

# KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING LIFE

Session Six

## The Fellowship of Life and Obeying the Teaching of the Anointing

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:6; Eph. 4:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1; 1 John 1:1-7; 2:27; 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 fellowship of life:

- A. The source of the fellowship of the eternal life is the life of God; the life of God entering into us enables us to have fellowship; since this fellowship comes out of the life of God, it is the fellowship of life—1 John 1:2-3.
- B. The Holy Spirit is the medium of the fellowship of life; the life of God rests in the Holy Spirit of God, and it is through the Holy Spirit of God that the life of God enters into us and lives in us—2 Cor. 13:14.
- C. The meaning of the fellowship of life is “joint participation,” or “common participation”; it is the flow of the eternal life within all the believers who have received and possess the divine life—2 Cor. 13:14; cf. Phil. 2:1.
- D. We must pay much attention to maintain the fellowship of life—it is very important for us to realize that the believers’ relationship in life with God is unbreakable; but their fellowship with Him is breakable—1 John 1:7.
- E. The function of the fellowship of life is to inwardly supply us with all that is in the life of God; all the fullness in God is supplied to us through the fellowship of life.
- F. First John 1 reveals a cycle in our spiritual life formed of four crucial things—the eternal life, the fellowship of the eternal life, the divine light, and the blood of Jesus the Son of God; eternal life issues in the fellowship of the divine life, the fellowship of eternal life brings in the divine light, and the divine light increases the need of the blood of Jesus the Son of God—1 John 1:1-7.

#### II. The anointing:

- A. There is a very close relationship between the anointing and the fellowship of life; the fellowship of life is the flowing of life, the flowing together of God and all those possessing His life, whereas the anointing is the mingling of God with all those belonging to Him.
- B. A very close relationship also exists between the anointing and applying the blood; the sprinkling of the blood is to cleanse away all that should not be there and the anointing of the ointment is to anoint us with the elements of God, even with God Himself.
- C. Knowing the teaching of the anointing—1 John 2:20, 27; Heb. 8:11:
  1. The teaching of the anointing comes from the anointing and is the result of our being anointed; when the anointing is moving within us, on the one hand, it anoints God into us, and on the other hand, it reveals God’s mind to us—1 John 2:20, 27.
  2. Although the teaching of the anointing comes from the anointing these two occupy different parts in our being; the anointing is in our spirit, whereas the teaching of the anointing is in our mind.
  3. The normal feeling of the conscience is derived from the Holy Spirit, who is in our spirit, and passes through our mind to enlighten us; this enlightenment is also a kind

of anointing of the Holy Spirit as the ointment; therefore, the feeling of the conscience and the teaching of the anointing are both derived from the feeling of the anointing.

D. Obedience to the teaching of the anointing:

1. In order to live in fellowship, we must live in the anointing and always sense the anointing; if we obey the teaching of the anointing constantly, we can constantly experience the anointing and live in fellowship.
2. With the anointing, the reality of His presence and sense of the light from His face follow; therefore, by the anointing we can experience the presence of God in a practical way—2 Cor. 3:18.
3. The teaching of the anointing is the center of all spiritual experience and is also a very wonderful part of God's salvation; may we pay more attention to it and experience it more.

**FOCUS:** *The burden of this lesson is to lead the young people one step further. Once we understand the sense of life, we can begin to enjoy the fellowship of life and the anointing becomes much more meaningful to us. This lesson also stresses the need to obey the teaching of the anointing to remain in the fellowship of life.*

**READING MATERIALS:**

*The Knowledge of Life*, chapter 6

*The Experience of Life*, chapter 7

*Further Talks on the Knowledge of Life*, chapters 11, 17

*Practical Lessons on the Experience of Life*, chapters 4, 8

*Basic Principles of the Experience of Life*, chapter 7, 16

**Questions**

1. What is the source of the fellowship of life? Have you enjoyed it today?
2. What can cause the fellowship of life to be severed?
3. Using 1 John 1:1-7, explain the cycle in our spiritual life.
4. What is the relationship between the anointing and the applying of the blood?
5. What is the teaching of the anointing?
6. What are the two things we need in order to follow the teaching of the anointing?
7. What is the difference between the feeling of the conscience and the teaching of the anointing?

**Memory Verses**

**1 John 1:2** (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us).

**1 John 1:3** That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.



