

IN ONE BODY

UNITY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE BODY OF MESSIAH AND “THE JOSHUA OF TODAY”

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Unity in Christ is a rather broad topic, with a considerable breadth of counsel from the pen of inspiration. Though essential to the spiritual life and well being of the church, both anciently and today, unity is an elusive goal unless we all work together in right lines. This presentation makes no effort to address this topic in its fullness, or to belabor the topic, but rather to address the particular need here, to direct our focus to the only ONE Who can bring unity in the body. Furthermore, there is no desire or thought on the part of the author-editor here to sound authoritative, but rather a sincere desire to open a convocation of study and prayer to find the truth, recognizing and respecting the minds of all others and the gifts given to each individual. What I am attempting to communicate here is, that UNITY requires the BODY, and moreover, the GIFTS given to the body.

There is today a great need to break new ground on this critical topic of unity in The Branch, in an expanded understanding of this truth, supported by Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy, so that we may understand the generally misunderstood topic of the “Joshua of today” (1TG8:24). It is the belief of the author-editor here that the “Joshua of today” is the ministration which brings the cleansing of sanctification in the body of Messiah, in the “closing-up of the atonement” and the “change in garment” (Zech. 3) for the wavesheaf company in its proper order. But first, we must determine just WHO gets this garment change FIRST? Over the last few years, it has become more and more evident to a few of us, that a spiritual-logical disconnect has been long thought and promulgated in the ranks of those who believe in advanced truth in The Branch, typically by those who seek the highest position, as the “highest official in the church” (1TG8:23). As in the first century church, unity today must be brought about, brought to complete fruition, only through and evidenced in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in the BODY.

This study is not a call to unity, but rather a presentation to agitate minds to search out the full truth on this topic, through Scripture and inspired counsel, and the direct leading of the Holy Spirit in each individual, and hopefully come to a general agreement, the witness of the Spirit. The aim here is to “humble in the dust the glory of man” and thereby emphasize the working and power of the Holy Spirit in the body.

Truth has a certain ring to it. To those who love the truth, growing in the grace and knowledge of the “fullness of the Godhead bodily”, of the Son and the Daughter, will see that the Body of Christ today already possesses some of the gifts of the Spirit to operate, to come together, to begin to act like a body. It is the Holy Spirit that dispenses these needed GIFTS to the body, TO HER BODY, not dispensed through a man, but given liberally to those who ask. Just ask. The Holy Spirit alone possesses the wisdom to dispense the right gift to the petitioner at the right time.

To the outpouring of the Spirit in the wilderness ...

1 Corinthians Chapter 12

- 12:1 Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of Elohim calleth Yahshua accursed: and [that] no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
- 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same Elohim which worketh all in all.
- 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
- 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also [is] Christ.
- 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.
- 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- 12:17 If the whole body [were] an eye, where [were] the hearing? If the whole [were] hearing, where [were] the smelling?
- 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- 12:19 And if they were all one member, where [were] the body?
- 12:20 But now [are they] many members, yet but one body.
- 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
- 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
- 12:23 And those [members] of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely [parts] have more abundant comeliness.
- 12:24 For our comely [parts] have no need: but Elohim hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that [part] which lacked:
- 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but [that] the members should have the same care one for another.
- 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- 12:28 And Elohim hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- 12:29 [Are] all apostles? [are] all prophets? [are] all teachers? [are] all workers of miracles?

12:30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

In general counsel, Ellen White stated that:

“Oh, how sad it is that men allow themselves to be so wrought upon by the enemy that they dare venture to exalt their finite judgment in opposition to God's plans and purposes! Man's authority bears the signature of man. We are not to permit the rank and file of our people to come under the generalship of the weak, confused sentiments of man. **God's authority is to stand supreme. And I must call upon his people to recognize his authority, which bears the evidence of its divine origin.** [Every believer is called upon to unite inseparably with God's authority.] {SpM 313.1}

“The foundation on which the truth has always been based is sure, and upon this foundation all are to stand who are doing the Lord's work. God's word reveals his design; and that work only which is carried on in accordance with the principles of the word will stand fast forever, approved both by the heavenly host and the adopted family living on the earth during the remnant of time remaining before the close of this earth's history. {SpM 313.2}

“Finite man, yielding to Satan's devising, can easily lose sight of the Lord's purpose concerning him; for by yielding to temptation man loses his power of discernment. Every Christian is to strive to be a laborer together with God. {SpM 313.3}

