

<p>I. The direction of the Lord's move today is to build up the organic Body of Christ as the organism of the processed and dispensing God in His Divine Trinity for His full expression: <u>Eph. 4:16</u> 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.</p>	<p>A. This organic Body is full of Christ Himself and is built up with Himself as the life-giving Spirit, who is the essence and reality of the Body of Christ. <u>Eph. 4:4</u> One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;</p>
<p>II. The Body of Christ is a divine constitution of the Triune God with the believers in Christ:</p>	<p>B. Such a Body becomes the organism of the processed and consummated Triune God, who is dispensing Himself in His Divine Trinity to saturate the Body of Christ organically so that it might be His full expression in the universe</p>
<p>III. God's economy is to produce a Body for His Son; this Body fulfills God's desire for His expression and the destruction of Satan:  <u>Rom. 12:4</u> For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,  <u>5</u> So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.</p>	<p>A. The Father, the Son, the Spirit, and man are blended and built together to become the Body of Christ.                  B. The building up of the Body is the constitution of the Triune God and the tripartite man in the Spirit of God and the spirit of man:                  1. This constitution is the union, mingling, and incorporation of God and man.                  2. Such a constitution is a matter of divinity constituted into humanity to be man's dwelling place and of humanity built into divinity to be God's dwelling place.                  C. The Body of Christ is an organism, both divine and human, to express Christ.                  A. The work of the Triune God in us is to produce and build up the Body of Christ.                  B. The ministry of the new covenant is for the producing of the Body of Christ; without the new covenant ministry, there is no possibility to bring forth the Body of Christ.                  C. The Body is the intrinsic significance of the church; without the Body, the church makes no sense and has no meaning.                  D. All the problems in the church today are due to ignorance concerning the Body; the biggest problem, the unique problem, is not knowing the Body, not caring for the Body, and not honoring the Body.                  E. To know the Body is the proper recovery of the Lord; the Lord desires to recover the Body of Christ and the oneness of the Body.                  F. The Lord has an urgent need on earth; He desires that the reality of the Body of Christ will be expressed in the local churches:                  1. What the Lord wants today is not only the churches on the ground of locality—one locality, one church—but also the Body in its fullness. <u>Eph. 1:23</u> Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.                  2. Unless there is a substantial expression of the Body, the Lord Jesus will not return.</p>
<p>IV. The Body is the governing law of the life and work of the children of God:  <u>1 Cor. 12:12</u> 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.</p>	<p>A. The church, the ministry, and the work are all on the ground of the Body:                  1. The churches are the Body expressed locally, the ministry is the Body in function, and the work is the Body seeking increase                  2. The church is the life of the Body in miniature, the ministry is the functioning of the Body in service, and the work is the reaching out of the Body in growth                  B. The church, the ministry, and the work derive their existence from, find their place in, and work for the good of the Body:                  1. The importance of this principle cannot be overemphasized, for without it everything is man-made, not God-created.                  2. If this principle of relatedness to the Body and interrelatedness among its members is not recognized, there can be no church, no ministry, and no work.</p>
<p>V. The Lord's recovery is based upon the truth that Christ has only one Body: <u>Eph. 4:4</u> One</p>	<p>A. The one Body is the one church of God, manifested in many localities as local churches. <u>Rev. 1:11</u> Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.                  B. The Lord's recovery is for the building up of the Body of Christ; the recovery is for the Body, not for any individual or merely for any individual local church                  C. In our consideration the Body should be first, and the local churches should be second. <u>Eph. 2:21</u> In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; <u>22</u> In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.                  D. The Body of Christ is the goal of God's economy, and the local churches are the procedure God takes to reach the goal of His economy</p>

