

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (1)

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**God's intention in creating man
in His image and according to His likeness
is that man would receive Him as life
and express Him in His attributes,
and God's intention in giving man dominion
is to subdue His enemy, recover the earth,
and exercise His authority over the earth.**

**The tree of life as the center of God's eternal economy
typifies Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God,
to be life and the life supply to the tripartite man
as a vessel for the corporate expression of God—
this is the central thought of God.**

**As God's people love God and spend time
to fellowship with Him in His word, God infuses them
with His divine element, making them one with Him as His spouse,
the same as He is in life, nature, and expression.**

**The seed of the woman is the individual Christ—
the One who bruised the serpent through His death on the cross—
and also the corporate Christ—the man-child,
including Christ as the Head and the overcoming believers as the Body—
who will defeat God's enemy and bring in His kingdom
so that His eternal purpose might be accomplished.**

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Message One

The Central Thought of God

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:26; 2:7-10, 18-25; Rev. 22:1-2; 21:2, 9-10, 18-21

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.
- Gen 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Gen 2:10 And a river went forth from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four branches.
- Gen 2:18 And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart.
- Gen 2:19 Now Jehovah God had formed from the ground every animal of the field and every bird of heaven. And He brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called any living animal, that was its name.
- Gen 2:20 And the man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of heaven and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper as his counterpart.
- Gen 2:21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.
- Gen 2:22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.
- Gen 2:23 And the man said, This time this is bone of my bones / And flesh of my flesh; / This one shall be called Woman / Because out of Man this one was taken.
- Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- Gen 2:25 And both the man and his wife were naked and were not ashamed before each other.
- Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.
- Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

I. God's desire and purpose is to have a corporate man to express Him in His image and to represent Him with His authority; in order for man to express God and represent God, he must have God as his life, signified by the tree of life—Gen. 1:26; 2:8-9; Rom. 8:28-29; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Rom. 5:10, 17, 21; 16:20.

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

- Gen 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- 2 Cor 3:16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
- 2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,
- 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 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Rom 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

II. The revelation concerning the garden of Eden, as the beginning of the divine revelation in the Holy Scriptures, and the revelation concerning the New Jerusalem, as the ending of the divine revelation in the Holy Scriptures, reflect each other; what is revealed in these two parts of the Scriptures is the central thought of God, the central line of the divine revelation, and a controlling principle of the interpreting and understanding of the Holy Scriptures:

- A. Genesis 1 and 2 are the blueprint of God's organic architectural plan to have His divine building—Heb. 11:10; 1 Cor. 3:9.
 Gen 1, 2 (Be omitted.)
 Heb 11:10 For he eagerly waited for the city which has the foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.
 1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.
- B. Genesis 3 through Revelation 20 are the building process.
 Gen 3 (Be omitted.)
 Rev 20 (Be omitted.)
- C. Revelation 21 and 22 are the photograph of the finished building, the corporate expression of the Triune God.
 Rev 21, 22 (Be omitted.)

III. Genesis 1—2 and Revelation 21—22 both contain four organic items, showing the procedures God takes to fulfill His purpose:

- Gen 1, 2 (Be omitted.)
 Rev 21, 22 (Be omitted.)
- A. The tree of life as the center of God's eternal economy typifies Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God, to be life and the life supply to the tripartite man as a vessel for the corporate expression of God—this is the central thought of God—Gen. 2:7-9; Rev. 22:2; cf. Gen. 3:24; Ezek. 1:28; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 3:10; Rev. 21:19-20:
 Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.
 Gen 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
 Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- Gen 3:24 So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.
- Ezek 1:28 Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of someone speaking.
- 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
1. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it"—John 1:4-5.
 2. "I am...the life"—14:6; cf. 15:5.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
 3. "I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly"—10:10b.
 4. "Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit"—12:24.
 5. "If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water...The water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life"—4:10, 14.

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.

John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water springing up into eternal life.
 6. "I am the bread of life...He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me...It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"—6:35, 57, 63.

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
 7. "The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit"—1 Cor. 15:45b.
 8. "The law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death"—Rom. 8:2.
 9. "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness"—v. 10.
 10. "The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace"—v. 6; cf. 1 Cor. 6:17.

