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**GENERAL SUBJECT: COOPERATING WITH THE MOVING TRIUNE GOD IN THE DIVINE  
DISPENSING OF THE DIVINE TRINITY**

**Message One**

**The Divine Intention of God's Economy and the Stewardship of God for the Carrying Out of the  
Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:5, 9-11; 3:2, 9-11, 14-21; 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 9:17; 2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 4:11

- I. The most crucial and mysterious matter revealed in the Bible is that God's ultimate intention is to work Himself in Christ into His chosen and redeemed people to make them His corporate expression—Eph. 3:14-21:**
- A. God's eternal intention is to have Christ wrought into our being to make us Christ-men, who are filled, possessed, and saturated with Christ and by Christ; there is nothing more important or basic **in** the whole universe than this matter—Rev. 4:11; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Col. 3:4, 10-11.
  - B. The intention of God's economy is to dispense Himself into His chosen people, making them one with Him; to dispense Christ with all His riches into His believers chosen by God for the constitution of the Body of **Christ**, the church, in order to express the processed and consummated Triune God; and **to** head up all things in Christ in the new heaven and new earth—5:32; 3:8-10; 1:10.
- II. The accomplishment of the divine economy is by the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:3-23; 3:14-21:**
- A. Everything that is mentioned in the New Testament concerning God is related to the divine dispensing for the divine economy—Rom. 8:3, 11; Eph. 1:3-23.
  - B. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the unique way to build up the church, which is the Body of Christ and the dwelling place of God—Eph. 4:16; 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15.
  - C. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the base of and the supply to the believers in their daily living—2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-17a:
    - 1. We need to receive the divine dispensing little by little, day by day, receiving this dispensing again and again in a slow, steady way—Matt. 6:11; Psa. 68:19.
    - 2. The processed and consummated Triune God is within us not in a spectacular way but in an ordinary way; for this reason, we need to live a steady and normal Christian life; the less special and the more normal we are, the better—Col. 1:27; 3:4; Eph. 3:16-17a.
    - 3. Our destiny is to live an ordinary life **in the** divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11.
    - 4. The way for the believers to experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity in their daily living is to eat, digest, and assimilate Jesus as food—John 6:35, 51-57.
- Hi The economy of God has become the stewardship of God given to the apostles and to all the believers—3:2, 9; Col. 1:25; 1 Cor. 9:17:**
- A. **In** Ephesians 3 Paul uses the Greek word *oikonomia* with two denotations:
    - 1. In relation to God, *oikonomia* denotes God's economy—v. 9.
    - 2. In relation to us, *oikonomia* denotes the stewardship—v. 2.

- B. When the economy of God came to the apostles, it became the stewardship of God 1Cor. 9:17; Eph. 3:2, 9; Col. 1:25.
- C. The stewardship of God is the dispensing of the processed and consummated Triune God in Christ into His chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people so that He may be their life, their life supply, and their everything for the building up of the church as the unique Body of Christ to be 'Es corporate expression—Eph. 3:14-21; Col. 1:25; 3:4, 10-11.
- D. The faithful steward is one who gives food to the believers in the church by ministering the word of God and Christ as the life supply—Matt. 24:45.
- E. The economy of God and the stewardship of God are actually one; this means that we should be doing what God is doing—carrying out the economy of God through the stewardship of God with the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity— Eph. 1:10; 3:2, 9.

**IV. The stewardship of God is the stewardship of the grace of God—the dispensing of the grace of God into God's chosen people for the building up of the church—vv. 2,14-21:**

- A. According to the context of Ephesians 3, the stewardship of the grace of God is the dispensing of the unsearchable riches of Christ to others as grace—vv. 2, 8.
- B. Grace is God Himself as our enjoyment; in Christ and through Christ we receive God, **and** God becomes our enjoyment—John 1:14, 16-17:
  1. The stewardship of grace is the dispensing of God into others to be their enjoyment—2 Cor. 13:14.
  2. Because we partake of God as our enjoyment, we can dispense Him as grace into others; this is the stewardship of the grace of God—Eph. 3:2.

**V. The stewardship of God is the ministry in God's New Testament economy— 2 Cor. 4:1:**

- A. Out of the stewardship comes the New Testament ministry, and this ministry corresponds with God's economy; that is, it corresponds with God's dispensing of Himself into His chosen people for the building up of the Body of Christ— Eph. 4:16.
- B. The real, genuine, adequate ministry in the New Testament is the divine stewardship, which ministers the Triune God in Christ to others as their life and life supply—2 Cor. 4:1; 13:14.

**VI. For the church to exist and stand properly in a living way, there is the need for the stewardship of God—Eph. 3:1-12:**

- A. All those who take the lead in the Lord's recovery and have responsibility for the care of the churches should share in this stewardship by dispensing the riches of Christ into others—Titus 1:7, 9.
- B. Every member of the Body has the privilege of dispensing the unsearchable riches of Christ into both believers and unbelievers—Eph. 4:12.
- C. We all should be good stewards of the varied grace of God, distributing the riches of Christ to nourish all the saints in the church—1 Pet. 4:10.