“Christ calls for service altogether different from that which is given him. **Men in positions of responsibility should, through the power of the Holy Spirit, reveal the Redeemer much more clearly to the world than they have revealed him.** The Infinite God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son as a sacrifice for us, in order that, receiving him by faith and practicing his virtues, we should not perish, but have everlasting life. My brethren, **how do you suppose he regards the great lack of spiritual enthusiasm manifested over the record of the great sacrificial offering made for our individual salvation?** {SpM 313.4}

“All human ambition, all boasting, is to be laid in the dust. Self, sinful self, is to be abased, not exalted. By holiness to God in the daily life here below, we are to manifest the Christ-life. The corrupt nature is to become pure and undefiled; subdued, not exalted. We are to be humble, faithful men and women. Never are we to sit upon the judgment-seat. God demands that **his representatives shall be pure vessels, revealing the beauty of sanctified character.**”

“So long as we work in Christ's lines, laying hold of the arm of the Mighty One, we are safe; but just as soon as we loosen our grasp of His arm, and begin to depend upon human beings, we are in great danger. {2SAT 209.3}

“This very day the Lord desires us to reach a higher standard than we have ever reached in the past. Day by day we are to advance upward, ever upward, until it can be said of us as a people, “Ye are complete in Him.” {2SAT 209.4}

“Unity. The work of God is advanced more rapidly when His workers are in unity. In unity there is a life, a power, that can be obtained in no other way. United with one another, working together in harmony, we shall indeed be “laborers together with God. {2SAT 209.5}

““Yes,” one says, “this is exactly what I believe in--consolidation.” But this unity is not what the world calls consolidation. Unity among brethren results in consolidation with Christ and with the heavenly angels. Such

consolidation is heaven-born. It is that for which Christ longed when He prayed, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, That they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me" [John 17:20-23]. {2SAT 209.6}

THE VERY FIRST PRINCIPLE

OUR CONNECTION TO THE DIVINE SOURCE – THE HOLY SPIRIT THE VERY SOURCE OF LIFE WITHIN THE BODY OF MESSIAH WE ARE ONE SPIRITUAL BODY WITH OUR FATHER THROUGH OUR DIVINE MOTHER

Eph 5:30 - **For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**

1Co 6:15 - Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? EL (God) forbid.

1Co 6:16 - What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

1Co 6:17 - **But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.**

(We should see this in reference to the cleansing/garment change of Zechariah 3)

Rom 12:4 - For as we have many members **in one body**, and all members have not the same office:

Rom 12:5 - So we, *being* many, **are one body** in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Rom 12:6 - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

1Co 12:18 - But now hath EL set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1Co 12:19 - And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?

1Co 12:20 - But now *are they* many members, **yet but one body.**

1Co 10:16 - The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

1Co 10:17 - For we *being* many are one bread, *and* **one body**: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1Co 12:27 - Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

1Co 12:28 - And EL hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST - WHAT IT MEANS

"When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church, "the whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." The Spirit of Christ made them one. This is the fruit of abiding in Christ. . . .

{MR311 48.2}

"Christ is represented as dwelling by his Spirit in his people; and believers as "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord," Paul says, "beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." {RH, December 31, 1908 par. 1}

"Those who sincerely desire truth will not be reluctant to lay open their positions for investigation and criticism, and will not be annoyed if their opinions and ideas are crossed. This was the spirit cherished among us forty years ago. We would come together burdened in soul, praying that we might be one in faith and doctrine; for we knew that Christ is not divided. One point at a time was made the subject of investigation. Solemnity characterized these councils of investigation. The Scriptures were opened with a sense of awe. Often we fasted, that we might be better fitted to understand the truth. **After earnest prayer, if any point was not understood, it was discussed, and each one expressed his opinion freely; then we would again bow in prayer, and earnest supplications went up to heaven that God would help us to see eye to eye, that we might be one, as Christ and the Father are one. Many tears were shed.** If one brother rebuked another for his dullness of comprehension in not understanding a passage as he understood it, the one rebuked would afterward take his brother by the hand, and say, "Let us not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Jesus is with us; let us keep a humble and teachable spirit;" and the brother addressed would say, "Forgive me, brother, I have done you an injustice." Then we would bow down in another season of prayer. We spent many hours in this way. **We did not generally study together more than four hours at a time, yet sometimes the entire night was spent in solemn investigation of the Scriptures, that we might understand the truth for our time.** On some occasions the Spirit of God would come upon me, and difficult portions were made clear through God's appointed way, and then there was perfect harmony. We were all of one mind and one Spirit. {RH, July 26, 1892 par. 4}