<p>Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;</p>	<p>E. All the local churches are the unique Body of Christ in the universe:</p>	<p>1. Every local church is part of the unique, universal Body of Christ, a local expression of the Body <u>1 Cor. 1:2</u> To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours.</p> <p>2. Universally, all the local churches are one Body, and locally, every local church is a local expression of the universal Body.</p> <p>3. The universal Christ has part of Himself in every local church; every local church is a part of Christ, and all these parts constitute the Body.</p>	
<p>VI. We need to be universal Christians with a universal view of the universal Body of Christ: <u>Eph. 1:17</u> That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him, <u>18</u> The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <u>19</u> And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength, <u>20</u> Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, <u>21</u> Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come; <u>22</u> And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, <u>23</u> Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.</p>	<p>A. The Body of Christ is the mystical Body of the universal, all-inclusive, all-extensive Christ: <u>Eph. 3:19</u> And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.</p>	<p>1. Christ, the Head, ascended far above all the heavens, and we are the mystical Body, the fullness, of this Christ. <u>Eph. 4:10</u> He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things.</p> <p>2. The Body is the fullness, the expression, of the Christ who fills all things:</p>	<p>a. Christ is the Head over all things to the church, the church is the Body of this universal Christ, and the Body of this universal Christ is the fullness of the One who fills all in all.</p> <p>b. Christ Himself is universally vast, universally extensive, and the Body is the fullness of this universally vast and extensive Christ; this means that the Body also is universal <u>Eph. 3:18</u> May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are <u>19</u> And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.</p> <p>c. Ephesians 4:10 says, “He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things”:</p> <p>(1) All things must surely include the entire universe. (2) The result of Christ’s descending and ascending is that He fills all things, the whole universe.</p>
<p>B. A universal Christian is one who has the universal view presented in Ephesians 1:22-23 and 4:10:</p>	<p>1. Although we may have a view of the Body, our view may be very small compared to a universal view of the Body of Christ.</p> <p>2. We need to get out of our small, narrow self and be in an ecstasy, seeing and touching the universal Body of Christ—the fullness, the expression, of the universal, unlimited Christ.</p> <p>3. We need to be overwhelmed by the vision of the immensity of the universal Body of Christ: <u>Rev. 21:10</u> 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,</p> <p>a. Like John, who was carried away in spirit onto a high mountain to see the New Jerusalem, we need to be carried away in spirit to a “high mountain” to have a universal view of the universal Body of Christ.</p> <p>b. In our spirit we need to have a view of the universal Body, which is infinitely greater than anything that has ever entered into our mind concerning the Body of Christ.</p> <p>4. The goal of God’s economy is to build up the universal Body of Christ, and it is such a universal Body that will consummate in the New Jerusalem. <u>Rev. 21:2</u> And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.</p>		

## Experience

① **The direction of the Lord's move today is, first, to build up His organic a Body full of Himself and built up with Himself as the life-giving Spirit, who is the essence, the element, and the reality of the church as the organic Body of Christ. Such a Body becomes the organism of the processed Triune God, who is dispensing Himself in His Divine Trinity to saturate the Body of Christ.**

**We commonly say that the Body of Christ is universal, whereas the church is local. However, the Body of Christ is not a matter of being universal or local, but the outward framework without the inward element, the Body would be a dead corpse. With the outward framework, there must also be the inward element; then it is a living and organic Body. Today God has made those whom He redeemed, regenerated, and transformed to be the outward framework. God Himself, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, is the inward element.**

Serving model: There are various services in the church life. Birthing, nurturing, perfecting, and building are spiritual services but there are also purchasing of meeting hall, cleaning up meeting hall and other material world related services. No matter what the service may be, if you do not have the element of Triune God inside, the service itself will be in vain. As we tend to value the outer form and rules, even when we are in church life, we may serve formally and lose sight of its essence.

The brothers and sisters form the framework outside the Body of Christ, but there has to be Triune God inside. Even if you are busy with church life on the outside, you may lose sight of the essential content inside. In fact, this is not only in church services but also exactly the same in business life, school life, and marriage life. People who lose sight of essential qualities can never function well. For this, when you try to understand things in serving, utilize your spirit and set your mind on the spirit. Also, open your heart and fellowship with the brothers and sisters. In many cases, your natural life is exposed, and you need to experience the cross and deal with it. And serve not with your natural life but with Christ's life and person. If you experience Christ and the cross, you will be transformed and be able to serve meaningfully with essential content. Hallelujah!

② **Today the Lord has an urgent need on the earth. He needs the reality of the Body to be expressed in each locality. Instead of living by our natural man, we live by Christ and in the spirit. This is the way we grow. Every day we put off our natural being and live in the spirit. There is no natural person here; only Christ is here. We are all one in Christ. What the Lord wants today is not only the churches on the ground of locality—one locality, one church—but also the Body as His fullness. What the Lord wants today is the Body, the fullness.**

**What the Lord wants today is not your spirituality or your cultivation; He wants the Body. There is only one Body. Brothers and sisters, I can assure you that, unless there is a substantial expression of the Body, the Lord Jesus will never return. The Lord said,**

**"I come quickly," but He has not yet returned. Why? Because the Body is not here; because the Body has not yet been manifested on the earth.**

Business life model: In the English language, business life is literally busy life. But no matter how busy you may be, it does not always bring you the business success. For example, someone would work extra time to earn overtime pay or to show the superior that he is a hard worker by working overtime. Such overtime will surely fail because the goal is not focused on the matter of business success. Asian people understand that their labor efficiency is extremely low compared to the developed countries in Europe and the United States. There are several causes to that, but the most important ones among them are (1) rather than looking at the ultimate goal, they only look at superficial short-term matters, (2) because of self-interest consideration only, and not seeing the project as a whole, only pay attention to the partial appropriateness, but not seeing the overall suitability. In the church life of the Lord's recovery, it is repeatedly emphasized weekly each week that the goal of church life is to build the Body of Christ by supplying the words of duty. This helps you and rescues you from the fruitless busyness, gives you tremendous help to fruitful results in your business life. Therefore, do not think that a busy church life disturbs your business life. Instead, church life fulfills you and can lead you to a successful business life. Amen!