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

11. "If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you"—Rom. 8:11.
 12. "Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city"—Rev. 22:14; cf. Psa. 51:2, 7, 10, 12.
 Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, / And from my sin cleanse me.
 Psa 51:7 Purge my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean; / Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
 Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, / And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
 Psa 51:12 Restore to me the gladness of Your salvation, / And sustain me with a willing spirit.
 13. "To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God"—Rev. 2:7; cf. John 6:57, 63; Jer. 15:16; John 15:1, 5, 7; 8:31.
 Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
 John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
 John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
 Jer 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts.
 John 15:1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.
 John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
 John 15:7 If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.
 John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples;
 14. "[God] has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life"—2 Cor. 3:6, cf. vv. 8-9; 5:20.
 2 Cor 3:8 How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory?
 2 Cor 3:9 For if there is glory with the ministry of condemnation, much more the ministry of righteousness abounds with glory.
 2 Cor 5:20 On behalf of Christ then we are ambassadors, as God entreats you through us; we beseech you on behalf of Christ, Be reconciled to God.
 15. "If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to him"—1 John 5:16.
- B. The river flowing to reach the four directions of the earth signifies the river of water of life as the abundance of life in its flow, flowing out of the unique God as the source and center to reach man in every direction—Gen. 2:10:
- Gen 2:10 And a river went forth from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four branches.
1. The river of water of life proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb depicts how the Triune God—God, the Lamb, and the Spirit, who is symbolized by the water of life—dispenses Himself to His redeemed under His headship—Rev. 22:1.
 Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.
 2. That the river of water of life proceeds "in the middle of its street" (v. 1), which is pure gold (21:21), signifies that the divine life flows in the divine nature as the unique way for the daily life of God's redeemed people (2 Pet. 1:4; John 4:24; 1 John 4:8, 16; 1:5).
 Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
- 2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
- John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.
- 1 John 4:8 He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.
- 1 John 4:16 And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.
- 1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
3. The fellowship of the eternal life (v. 3) is the flow of the eternal life within all the believers and is depicted by the flow of the water of life in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 22:1).
- 1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.
4. The following verses show how we must enjoy the flowing Triune God—Jer. 2:13; Psalms 36:8-9; John 7:37-39; Exodus 17:6; Numbers 20:7-8; 1 Cor. 12:3b, 13; Ezekiel 47:1-9.
- Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.
- Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
- John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
- John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
- John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- Exo 17:6 I will be standing before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- Num 20:7 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 20:8 Take the rod, and gather the assembly, you and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, so that it yields its water. Thus you shall bring forth water for them out of the rock and give the assembly and their livestock something to drink.
- 1 Cor 12:3b ... Jesus is accursed; and no one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.
- Ezek 47:1 Then He brought me back to the entrance of the house, and there was water flowing out from under the threshold of the house to the east (for the house faced east); and the water flowed down below the south side of the house, on the south of the altar.
- Ezek 47:2 Then He brought me out by the way of the north gate and led me around on the way outside to the outer gate, on the way to the gate that faces east; and there the water was running out on the south side.
- Ezek 47:3 When the man went out to the east with the line in His hand, He measured a thousand cubits; and He led me through the water, water that was to the ankles.

- Ezek 47:4 Then He measured a thousand cubits and led me through the water, water that was to the knees. Then He measured a thousand cubits and led me through the water, water that was to the loins.
- Ezek 47:5 Then He measured a thousand cubits, and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the water had risen, enough water to swim in, a river that could not be crossed.
- Ezek 47:6 And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then He led me and brought me back along the bank of the river.
- Ezek 47:7 And when I returned, there were very many trees on the bank of the river, on one side and on the other.
- Ezek 47:8 Then said He to me, This water flows out toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah and goes to the sea; when it flows into the sea, the water of the sea is healed.
- Ezek 47:9 And every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes shall live, and there will be very many fish when this water comes there. And the water of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live wherever the river comes.

C. The flow of the river issues in three precious materials: gold, bdellium, and onyx stone—Gen. 2:10-12:

- Gen 2:10 And a river went forth from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four branches.
- Gen 2:11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that goes around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
- Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.

1. These materials typify the Triune God as the basic elements of the structure of God's eternal building; the New Jerusalem is constructed of these three categories of materials—Rev. 21:18-21:

- Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

a. Gold typifies God the Father with His divine nature, which man may partake of through God's calling, as the base of God's eternal building—2 Pet. 1:3-4.

- 2 Pet 1:3 Seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness, through the full knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and virtue,

- 2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

b. Bdellium, a pearl-like material produced from the resin of a tree, typifies the produce of God the Son in His redeeming and life-releasing death and His life-dispensing resurrection as the entry into God's eternal building—John 19:34; 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3; Rev. 21:21.