"Let none be self confident, as though God had given them special light above their brethren. Christ is represented as dwelling in His people; and believers, as "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit." "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord," says Paul, "beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." {CW 45.3}

To Every One Is Given a Gift

Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Ephesians 4:7 {ML 37.1}

“The talents that Christ entrusts to His church represent especially the gifts and blessings imparted by the Holy Spirit. "To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." All men do not receive the same gifts, but to every servant of the Master some gift of the Spirit is promised. {ML 37.2}

“Before He left His disciples, Christ "breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Again he said, "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you." . . . "Unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ," the Spirit "dividing to every man severally as He will." **The gifts are already ours in Christ, but their actual possession depends upon our reception of the Spirit of God.** {ML 37.3}

“God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts. . . . There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. . . . Christ declared that the divine influence of the Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. {ML 37.4}

For the Perfecting of the Saints

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13 {ML 38.1}

“All these gifts are to be in exercise. Every faithful worker will minister for the perfecting of the saints. . . . There is something for everyone to do. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place, saying: "Here am I; send me." . . . Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for Him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God. If set to work, the despondent will soon forget their despondency; the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus. They will find an unfailing helper in Him who has promised to save all that come unto Him. {ML 38.2}

“The influence of the Holy Spirit is needed that the work may be properly balanced and that it may move forward solidly in every line. {ML 38.3}

“The truth for this time embraces the whole gospel. Rightly presented, it will work in man the very changes that will make evident the power of God's grace upon the heart. **It will do a complete work and develop a complete man.** {ML 38.4}

“He [God] tells us to be perfect as He is--in the same manner. We are to be centers of light and blessing to our little circle, even as He is to the universe. We have nothing of ourselves, but the light of His love shines upon us, and we are to reflect its brightness. . . . **We may be perfect in our sphere, even as God is perfect in His.** {ML 38.5}

For the Unity of the Saints

"I . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3 {ML 39.1}

"The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God, yielding their common obedience to the law that controls their action. And, in order that the Lord's work may advance healthfully and solidly, His people must draw together. {ML 39.2}

"The spasmodic, fitful movements of some who claim to be Christians are well represented by the work of strong but untrained horses. When one pulls forward, another pulls back, and at the voice of their master, one plunges ahead, and the other stands immovable. If men will not move in concert in the great and grand work for this time, there will be confusion. . . . If men wear the yoke of Christ, they cannot pull apart; they will draw with Christ. . . . {ML 39.3}

"To the prophet, the wheel within a wheel, the appearance of living creatures connected with them, all seemed intricate and unexplainable. But the hand of infinite wisdom is seen among the wheels, and perfect order is the result of its work. Every wheel, directed by the hand of God, works in perfect harmony with every other wheel. {ML 39.4}

"By the influence of the Spirit, the most discordant may be brought into harmony. Unselfishness is to bind God's people together with firm, tender bonds. There is a vast power in the church when the energies of the members are under the control of the Spirit, gathering good from every source, educating, training, and disciplining self. Thus is presented to God a powerful organization, through which He can work for the conversion of sinners. Thus heaven and earth are connected, and all divine agencies cooperate with human instrumentalities. {ML 39.5}

November 12, 1908 - Till We All Come to the Unity of the Faith

Mrs. E. G. White

"Paul, urging the Ephesians to preserve unity and love, writes: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**" {RH, November 12, 1908 par. 1}

Unity Must Precede the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

"Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." Acts 4:32. The Spirit of Him who died that sinners might live animated the entire congregation of believers." {CCh 98.4}

TO BEGIN ACTING LIKE A BODY – THE BODY OF CHRIST

By Being United as Children of God

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26. {SD 286.1}

“We seldom find two persons exactly alike. Among human beings as well as among the things of the natural world, there is diversity. Unity in diversity among God's children--the manifestation of love and forbearance in spite of difference of disposition--this is the testimony that God sent His Son into the world to save sinners. {SD 286.2}

