

## Message Ten

**One Spiritual Union and Reigning in Life**

Scriptures reading: Rom. 8:2, 4-5, 9-11, 13, 15-17, 26; 11:17, 24; 5:17, 20-21.

- I. **To carry out God's organic salvation, there is a need of two divine transfers and one spiritual union. (Details of the two divine transfers were covered in message six.)**
  
- II. **One spiritual, practical, and experiential union—Rom. 8:16a.**
  - A. Of the Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ (the pneumatic Christ), and the Spirit of resurrection indwelling our spirit—8:2, 9-11.
    1. To free us from the law of sin and death, releasing us from the lusts of the flesh by the law of life—8:2; 7:17-25.
    2. To give life to our mortal bodies and to put to death the practices of the body—8:11b, 13b.
  - B. With our spirit, the regenerated spirit of the believers in Christ indwelt by the Spirit—8:16a, 11b.
    1. To witness that we are children of God, even heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, possessing the spirit of sonship to cry, Abba, Father—8:16-17a, 15.
    2. To pray with groanings by the interceding Spirit—8:26.
  - C. Forming a mingled spirit—8:4-5.
    1. He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit—1Cor. 6:17.
    2. By the mutual abiding of the Spirit with our spirit—Rom. 8:11b; 1John 3:24.
  - D. This is the believers' organic union with Christ based upon their having been grafted in Him—Rom. 6:5; 11:17, 24; Gal. 2:16.
    1. This is the uniting of two lives as one so that they may share one mingled life and living.
    2. Through grafting we are united with Christ, mingled with Him, and incorporated with him to become the Body of Christ—Rom. 12:4-5.

### III. Reigning in Life—Rom. 5:17.

- A. It is a normal experience for the believers in Christ to reign in life.
1. We have been regenerated with a divine, spiritual, heavenly, kingly, and royal life, and we need to see that this life enthrones us to reign as kings and that even now we can reign as kings over all kinds of insubordination in our fallen, natural being.
  2. To reign in life is to be under the inner ruling of the divine life (14:17) and walk according to the life resurrection and limitation in the divine life (Matt. 7:14).
  3. The more we are under the inner ruling of the divine life, the more we are saved from rebellion, disobedience, and insubordination and the more we are restricted and ruled in the sweetness of love because, in an experiential way, we are living in the kingdom of the Son of God's love (Col. 1:13).
  4. Then, under the ruling of the divine life, we will gradually have the sense that we are enthroned as kings to reign over all things that we more than conquer the environmental hardships and sufferings (Rom. 8:37).
- B. We can reign in life *in* “the spiritual, practical, and experiential union,” *by* “the mingled spirit,” and *through* “the abundance of grace and the abundance of the gift of righteousness.” —8:16a, 11b; 5:17b.
1. First, Christ is righteousness to us objectively and judicially, and then, as He is expressed from within us through our living of Him, He becomes our subjective and experiential righteousness—1Cor. 1:30; Phil. 1:21; 3:9.
  2. Grace comes from objective righteousness—Christ as righteousness covering us in the sight of God that we may be justified, approved, by Him, and subjective righteousness—Christ Himself lived out of us—comes from grace.
  3. With the righteousness of the foundation of our spiritual experience, we should open ourselves to receive not only grace but *the abundance of grace*; sin abounds, but grace superabounds and then grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life—Rom. 5:20-21.

4. As grace reigns unto eternal life, we reign in this life, not through ourselves but through the unique One, Jesus Christ.

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Reference Scripture Verses:

**Rom. 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

**Rom. 8:4-5.** **4** That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. **5** For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit.

**Rom. 8:9-11.** **9** But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. **10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**Rom. 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

**Rom. 8:15-17.** **15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery *bringing you* into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father! **16** The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. **17** And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

**Rom. 8:26** Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help *us* in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**Rom. 11:17** But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree,

**Rom. 11:24** For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree!

**Rom. 5:17** For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

**Rom. 5:20-21.** **20** And the law entered in alongside that the offense might abound; but where sin abounded, grace has super-abounded, **21** In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I.

**Rom. 6:5** For if we have grown together with *Him* in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

**Rom. 7:17-25.** **17** Now then *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me. **18** For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not. **19** For

I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice. **20** But if what I do not will, this I do, *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me. **21** I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me. **22** For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man, **23** But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death? **25** Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh, the law of sin.

**1Cor. 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

**1John 3:24** And he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And in this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He gave to us.

**Gal. 2:16** And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law no flesh will be justified.

**Rom. 12:4-5.** **4** For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, **5** So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

## II.

**Rom. 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Matt. 7:14** Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

**Col. 1:13** Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

**Rom. 8:37** But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

**1Cor. 1:30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

**Phil. 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**Phil. 3:9** And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God *and based* on faith,