

Joint Meeting of the Church in Los Angeles, February 28, 2010

**MOVING WITH THE TRIUNE GOD BY
LIVING AND SERVING IN THE DIVINE DISPENSING
OF THE DIVINE TRINITY**

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 9:17; Eph. 3:2; Col. 1:25

- 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—1:3-23.**
- III. **The economy of God has become the stewardship of God given to the apostles and to all the believers—3:2, 9; Col. 1:25; 1 Cor. 9:17:**
 - A. When the economy of God came to the apostles, it became the stewardship of God—1 Cor. 9:17; Eph. 3:2, 9; Col. 1:25.
 - B. The Greek word for steward (oikonomos) means “a dispensing steward,” “a household administrator, who dispenses the household supply to its members”—1 Cor. 4:1-2.
 - C. The economy of God and the stewardship of God are actually one; this means that we should be doing what God is doing—carrying out the economy of God through the stewardship of God with the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Eph. 1:10; 3:2, 9.
- 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—vv. 2, 14-21.**
- V. **The stewardship of God is the ministry in God's New Testament economy—2 Cor. 4:1.**
- VI. **For the church to exist and stand properly in a living way, there is the need for the stewardship of God—Eph. 3:1-12:**
 - A. Every member of the Body has the privilege of dispensing the unsearchable riches of Christ into both believers and unbelievers—Eph. 4:12.
 - B. 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.

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.**