“The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. In mind, in purpose, in character, they are one, but not in person. By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ brings His disciples into a living union with Himself and with the Father. Through the working of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind, man is made complete in Christ Jesus. Unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another. This unity is the most convincing proof to the world of the majesty and virtue of Christ, and of His power to take away sin. {SD 286.3}

“The powers of darkness stand a poor chance against believers who love one another as Christ has loved them, who refuse to create alienation and strife, who stand together, who are kind, courteous, and tender-hearted, cherishing the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We must have the Spirit of Christ, or we are none of His. {SD 286.4}

“In unity there is strength; in division there is weakness. {SD 286.5}

“The closer our union with Christ, the closer will be our union with one another. Variance and disaffection, selfishness and conceit, are striving for supremacy. These are the fruits of a divided heart, open to the suggestions of the enemy of souls. Satan exults when he can sow seeds of dissension. {SD 286.6}

“In unity there is a life, a power, that can be obtained in no other way. {SD 286.7}

Christ Calls For Unity

“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. John 17:21. {OFC 264.1}

“We each need the help we can receive from other minds. God will work in other minds than ours. The various gifts given to different ones are to blend for the “perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). . . . {OFC 264.2}

“The Lord Jesus Christ will heal our infirmities and our weaknesses. He owns us. We are His by creation and by redemption. We must all be united in Him. He is the only source of healing. **All restoring power**

comes from Him. He has opened a fountain “to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.” He gives each one an invitation to come and be healed, and to drink of the water of life. Let us not trust in ourselves, but in Jesus. {OFC 264.3}

“There will always be obstacles before us, but we are to follow our Leader, and meet our difficulties unitedly, hand in hand. There is only one way to heaven. We must walk in the footsteps of Jesus, doing His works, even as He did the works of His Father. We must study His ways, not man’s ways; we must obey His will, not our own. Walk carefully. Do not go ahead of Christ. Make no move without consulting your Leader. Ask in humble prayer, and “ye shall receive.” He is the Way, the Truth, the Life. {OFC 264.4}

“Read and study carefully the prayer that Christ offered just before His trial, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. Follow its teachings, and you will be brought into unity. Our only hope of reaching heaven is to be one with Christ, and then, in and through Christ, we shall be one with one another. No one is called to walk alone. In Christ life and immortality are brought to light. He has opened the way to the kingdom of heaven to those who believe in Him, but He assigns to no one a path different to that which all must travel. He (She) calls for unity, and unity we must have. God asks us to sink self in Christ. For the natural man this is not easy. But through the power of the incarnation of Christ, God manifest in the flesh, the strength of God is revealed in gentleness and beauty. To “as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” By this power we may overcome our evil tendencies and so modify our imperfect dispositions that the will of God may be fulfilled in us.” {OFC 264.5}

THE CLOSING WORK OF THE SANCTUARY IN THE EARTH AN EMERGING AND FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE 1990 MESSAGE

Truth is a sword that separates. However, now, Truth will bring unity. We are now really beginning to GET IT, the big picture of our Divine Mother’s final work.

What manner of love is this a Mother’s Love!

**Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

What Paul is saying here is that we sit in heavenly places IN CHRIST. This is not to say that we are literally sitting in heavenly places but rather that when we share the life of His glory, when we are one spirit with His Spirit then we are effectively sitting with the same power that He has given us to “sit down” with Him having overcome the deception of the devil through Her power dwelling within.

This verse is taken from the first epistle to the Ephesians and is the addressed “to the saints which are at Ephesus” (verse 1) which is to say the church on earth. The blessings that are given to us in these

heavenly places in Christ on earth are from God the Father (verse 3) who has chosen us before the foundation of the world (verse 4) to be sanctified and “without blame” (verse 4).

Paul describes how we are to be without blame. This is critical to understand. **We come to the state of being “without blame” which is to say without fault or sin, not because we have stopped placing our sins in the sanctuary**, as suggested by the recent teaching of one brother, but as the scripture says “in love” which is to say “in God”, in the Presence, in the Presence of the Divine Daughter who is love incarnate. How can we STOP placing our sins in the Sanctuary? Answer: By accepting the ministration of Mercy of our Divine Mother, fully, completely. We are safe in the final ministration of Mercy. This will also be the final message of Mercy to the world.

