

Message Four

The Golden Lampstand

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**The Blossoming of Resurrection Life
and the Growth in Life for the Divine Expression**

Scripture Reading: Exo. 25:32-34; Col. 2:19; Eph. 4:15-16

- I. The symbol of the golden lampstand indicates that the Triune God is a living tree, growing, budding, and blossoming—John 14:6; 15:1a, 5a:**
 - A. The divine thought is that the lampstand is actually a tree with calyxes and blossoms.
 - B. The lampstand is a growing tree, and as those who believe in Christ, we are parts of this wonderful tree in resurrection and with the divine nature, life, the Spirit, and the shining light—v. 4.
- II. The cups shaped like almond blossoms signify the resurrection life blossoming—Exo. 25:33-34; John 11:25:**
 - A. The principle of resurrection is that the natural life is killed and that the divine life rises up to take its place—2 Cor. 1:9.
 - B. To be in resurrection means that our natural life is crucified, and then the God-created and redeemed part of our being is uplifted in resurrection to be one with Christ in resurrection—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:10-11; 1 Cor. 6:17:
 1. When we do not live by our natural life but by the divine life within us, we are in resurrection—Phil. 3:10-11.
 2. The issue of our experience of Christ as the resurrection life is the Body of Christ—John 11:25; Rom. 8:11; 12:4-5.
 - C. The Body of Christ is an organism absolutely in the resurrection life of Christ; in order to be in the reality of the Body of Christ, we need to be absolutely in the resurrection life of Christ—John 11:25; 2 Cor. 1:9; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:16.
 - D. The reality of resurrection is Christ as the life-giving Spirit—John 11:25; 20:22; 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 20, 45b:
 1. If we do any work that is not in resurrection, the life-giving Spirit will not honor it.
 2. The Spirit honors only what is in resurrection—vv. 45b, 58.
 - E. The golden lampstand portrays Christ as the resurrection life, growing, branching, budding, and blossoming to shine the light:
 1. The blossoming of resurrection life is the shining light; resurrection is the basis for the shining of the divine light—Eph. 5:9.
 2. The shining of the divine light is upheld by the resurrection life; without the resurrection life, we have nothing to uphold, support, and sustain our shining of the divine light.
 3. Resurrection is the basis for the shining of the divine light; thus, if we would shine forth the light of life, we must be in resurrection—Phil. 3:10.
- III. The description of the lampstand conveys the idea of growth—Exo. 25:32:**
 - A. The lampstand is something that grows:

1. The calyx under each pair of branches indicates the growth of life.
 2. The branches of the lampstand are produced through the growing of life.
 3. The branches signify the branching out of Christ's resurrection life.
- B. With the lampstand the matter of responsibility for growth is greater than the matter of shining; this means that growth is basic.
- C. Since the lampstand typifies Christ, it indicates that Christ is the one who is growing—Col. 2:19; John 3:29a, 30a:
1. The stand is growing through the branches and within them; this indicates that Christ is growing in us—Col. 2:19.
 2. It is crucial for all the branches to give the lampstand a free way to grow in them and through them—Eph. 4:15-16.
- D. How much light there will be in the church depends on the extent to which Christ has a way to grow in us and through us—John 8:12; Matt. 5:14-15.
- E. The more the lampstand grows in the branches, the more it will blossom and shine, and the more light there will be.