Message Three

Experiencing the Consummated Spirit

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The Revelation of the Consummated Spirit

Scripture Reading: John 1:14, 29; 7:39; 20:22; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Gal. 3:14; Phil. 1:19

I. The term the consummated Spirit implies that the Spirit has been processed and thus has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39; Gal. 3:14:

- A. According to the revelation in the Bible, the Spirit of God eventually became the consummated, all-inclusive, and compound Spirit—Phil. 1:19.
- B. Regarding the consummated Spirit, the negligence, ignorance, deficiency, misunderstanding, and misinterpretation on the part of Christian teachers has reached the climax; thus, there is the need for the truth concerning the consummated Spirit to be recovered.

II. The consummated Spirit is the Triune God after He has passed through the process of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection— John 7:39:

- A. The process through which the Triune God passed to become the Spirit is an economical, not essential, matter—1:14; Heb. 9:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b:
 - 1. With God, change can never be essential; it can only be economical.
 - 2. In His economy God has changed in the sense of being processed; although God has changed in His economy, He has not changed in His essence.
- B. *Processed* refers to the steps through which the Triune God has passed in the divine economy; *consummated* indicates that the process has been completed; and *the consummated Spirit* implies that the Spirit of God has been processed and has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39.
- C. The consummated Spirit is the compound of the Triune God, the man Jesus, His human living, His death, and His resurrection—v. 39; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:10-11; Phil. 1:19.

III. Concerning the consummated Spirit, there are three major and crucial points:

- A. The Spirit of God has been compounded to become the compound ointment, as revealed in Exodus 30:23-25.
- B. The Spirit was "not yet" before Jesus' glorification in resurrection, as revealed in John 7:39:
 - 1. The Spirit of God was there from the beginning (Gen. 1:2), but the Spirit as "the Spirit of Christ" (Rom. 8:9), "the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:19), was "not yet" at the time of John 7:39, because He was not yet glorified
 - 2. The Lord Jesus was glorified when He was resurrected, and through this glorification the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Jesus Christ—Luke 24:26; Phil. 1:19.
 - 3. The last Adam, who was Christ in the flesh, became the life-giving Spirit in resurrection; since then, the Spirit of Jesus Christ has both divine

- and human elements, including the reality of the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ—1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9.
- C. The Spirit is considered to be the seven Spirits of God to function as the seven lamps before the throne of God and the seven eyes of the Lamb, as revealed in Revelation 1:4; 4:5; and 5:6.

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