Paul goes on to say that we are “predestined” to adoption,(verse 5) in other words through the sustaining and preserving power of the Divine Daughter who encircles us with truth and in the end, fullness of truth, we will at the appointed time be “born again” to being “born again” (verse 5) . This adoption will be through Her power, which is to say, His “grace” (verse 6) which through her cleansing earthly administration makes us “accepted in the beloved” (verse 6), His Beloved, the Divine Daughter. **This bears repeating. We are accepted in Her as we are encircled by the Divine Truths revealed through the messages, “the teacher(s) of righteousness.”**

Again, as scripture clearly says, it is not by us putting our sins in the sanctuary, but by Her grace, Her power and Her enduring mercy. The time of Mercy is here, for the wavesheaf. We can make it to the finish line, but only with Her Mercy.

Paul goes on to define this community who are destined for adoption as those who have been redeemed by His ministration of blood which in a one-time event, justifies and forgives sin (verse 7) and which releases, which is to say, “abounds towards us” (verse 8), the wisdom that preserves and upholds, what is called “the mystery of His will” (verse 9). This mystery is revealed in part by Paul but in the fullness of time (our time) by the 7 messages as delineated in the plumb-line of Zerubbabel as marked by prophetic time prophecies (2300 day/years of Daniel and 430 years of Abraham and Ezekiel as revealed through the messages in 1844, 1930, 1955, 1977 and 1990).

At this “fullness of times”, what Peter calls the “times of refreshing”, Christ gathers all of those predestined on earth together with all those in heaven “in One”, in His Glory, so that “all may be in all”, in fulfillment of the prayer of unity expressed before His death.

Paul goes on to describe the inheritance of those who are predestined to be born again into the Kingdom “to the praise of His glory (verse 12), **His Beloved**, in whom we received acceptance now and adoption in the fullness of time.

Paul reveals that it was She, His Beloved, who “first trusted in Christ”, (verse 12) and it is She, His Beloved, in whom we also trust, through whom we receive the inheritance of a blameless life.

We are sealed with the promise of being born into bodies that have no propensity to sin while we patiently with the “earnest of our inheritance” (verse 14), which is to say, our acceptance in Her, who as our Mother, encloses us within Her womb, keeping us washed with the water of truth encircling us.

It also bears repeating. It is not by our placing our sins in the sanctuary that will restore us, our original place as sons and daughters of God, but through Her Love, Mercy, and Truth by which, at the appointed time, will be brought forth.

Shall He bring to birth and not bring forth (Isaiah 66: 8,9). It is not by our efforts to stop sinning that we are born again but by the will of the Divine Family, all of whom have a part in the redemption of our bodies. Are you ready for this birth?

This is also to say that it is NOT by (us) needing to have “enough faith” to ‘bring about’ this change. Faith is important, but it is not even our faith that delivers us, but by the gift of faith in the Divine Mother. She imparts this gift of faith, if we can receive it! You and I don’t work for it. This is by Grace alone. Just receive it. This is the culmination of the 1888 Message of Righteousness by Faith, but it is NOT the same message, not now, since we have gone far beyond that message. We need to be careful how we apply the 1888 Message today.

It is Christ He who sits in literal heavenly places (verse 20) while we sit, while on earth, in the “heavenly” atmosphere of She who is Elohim incarnate. Can you receive it?

It is not just She, our Mother, who brings us to birth. She herself is brought to birth first. She is “brought forth” as an earthly woman first just as was He brought to birth and brought forth as a man. She who is our righteousness is brought forth “as the light” while our judgment is brought forth “as the noonday” (Psalm 37:6).

She is the “seed” that came from Jacob who as a King of the line of Judah inherits the “mountains”, the tribes of Israel (Isaiah 66:9).

She is the capstone who is brought forth with shoutings of Grace, Grace to Her (Zech 4:7). The Double Portion.

As the red heifer, she was first brought forth to be slain for our sins (Numbers 19:3) as did He. As He was born again to flesh first, and then born again to Eternal life, so was She.

At the Last Supper of Yahshua, He told His disciples that “you are clean” but not all. He PRONOUNCED them as clean, **not just one of them**, but all of them, save one. **This pattern replicates in our time -**

John 13:10 - Jesus said to him, He that is washed needs not save to wash [his] feet, but is clean every whit: and you are clean, but not all.

John 15:3 - Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

So shall it be though the Word of our Divine Mother. She has the completeness of Divine Authority. She pronounces us as CLEAN, blameless, TODAY. It is by Her Word. This is no less than a garment change in the grand symbolic prophecy of Zechariah 3.