③ **It is my desire that you see the light, broaden your view, and realize that we are in God's eternal economy, that you would allow God to have the Body of Christ on the earth.... It is not enough for us merely to have a local view, nor is it enough to have an international view. We must have universal view.**

**In the book of Revelation the apostle John told us that he was carried away in spirit onto a high mountain to see the holy city, New Jerusalem. The reason that we need to be on a mountain (which signifies resurrection and ascension) is that the building of God is something in the resurrection and ascension of Christ, and we need to be in an elevated position in order to see the vision of God's building.**

School life model: The Bible says "Let no one despise your youth." (1 Timothy 4:12) You were chosen by God before the world foundation was put in and were called in the time of this last era. And by Lord's mercy, a church life in recovery. That is bring in the second coming of Christ by building up the Body of Christ and carrying out God's economy in the body life. Never should you think that because these matters are much too high, at a glance they may have nothing to do with your daily life, so rather than a dreamlike story, it would be better to pass a test or find a good job instead. Of course, the life within God's economy, correct humanity and normal life are necessary, so God will look after these things. But first you need to stare at the matters of God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and seek for them crazily. If you do this through faith, God will certainly respect your wishes and accomplish them for you. Amen!

606 建造と合一—主を記念する

1. われらは主のからだなり、  
かずはおおくともち。  
肢たいとされたいのちで、  
われらは完ぜんにいち。  
(復)宇宙でひとつのからだ、地じょうであらわす。  
地方合いつの立ち場で、われらはあらわす。
2. みからだしめすひとつパン、  
さかれ分けあたえらる。  
パンを食べ、ともにあずかる、  
そは真のいちのあかし。
3. ひとつパン、ひとつさかずき、  
分れつは不可能と告ぐ。  
めぐみを受けたもの言う、  
「アーメン、主よ、われらはいち」。
4. キリストより出たいちを、  
だれも分離させられず。  
いちのなかで食べ飲みす、  
しかと見しこの事じつ。
5. このいちにみなぶんあり、  
そはみこころを満たす。  
かの日のまえあじわいに、  
新郎新婦はいちとなる。

#611 在宇宙中只有一个身体

1. 主、我们是你身体在此聚集，人数虽多，我们仍然是一。  
你的生命使我们成为肢体，在生命里，我们完全是一。  
(副) 在宇宙中只有一个身体，我们将她彰显于地；  
我们站住地方一的立场，让所有人同来观赏。
2. 这一个饼乃是表明你身体，曾被擘开，好使众圣分享；  
我们吃饼，如此一同领受你，藉此见证我们真正是一。
3. 现在桌上陈列着一饼一杯，说出我们不能分门别类；  
同蒙主恩，还有什么话可说，惟有喊说：“阿们，我们是一！”
4. 我们是一，不能再被谁分离，因为这“一”出自基督自己。  
同一饼杯，我们在这一里吃，有目共睹这个一的事实。
5. 何等喜乐，能有分于这个一！我们深觉，主，这使你满意！  
满足之中，我们预尝了那日，新郎新妇那最甜美的一。

#1107. Praise of the Lord – Remembrance of Him

1. We're gathered here, O Lord, as Thy one Body:  
Though we be many, yet we all are one.  
We share Thy life and own that we are members,  
And thus within, in life we all are one.  
(Chorus)  
There is one Body in this universe,  
And we express it here on earth;  
We stand as one in each locality  
For all to see, for all to see.
2. There is one loaf, the symbol of Thy body:  
'Twas broken so that all the saints may share.  
We eat this bread and, as we are partaking,  
Our actual oneness with all saints declare.
3. One bread, one cup are now upon the table,  
Showing that we can be naught else but one.  
Christ has redeemed us, made us His own Body:  
What can we say but, "Amen, Lord, we're one!"
4. We stand as one, and cannot be divided,  
Because our oneness is of Christ alone.  
We eat as one: one loaf, one cup partaking,  
And thus our oneness visibly is shown.
5. Oh, what a joy to have this blessed oneness!  
We sense that Thou, O Lord, art satisfied:  
And we too share this blissful satisfaction—  
Sweet foretaste of the Bridegroom with His Bride.