2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING

Week 24

Day 1

Outline

Roman number 1.

Ephesians 4 7 to 16 presents to us Christ as the Giver of gifts for the intrinsic building up of the organic Body of Christ; this building up is by the giving, the dispensing, of the divine grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ:

Capital A

Every member of the Body of Christ is an indispensable gift to the Body.

Number 1.

The gift of Christ is a person constituted with Christ's life and element dispensed into him by the Divine Trinity.

Number 2.

Each gifted person has a measure, and the divine grace is given, dispensed, into him according to that measure.

Capital B.

The intrinsic building up of the organic Body of Christ is by the giving of the gifted persons, such as apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds and teachers, who are constituted by the dispensing of the Divine Trinity, by Christ as the Head in His ascension, including His resurrection, to the Body of Christ.

Number 1.

Ephesians 4 8 says, Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men.

Small a.

Height in the quotation from Psalm 68 18 refers to Mount Zion, symbolizing the third heaven, where God dwells.

Small b.

Psalm 68 implies that it was in the Ark that God ascended to Mount Zion after the Ark had won the victory; this portrays how Christ has won the victory and ascended triumphantly to the heavens.

Small c.

Through His universal traffic and in His ascension, Christ led as captives those who had been taken captive by Satan and made them gifts to His Body.

Parentheses 1

The redeemed saints had been taken captive by Satan before they were saved by Christ's death and resurrection.

Parentheses 2

In His ascension Christ led them captive; that is, He rescued them from Satan's captivity and took them to Himself.

Parentheses 3

In His ascension Christ led them to the heavens as His captives in His train of vanquished foes and made them gifts to His Body.

Parentheses 4

Now Christ is celebrating His triumph over them, His vanquished foes, and is leading them as His captives in a triumphal procession in His move for His ministry to build up His Body.

Number 2.

The more Christ ascends and descends within us, capturing and vanquishing us, the more He fills us with Himself to constitute us as gifts to His Body.

This is the end of Today’s outline.