

**Announcements**

- The International Chinese Speaking Conference has been cancelled.
- On Saturday, February 8th, we will meet together at 10:00 am for important fellowship regarding the reading of the Ministry Digest.
- Brother Ricky Acosta will be in Spokane for a conference from February 7-9. The saints coming should make their own hospitality arrangements.
- The registration due date for the high school retreat is February 9th.
- The annual business meeting of the church in Bellevue will be February 9th.
- Parking in the fire lanes is not permitted, please only park in designated stalls.
- If you would like a tax report for 2019, please email [bellevuefinanceservice@googlegroups.com](mailto:bellevuefinanceservice@googlegroups.com).
- We will read the fourth chapter of the section “Maturing in Life” from Volume 1, Number 4 of the Ministry Digest.
- We will continue with the Holy Word for Morning Revival on “The One New Man Fulfilling God’s Purpose in Creating Man”, Week 9.
- We will begin the Holy Word for Morning Revival from the Thanksgiving Conference, please pick up a copy in the bookroom.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting will resume again on February 26.

**Burdens for Prayer**

- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Meeting hall modifications
- District meeting
- Children and YP meetings
- College work coordination
- Material offerings
- Coronavirus epidemic in China

**This Week: February 3 – February 9**

**Morning Revival:** *The One New Man Fulfilling God's Purpose in Creating Man*, week 9

**Hall Cleaning:** Downstairs – Bellevue College  
Upstairs – Hall Team

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30pm	Prayer meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30am	Breakfast
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30am	Lord's Table meeting
<b>February</b>		
<b>7-9</b>	Conference in Spokane with Ricky Acosta	
<b>8</b>	Fellowship regarding the ministry digest	
<b>March</b>		
<b>6-8</b>	High School Retreat	

**A DEEPER STUDY OF THE DIVINE DISPENSING**

Chapter 13

**THE DIVINE DISPENSING OF GOD'S PLAN IN HIS ECONOMY AND OF THE APOSTLE'S STEWARDSHIP MINISTERING THE RICHES OF CHRIST TO THE BELIEVERS AND BRINGING IN THE CHURCH FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S MULTIFARIOUS WISDOM**

**THE DIVINE DISPENSING OF THE APOSTLES' STEWARDSHIP**

The dispensing began with God's economy. Before the ages God, in the universe, had a desire in Himself, which was to work Himself into His chosen, created, redeemed, and regenerated people that He might be their life and their divine element. Although they are human, these people are born of God to have God's nature and God's life and to thus become God's genuine children. As such, these people become God's expression, and this expression becomes the Body of Christ, which is also the fullness of Christ. This fullness is the riches of the Triune God fully worked into His chosen, regenerated, and transformed people. In order to accomplish this, God in His economy must have an arrangement and a plan, and He must find some faithful and useful ones and entrust this responsibility to them. Among them the most important group are the first apostles. God gave them the stewardship so that they would be responsible to dispense all the riches of Christ to God's children, that is, to the Body of Christ. Paul's fourteen Epistles are a full revelation. They show

how Paul and his co-workers carried out the stewardship of distributing the riches of Christ in God's great household through the writing of the fourteen Epistles. These Epistles bring in an unsearchable and ever-fresh dispensing throughout the ages, even until today. What we are doing and touching here is this same dispensing. We are gathered into His name; that is, we are in His Spirit. Here we gather around His Word to consider the revelation in the Word, especially the vision revealed in the fourteen Epistles of Paul. If we see this vision, we will realize that our need is the riches of Christ dispensed to us by Paul. We do not need any spiritual cultivation or any reformation. We only need to receive this divine dispensing from Paul again and again in a slow and steady way from morning to evening and from evening to morning. Practically speaking, Christ in resurrection is the pneumatic Christ. Hence, everywhere and all the time, He can enter into us, be with us, and be our life and our element within.

Most Christians today have left the proper truth and have turned from the inward dispensing of Christ to human work, merits, and religion. We ourselves have been under this influence and are not free from it even up to today. Whenever we read something from the Bible, we make up our mind to do and to fulfill it. However, such determination should be condemned and rejected. God does not want us to determine to do what the Bible says; He only wants us to receive His dispensing.

I hope that all the brothers and sisters, whether old or young, whether they were saved recently or have served the Lord for a long time, would see a vision. Today God has no intention that we do anything by ourselves. It is true that whatever He wants us to do, we should do. But God wants us to do everything by depending on Him, by taking Him as life, and by allowing Him to dispense Himself into us. When we enjoy Him and experience Him, we can express Him. This is what God is after. After reading this, you do not need to make up your mind. All you need to do is sit quietly before the Lord. You do not need to kneel down. This does not mean that we must not kneel down. It means that to kneel down is not a necessity. If you remain quietly before the Lord and allow your spirit to reflect within you the light that you have seen in the last few days, you will realize that what you need and lack is not to do something but to receive His dispensing day by day. You need to receive the Lord's word every day and contact His Spirit. In this way the Lord will become your supply. If you have a bad temper and are used to losing your temper at your wife and children, you may think, "After reading these chapters, I feel really shameful. I have been a Christian for twenty-eight years. Today I still get mad at my wife and children. This is to my shame. When I go home, I have to fast for three days and ask the Lord to save me, to have pity on me, and to change my temper. I do not have the strength

in myself. I cannot do it. But I am willing to trust in the Lord and to ask Him to change me.” I can tell you that this prayer will surely not be answered. This kind of prayer is an insult to God. He wants to enter into you to become you and to replace you. You have to hand yourself over to Him. He will then give Himself to you. He will live a grafted life with you. When two trees are grafted together, they do not exchange their lives. Rather, the two lives are mingled as one life, and the two trees are mingled as one tree. Both are living, yet they do not live separately. Rather, they live mutually within one another. The grafted branch lives in the tree, and the tree lives in the grafted branch. The two lives become one life, and the two livings become one living. This is the grafted life, and this is also the mingled life.

Galatians 2:20 speaks of such a life. After saying, “I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live,” it says, “But it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith.” The life which I now live is a life in which Christ is living Himself out from me. It is true that Christ lives, but He lives in us. We need to see clearly that what the Lord desires is that we and He would be mingled as one. The Lord is our person, and we are His expression; the two become one. “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit” (1 Cor. 6:17). The center of all of Paul’s Epistles with their thousands of words and instructions is this: Christ living in us and being expressed through us. We do not need to do or to perform anything. This is the stewardship that Paul received. For the past two thousand years he has been doing this work of dispensing on earth. Although he is not with us today, his word is still here. Although he has passed away, he is still speaking. Through these speakings, the riches of the pneumatic Christ are dispensed little by little into us. In this way Christ increases in us, and through this increase we grow in life. In this growth our self, our natural man, is diminished and annulled, and we are delivered from our self and are joined to the saints to be built into God’s habitation, which is the church.

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<b>Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes</b>	
Lord’s Day, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gen. 18:1-33
Monday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gen. 19:1-38
Tuesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 20:1-18
Wednesday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 21:1-34
Thursday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 22:1-24
Friday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 23:1 – 24:27
Saturday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 24:28-67