

Joint Meeting of the Church in Los Angeles
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Living and Serving in the Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity

Eph. 3:2 If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you.

Eph. 3:8-9 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel and to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things.

2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Phil. 1:5 For your fellowship unto the furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now.

- I. The central point of the whole Bible is the desire of God's heart to dispense Himself into His chosen and redeemed people for His corporate expression—Phil. 2:13; Eph. 1:5, 9; 3:17-21.**
- II. God's intention in His economy is to dispense Christ with all His riches into His believers for the constitution of the Body of Christ, the church, to express the processed and consummated Triune God; this is the central line of the divine revelation—Eph. 1:3-23.**
- III. The economy of God has become the stewardship of God given to the apostles and to all the believers—Eph. 3:2, 9; Col. 1:25; 1 Cor. 9:17.**
- IV. The stewardship of God is the stewardship of the grace of God—the dispensing of the grace of God into God's chosen people for the building up of the church—Eph. 3:2, 14-21:**
 - A. According to the context of Ephesians 3, the stewardship of the grace of God is the dispensing of the unsearchable riches of Christ to others as grace—Eph. 3:2, 8.
 - B. Grace is God Himself as our enjoyment; in Christ and through Christ we receive God, and God becomes our enjoyment—John 1:14, 16-17:
 1. The stewardship of grace is the dispensing of God into others to be their enjoyment—2 Cor. 13:14.
 2. Because we partake of God as our enjoyment, we can dispense Him as grace into others; this is the stewardship of the grace of God—Eph. 3:2.
 - C. Every member of the Body has the privilege of dispensing the unsearchable riches of Christ into both believers and unbelievers—Eph. 3:1-12:
 1. In every aspect of the practical church life, we need to fulfill our stewardship, being filled with Christ and ministering the riches of Christ—Eph. 3:2, 8-9.
 2. With God the riches of Christ are His economy, with us they are the stewardship, and when they are dispensed by us into others, they become God's dispensing; hence, we have the divine economy, the divine stewardship, and the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Eph. 3:2, 9; 2 Cor. 13:14.

Fellowship concerning the Present Direction of the Church in Los Angeles

Our direction is to build up a vital, group-based, house-to-house church life around the campuses and young people with a prevailing testimony of oneness across all languages, halls, and districts.

All the saints in Los Angeles can participate in the move of the Lord not by waiting to move somewhere, but by being related in life, shepherding, and fruitbearing with the saints surrounding them. As we are built up in vital groups the overflow of life will be the Lord's spontaneous move in Los Angeles. This church life is attainable if we pay the price to enter into the God-ordained way of being vital daily, having a group living, and meeting in homes.

Our prayer is for a prevailing gospel preaching atmosphere to be developed in the church, with all the saints having a spirit of the gospel (Rom. 1:9) wherever we are, with whatever people we contact, and in whatever language.