- John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

- 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
- c. Onyx, a precious stone, typifies the produce of God the Spirit with His transforming work for the building up of God's eternal building—2 Cor. 3:18.
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
2. The flowing of the divine life in man brings the divine nature into man (2 Pet. 1:4), regenerates man (1 Pet. 1:3), and transforms man into the glorious image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18); thus, the man who was created of dust (Gen. 2:7) becomes transformed precious materials for God's building, which will consummate in the New Jerusalem.
- 2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
- 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.
3. By our transformation in life, we are becoming gold, silver, and precious stones for God's building—1 Cor. 3:12:
- 1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,
- a. In order to build with these materials, we ourselves must be constituted with them; we need the growth in the nature of God the Father, the redemption of God the Son, and the transformation of God the Spirit; this growth makes us gold, silver, and precious stones for God's building—vv. 12, 16-17.
- 1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,
- 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- 1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.
- b. Through our eating of Christ, along with our spiritual digestion, assimilation, and metabolism, Christ becomes us, and we become Him; then we become the precious materials for God's building—John 6:57; Eph. 3:17; Gal. 4:19.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,
4. God's eternal goal is the building—the temple built with precious materials on Christ as the unique foundation—1 Cor. 3:11-12, 16-17:
- 1 Cor 3:11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,
- 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- 1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

- a. The growth in the divine life produces materials for the building of God's habitation; this habitation, the church, is the increase, the enlargement, of the unlimited Christ—Eph. 2:21-22; John 3:29-34.
 - Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
 - Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
 - John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.
 - John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
 - John 3:31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is from the earth is of the earth and speaks out of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.
 - John 3:32 What He has seen and heard, of this He testifies, and no one receives His testimony.
 - John 3:33 He who receives His testimony has sealed that God is true.
 - John 3:34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit not by measure.
 - b. First, we have the farm for the growth in life; then we have the building for God's eternal purpose—1 Cor. 3:9; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:20-22; 4:16.
 - 1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.
 - Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
 - Eph 2:20 Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;
 - Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
 - Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
 - Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
5. The actual building of the church as the house of God is by the growth in life of the believers—1 Cor. 3:6-7, 16-17; Eph. 2:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:2-5:
- 1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.
 - 1 Cor 3:7 So then neither is he who plants anything nor he who waters, but God who causes the growth.
 - 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 - 1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.
 - Eph 2:20 Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;
 - Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
 - 1 Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,
 - 1 Pet 2:3 If you have tasted that the Lord is good.
 - 1 Pet 2:4 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,
 - 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- a. True building is the growth in life; the extent to which we have been built up is the extent to which we have grown.

- b. In order to have the genuine building, we need to grow by having ourselves reduced and by having Christ increased within us—Matt. 16:24; Eph. 3:17.
 - Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
 - Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- D. The final step of God's procedure in fulfilling His purpose is to work Himself into man to make man His counterpart, or complement—Gen. 2:18-25; Rev. 21:2, 9-10:
 - Gen 2:18 And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart.
 - Gen 2:19 Now Jehovah God had formed from the ground every animal of the field and every bird of heaven. And He brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called any living animal, that was its name.
 - Gen 2:20 And the man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of heaven and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper as his counterpart.
 - Gen 2:21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.
 - Gen 2:22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.
 - Gen 2:23 And the man said, This time this is bone of my bones / And flesh of my flesh; / This one shall be called Woman / Because out of Man this one was taken.
 - Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
 - Gen 2:25 And both the man and his wife were naked and were not ashamed before each other.
 - Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.
 - Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- 1. In order to produce a complement for Himself, God first became a man, as typified by God's creation of Adam—John 1:14; Rom. 5:14.
 - John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
 - Rom 5:14 But death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- 2. Adam's deep sleep for the producing of Eve as his wife typifies Christ's death on the cross for the producing of the church as His counterpart—Eph. 5:25-27.
 - Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her
 - Eph 5:26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,
 - Eph 5:27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.
- 3. The rib taken from Adam's opened side typifies the unbreakable, indestructible, eternal life of Christ, which flowed out of His pierced side to impart life to His believers for the building up of the church as His complement—Heb. 7:16; John 19:34.
 - Heb 7:16 Who has been appointed not according to the law of a fleshy commandment but according to the power of an indestructible life.
 - John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

4. Genesis 2:22 does not say that Eve was created but that she was built; the building of Eve with the rib taken from Adam's side typifies the building of the church with the resurrection life released from Christ through His death on the cross and imparted into His believers in His resurrection—John 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3.
 - Gen 2:22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.
 - John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
 - 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
5. Through such a process God in Christ has been wrought into man with His life and nature so that man can be the same as God in life and nature in order to match Him as His complement, His bride, His wife—Rev. 21:2, 9-10.
 - Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.
 - Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
6. The church as the real Eve is the totality of Christ in all His believers; only that which comes out of Christ with His resurrection life can be His complement and counterpart, the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 5:28-30.
 - 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
 - Eph 5:28 In the same way the husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his own wife loves himself.
 - Eph 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ also the church,
 - Eph 5:30 Because we are members of His Body.
7. At the end of the Bible is a city, New Jerusalem, the ultimate and eternal woman, the corporate bride, the wife of the Lamb, built with three precious materials, fulfilling for eternity the type shown in Genesis 2; thus, in type all the precious materials mentioned in verses 11 and 12 are for the building of the woman.
 - Gen 2:11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that goes around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
 - Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.