True unity, when it comes, will be evidenced by the working of the Holy Spirit, a spirit of love and cooperation, love in the body, absent of the spirit of domination. No one, no man, will get the credit for the work of the Holy Spirit, in the diverse and manifest gifts of the Spirit in the Body of Christ. This will bring the "great change", the 9T REVIVAL in many places. The key to this unity, this revival, is LOVE. It begins small, but will grow rapidly. It is time to pray for it, like never before.

Individual Responsibility and Christian Unity

"God is leading a people out from the world upon the exalted platform of eternal truth, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. He will discipline and fit up His people. **They will not be at variance, one believing one thing, and another having faith and views entirely opposite; each moving independently of the body.** Through the diversity of the gifts and governments that He has placed in the church, they will all come to the unity of the faith. If one man takes his views of Bible truth without regard to the opinion of his brethren, and justifies his course, alleging that he has a right to his own peculiar views, and then presses them upon others, how can he be fulfilling the prayer of Christ? And if another and still another arises, each asserting his right to believe and talk what he pleases, without reference to the faith of the body, where will be that harmony which existed between Christ and His Father, and which Christ prayed might exist among His brethren? {CET 201.2}

"Though we have an individual work and an individual responsibility before God, we are not to follow our own independent judgment, regardless of the opinions and feelings of our brethren; for this course would lead to disorder in the church. It is the duty of ministers to respect the judgment of their brethren; but their relations to one another, as well as the doctrines they teach, should be brought to the test of the law and the testimony; then, if hearts are teachable, there will be no divisions among us. Some are inclined to be disorderly, and are drifting away from the great landmarks of the faith; but God is moving upon His ministers to be one in doctrine and in spirit. {CET 203.1}

"It is necessary that our unity today be of a character that will bear the test of trial. . . . We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and Heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed. {CET 203.2}

"When a brother receives new light upon the Scriptures, he should frankly explain his position, and every minister should search the Scriptures with the spirit of candor to see if the points presented can be substantiated by the inspired word. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." 2 Timothy 2:24, 25. {CET

203.3}

“Unity of thought, unity of prayer, unity of action, is essential. When this unity is manifested, the heavenly intelligences will observe the earnestness of our prayers, and our love for one another in the Holy Spirit. {15MR 165.3}

Endowment of Holy Spirit Brings Unity.

”But I know that just as soon as the Holy Spirit shall come upon hearts, there will be unity in voice and understanding; and wisdom will be given us.--Manuscript 16, 1903, p. 4. ("Unity of Effort," talk at General Conference, April 1, 1903.)

“His transforming grace upon human hearts will lead to unity that has not yet been realized, for all who are assimilated to Christ will be in harmony with one another. The Holy Spirit will create unity.--Letter 25b, 1892. {3SM 20.3}

CONCLUSION

On page 4 of this study we presented the clear Scriptures pertaining to the close inseparable spiritual relationship of our Divine Mother to the BODY, to Her body, the corporate body of Christ, to Her children, so as to show how the spirit of repentance is given, through HER, by Her, and for Her, for Her purification, for Her glorification, that we may be purified from the TOP DOWN. Just as Yahshua “became sin for us” --- so has She in the Zechariah 3 imagery and symbolism. Thus, “Joshua REPENTS of his (HER) sins” (Zechariah 12:10), for without Her we cannot repent. She has taken on the responsibility for repentance. I repeat, SHE HAS TAKEN ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIN AND REPENTANCE. To separate Her from the gift of repentance is to exalt oneself.

To attain to the UNITY of the Body, this is -

“THE VERY FIRST PRINCIPLE, OUR CONNECTION TO THE DIVINE SOURCE – THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE VERY SOURCE OF LIFE WITHIN THE BODY OF MESSIAH, WE ARE ONE SPIRITUAL BODY WITH OUR FATHER THROUGH OUR DIVINE MOTHER.”

When we believe, we repent, through Her! So, BELIEVE!

Since Passover 2014 the “windows of heaven” have been opened, and the fountains of the deep have broken up.

