

KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING LIFE

Session Five

The Sense of Life and Obeying the Teaching of the Anointing

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:6; Eph. 4:19; 1 John 2:20, 27; John 1:1, 14; 1 Cor. 15:45b;
Exo. 30:23-25; Rom. 8:2, 4, 6, 13

Outline

I. The sense of life—Every kind of life has sense; after we are regenerated, we have the sense of the divine life; the experience of life has much to do with knowing the sense, developing the sense, and living by the sense of life—Rom. 8:6; Eph. 4:19:

- A. The scriptural basis for the sense of life is found in two places: Romans 8:6 says, “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace”; and Ephesians 4:19 says that the Gentiles “Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness”; the Scripture thus beseeches us that we might take care of our inner sense of life.
- B. The source of the sense of life is the life of God, the law of life, the Holy Spirit, Christ, and God; all these cause us to have a feeling within, and this feeling is what we call the sense of life.
- C. The function of the sense of life is to let us know continuously whether we are living in the natural life or in the life of the Spirit, in the flesh or in the spirit; this is what the sense of life makes known to us continuously, and it is for this that we have the sense of life.

II. Obeying the teaching of the anointing:

- A. The meaning of the anointing—the anointing refers to the moving of the Holy Spirit—1 John 2:27; cf. Exo. 30:23-25:
 - 1. The all-inclusive Spirit is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God; therefore when we talk about the all-inclusive Spirit, we are talking about the Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit, who went through a process to consummate in the Spirit.
 - 2. This all-inclusive Spirit is typified by the compound ointment in the Old Testament—Exo. 30:23-25.
 - 3. Since the Spirit is a living person, He is always moving; He is moving within us to sanctify us, to separate us from the common worldly things, so that we may be filled with the holy nature of God, adding all that God is to us.
- B. The purpose of God’s salvation is achieved through the anointing; the central purpose of God’s salvation is to work Himself into human beings and be mingled with them as one and the function of the anointing is to anoint God into us so that we may be mingled with God as one.
- C. Concerning the teaching of the anointing, the Holy Spirit attends to the anointing, and we take care of the obedience; if there is no obedience, it is difficult to have the experience of the anointing.
- D. If we desire to have the experience of walking according to the spirit, we need to know what is the teaching of the anointing and what is the feeling derived from the inward

moving of the Holy Spirit; it is only in this feeling that we are able to walk according to the spirit—Gal. 5:16, 25; 1 John 2:27.

FOCUS: *The burden of this lesson is to make the matter of the sense of life and the anointing very practical and applicable to the young people in their daily lives. The whole of our inner life is tied to this matter of the sense of life and the anointing. How important it is that the young people are helped to know these vital intrinsic matters of life!*

READING MATERIALS:

The Knowledge of Life, chapter 5

The Experience of Life, chapter 7

Further Talks on the Knowledge of Life, chapters 9-10, 17

Practical Lessons on the Experience of Life, chapters 5, 8

Basic Principles of the Experience of Life, chapter 16

Questions

1. How is the sense of life revealed in Romans 8:6? Have you had such an experience today?
2. According to Ephesians 4:19, what is the result of forsaking our inner feelings?
3. Is our inward, peace affected by our environment? Explain.
4. Name some of the feelings included in the sense of life; the sense of death.
5. What is the function of the sense of life?
6. What is the meaning of the word anointing?
7. Describe the process through which the Spirit was formed.
8. Name the ingredients of the ointment in Exodus 30 and tell what each represents.
9. What is the central purpose of God's salvation? How is the anointing a factor?
10. What is the teaching of the anointing?

Memory Verses

- Rom. 8:6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.
- Eph. 4:19** Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.
- 1 John 2:27** And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.
- Col. 3:15** And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.
- John 15:4-5** Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- John 4:24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.