

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Special Fellowship

**The Humanity Needed to Be the
Testimony of Jesus in this Age**

Scripture Reading: Exo. 25:10-11; 26:15, 19; 1 Tim. 3:15-16; 1 Thes. 4:3-4; Phil. 4:8; 2:5-8;
2 Tim. 2:22; 3:16; 1:7; 4:22; Judg. 5:15, 16

I. From the types in the Scriptures we can see the need of a proper humanity for the church life—Exo. 25:10-11; 26:15, 19:

- A. We have seen that the Ark and the tabernacle signify Christ and the church—the Ark is Christ and the tabernacle is the enlargement of the Ark; just as the tabernacle is the enlargement of the Ark, so the church is the increase and enlargement of Christ—Exo. 25:10-11:
 - 1. It is not called the Ark of gold but the Ark of acacia wood, indicating that the main and basic structure of the Ark is wood; wood in typology always signifies humanity, and acacia wood typifies the humanity of Jesus.
 - 2. Gold, which in typology signifies the divine nature, overlays the wood, which is the human nature, so Christ as the Ark is the human nature overlaid with the divine nature.
- B. The boards of the tabernacle were also made with the same material and in the same way—acacia wood overlaid with gold—26:15, 29:
 - 1. The boards are to be standing up; gold is valuable, weighty, and shining, but gold is not capable of standing by itself; in order for the boards of the tabernacle to stand up, there is the need for the acacia wood—v. 15.
 - 2. We need humanity, and we also need divinity, but it is the humanity in the church that causes the church to stand up—1 Tim. 3:15-16.
 - 3. The church is the church of the living God; the church must have God living in it, and this church of the living God is the pillar and base of the reality:
 - a. Greek architecture utilized columns or pillars which supported the entire building; the church of the living God is just like such pillars with a base to hold Christ as the reality.
 - b. For the church to be such a pillar to hold Christ as the reality, the proper humanity of Jesus is required.
- C. We are in exactly the same kind of situation today as was the early church; at that time the church was degraded and society was ruined; it is clear that it is the same today—1 Thes. 4:3-4:
 - 1. We must all realize that we are in a situation that requires the Lord's humanity for His recovery; there must be a group of people to stand against the tide of this age—cf. 2 Tim. 3:1-5.
 - 2. It is abundantly clear that we need a strong, adequate, and proper humanity in order to have the Lord's recovery in such a degraded time; we need the humanity of Jesus to stand up in such a degraded age—Phil. 4:8-9; 2:5-8.
- D. In 2 Timothy we are able to see the apostle Paul's concept concerning five ways to take the humanity of Jesus—2 Tim. 2:22; 3:16; 1:7; 4:22:
 - 1. The first was to call on the name of the Lord from a pure heart; when we call on the name of the Lord, we are really taking His humanity into us—2 Tim. 2:22.
 - 2. We not only need to call on the Lord, but we must also breathe in every word of the Scriptures; this is simply to pray-read the Word—3:16.

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3. The third item is the Body life; Paul did not say simply to call on the Lord by yourself but with “those”—this is a corporate life; we enjoy the Lord’s humanity by being with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart—2:22.
 4. Fourth, Paul tells us that we have a spirit to exercise—1:7.
 5. Fifth, we have a wonderful Person in our spirit: “The Lord be with your spirit”—4:22.
- E. We must pray for the entire situation of the Lord’s recovery, that all the brothers and sisters in the local churches may have a full enjoyment of the humanity of Jesus; then we will be the acacia boards, standing steadfastly against the current of this evil age; this will be our strong testimony, and this will bring the recovery of the local church life to all the leading cities.

II. In these last days before the Lord’s coming, we must be those who have great resolutions in heart and great searchings of heart—Judg. 5:15b, 16b:

- A. May all the young people, starting from today, be willing to have great resolutions in heart and great searchings of heart.
- B. To have great resolve is to make a firm decision; to have a great searching is to devise a plan; this is not just to have resolve but to have great resolve, and not just to make a plan but to make a great plan.
- C. May today be the day that you have a great resolve and make a great plan to live for God on this earth.

FOCUS: *We need to see that for the testimony of Jesus in Europe there is the need for uplifted humanity, the humanity of Jesus in a generation of young people who are not merely spiritual but are standing boards for His house, the church. They build themselves up in the humanity of Jesus by calling, pray-reading, pursuing with companions in the Body, by exercising their spirit and being one spirit with the Lord. We must all make great resolutions in heart and have great searchings of heart to live for God on the earth at the end times for His testimony.*