The FIRE of the Holy Spirit is moving through the earth, through the wavesheaf candidates to convict, to draw together, in One Spirit, in one calling, in one message, and to burn the dross in our lives, to bring about “this great change” in our thinking, in our ideas, our theories, our habits and our practices, that we may become ONE, to walk in Torah, in the Sabbath, “to proclaim the Sabbath more fully”, to keep

our “Solemn Feasts and perform our vows” and to “proclaim peace”, that the Bride may be brought forth, delivered and taken to Her Beloved, to the Marriage.

At the beginning of this study, it was stated this was not a call for unity. I stand corrected. It is not the writer here that calls for unity. It is the call of the Holy Spirit, BY His Spirit (Her). All other statements and intentions stand. We are being called to unify under the “Joshua of today”, the Holy Spirit Daughter, in Her final work to perform Her work of purification upon all of Her Body (Christ), to accept Her “change of garment”!

THIS GREAT PLAN OF REDEMPTION, THE CROSS OF CALVARY, WAS ALWAYS DIVINE-WORD ACTUATED – BY HIS WORD, BY HIS WILL, BY HIS RIGHTOUES WORKS, NOT OURS.

THIS IS THE PURIFICATION OF THE JUDGMENT FOR THE LIVING EXECUTIVE, FROM THE TOP DOWN, NOT THE BOTTOM UP. IT WAS NEVER ANY OTHER WAY IN THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION BUT “TOP DOWN” FOR THE WORK OF REDEMPTION AND PURIFICATION, THE WORK OF MESSIAH-DEITY FOR HIS/HER PEOPLE. WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES, and no man, through his own works (“Joshua repents”) will save us, his fellows, supposedly.

THROUGH THE YEARS, SOME HAVE TAUGHT AND SOME HAVE PROCLAIMED A BOTTOM-UP, WORKS BASED, SALVATION FOR THE WAVESHEAF BASED ON 1TG 8:23-26, THE CHANGE OF GARMENT OF THE DIVINE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS -- SALVATION IS A VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP, NOT HORIZONTAL. OUR BODY RELATIONSHIP IS VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL, THE PERFECT CROSS. LET US BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT THE TYPES POINT TO DEITY, not to a man. CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL.

1 TG 8:23

“The first one to be given the garment is Joshua, the high priest, the HIGHEST official in the church”

Let no one be deceived any longer, to usurp the Office of the Divine Daughter, the Mother of all living.

FOR, “IF (S)HE DOES NOT HAVE THE GARMENT CHANGE, THEN NO ONE ELSE HAS IT EITHER”!

James 1:5

**If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally,
and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**

PRAY FOR THIS GIFT - YOU ARE BEING CALLED

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This theme was first taught by Sister Roden:

Isaiah 32:15 - Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

PRAY FOR IT. LOOK FOR IT.

If you want unity, then believe. Believe in Her. Believe in Her ministration.
Believe in Her perfect Authority and Her Divine Power to finish the work in us.
Believe in Her change of garment.

This message came in 1990, Passover, at the end of the final application of the 430 years prophecy,
as predicted by Lois Roden, October 7, 1978 (Heralds of the Morning chart).

After twenty long years, this message has now come through the fire and has been purified.

Just as a mother hen covers her chicks with her feathers, so too, does the Holy Spirit Mother (She is the Daughter and is our Mother) we cannot ask for a more Unified place to be than under Her protective feathers. She clucks and we run to the safety of Her covering, Her spotless white bridal garment cleansed by the Living Waters, the Fountain of rebirth and eternal Life. Matthew 23:37 -- O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not!

Shalom-Shalom

THIS TIME HAS COME

Ellen White

“The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. **The mark of the beast will be urged upon us.**”

[The mark of the beast has NOT pre-existed in the church since 1846, when the Sabbath truth came.

Rather, it “will be **urged** upon us” in our day! Those in The Branch, at New Mt. Carmel, who have forsaken the Sabbath day have also seized the “highest office in the church”, attempting to steal the Office and High Priesthood of Joshua, the Divine Daughter. He has pushed aside the historical Sabbath of the whole Advent Movement, “changed times and laws” so to destroy the final work of the Mother for Her children, to destroy the very essence of all She represents (the Sabbath) and the work of sanctification. The true Sabbath represents the Daughter. The attempt to replace the Seventh-day with the first day of the week, Sunday sacredness, is “the mark of the beast.”]

Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands, and conformed to worldly customs, will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. **In this time, the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy, will then go out in darkness.** Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.” {PH117 63.2} [brackets added]