovers of God (2 Tim. 3:1-5), fan our spirit into flame (1:6-8), care for the testimony of our conscience (1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 1:3), guard the good deposit of healthy words (1:12-14), continue in the healthy teaching (1 Tim. 4:6-16), flee youthful lusts, and pursue Christ with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart (2 Tim. 2:22).

- D. We need to take grace to be empowered as good stewards of the varied grace of God to function as teachers, soldiers, athletes, farmers, workmen, and vessels unto honor (2 Tim. 2:1-6, 15, 20-21; 1 Pet. 4:10; Eph. 3:2; 4:29).
- III. Being saved according to His mercy through the daily washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit through sufferings in order to purge away all the old things and be remade or remodeled with the newness of life (Titus 3:5; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)
- IV. Abiding in the excellent virtues of faith and love as the reality and expression of the Triune God (1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:13; Gal. 5:6)
- A. Faith is for our appreciating, substantiating, and receiving the unlimited riches of the Triune God (Titus 3:15; Heb. 11:6).
- B. Through our believing and trusting in God and His rich Word, we receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and we enjoy an organic union with Him for our partaking of Him (Acts 10:43; John 3:16; John 15:4-5).
- C. Love is for our experiencing, enjoying, and living out the immeasurably rich Triune God (Mark 12:30).
- D. Our first love for the Lord must be absolute and should issue in a ministry and transmission of love to our fellow believers as we live a corporate life in Christ (Matt. 10:37; Rev. 2:4; Rom. 12:10).

## V. Looking for the crown of righteousness as the reward of the kingdom (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

- A. A proper Christian life has three aspects: fighting the good fight against Satan and his kingdom of darkness for the interests of God's kingdom (1 Tim. 6:12), running the course for the carrying out of God's economy according to His eternal purpose (Heb. 12:1), and keeping the faith for participation in the divine riches in God's economy (1 Tim. 3:9).
- B. The Lord's appearing, His coming back, is a warning, an encouragement, and an incentive to us. We should love it and look forward to it with earnest expectation and joy.

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