

Introduction: Messages Three, Four, and Five could be considered as one group
 Message Three: We need to know and see the ultimate vision (revelation)
 Message Four: We need to bear the ultimate responsibility (application)
 Message Five: How do we coordinate in the Lord's move (application)

WHAT IS OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY?

I. We need to bear the ultimate responsibility

We need to bear the ultimate responsibility related to the world's ultimate situation, God's ultimate move, and God's ultimate recovery—Eph. 3:16; 4:16,24.

A. To be saturated and permeated with Christ (*personal perspective*)

Our ultimate responsibility is to be saturated and permeated with Christ for **the church as the Body of Christ, the one new man**

1. **God's desire for us:** we need to preach the gospel, teach the divine truths, and meet according to the way ordained by God; however, we should not be satisfied with these three things—**Matt. 28:19**.
2. **It is to live Christ:** God's desire is for us to live Christ and to have Christ as the reality, the real contents, of the church life, making every local church a golden lampstand—**Phil. 1:21a**
3. **To be a living witness to Christ :** Our ultimate responsibility is to be a living witness to Christ in our daily life, in such a way that we may be the Body, the new man, the lampstand, and the bride—**Eph. 4:16, 24; Rev. 1:12; 19:7**.

B. To bear the testimony of Jesus (*corporate perspective*)

Our ultimate responsibility is to bear the testimony of Jesus

1. **The corporate expression of Christ:** The book of Revelation presents the testimony of Jesus, **which is the church as the corporate expression of Christ**—**Rev. 1:12**
2. **The expression of the reality of the church:** Revelation is an unveiling of Christ, and Christ is expressed through the church; therefore, the church is the testimony of Jesus revealed in this book—**Rev. 1:20**
 - a. Jesus is the testimony of God: The living person of Jesus is the image, expression, and testimony of God—**Col. 1:15**
 - b. The church is the testimony of Jesus: As believers in Christ, we all are reproductions of Jesus; now God has a corporate expression—the church—which is the testimony of Jesus, who is the expression of God—**2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 1:23**

C. To establish local churches as golden lampstands, spread the testimony of Jesus—Acts 1:8.

Our ultimate responsibility is to **spread the testimony of Jesus** by establishing local churches as golden lampstands

1. **To spread the Lord's recovery:** The spreading of the Lord's recovery must be considered part of our ultimate responsibility
2. To plant "church tree": For the universal spreading of the church as the testimony of Jesus, we need to plant "church trees" as golden lampstands for the corporate expression of the Triune God—**Rev. 1:11-12**
 - Although we cannot form the church, we have the position, the right, the opportunity, and even the commission to go to the uttermost part of the earth to establish local churches by planting church trees
 - The local churches as church trees are golden lampstands, which are actually living, golden trees, are the embodiment and the expression of the Triune God

Revelation of The Completing Ministry of Paul

Revelation of The Mending Ministry of John

THE ULTIMATE PREREQUISITES FOR US TO FULFILL OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY

II. We should “experience Christ as the center of the divine administration”—Rev. 4:2; 22:1

In order to bear the ultimate responsibility, we need to know and experience Christ as the center of the divine administration according to God’s eternal economy

- A. **Christ has been enthroned to execute God’s administration:** Christ in His ascension has been enthroned to execute God’s administration, His governmental operation—Heb. 12:2.
- B. **Gained all authority in the universe:** Christ as the embodiment of God is the Administrator of the universe today; all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him—Matt. 28:18.
- C. **Made as the Lord of all the universe:** After the Lord Jesus was crucified and buried, God resurrected Him and set Him at His right hand, making Him the Lord of all the universe—Acts 2:36
- D. **Execute God’s governmental administration:** According to the book of Revelation, the throne on which the ascended Christ is sitting is the throne of the divine administration—Rev. 4:2.
 1. **Execute over the entire universe:** The Lamb, the Redeemer, the One slain on the cross for our sins, is now on the throne carrying out God’s administration over the entire universe—John 1:29.
 2. **God’s governmental administration:** The Lord Jesus has been enthroned to execute God’s governmental administration in the universe; In God’s governmental administration, Christ is the Leader and the Savior and the One who has the key of David—Rev. 3:7.

III. We should “follow the Lamb closely”—Rev. 14:4

If we would fulfill the ultimate responsibility in God’s ultimate move, we need to follow the Lamb wherever He may go

- A. **To be one in the Lord’s move:** To follow the Lamb is to be one in His move to carry out the divine administration for the consummation of the divine economy—Rev. 5:6; 14:4
- B. **Walk in the journey that the Lord has ordained:** We all should follow the Lamb on the journey ordained by Him—Acts 20:24.
 1. Walk in the ordained way: We need to seek out the journey that the Lord has ordained and faithfully walk on it, paying any price until we reach the end—2 Tim. 4:7.
 2. Run the race which is set before us: The journey that the Lord has ordained for us is the race that is set before us—Heb. 12:1-2.

IV. We should “be faithful”—1 Cor. 4:2; 7:25; Matt. 25:21

Bearing the ultimate responsibility in God’s ultimate move requires faithfulness; thus, we should ask the Lord for mercy to be faithful

Burden: We need to be a living witness to Christ in our daily life -- that is, to live Christ and to have Christ as the reality of the church life; and to meet in our locality in such a way that we may be the Body, the new man, the lampstand, and the bride. In the other way, for the universal spreading of the church as the testimony of Jesus, we need to utilize the position, the right, the opportunity, and even the commission we have, to go to the uttermost part of the earth to establish local churches by planting “church trees”.

The Lord’s present charge to us should be: go and teach the nations that the present age may be consummated. In order to take the Lord’s charge, we must keep the oneness. We must have the one accord. Meanwhile, we should not touch any negative things, but should only teach the central line of the divine truth. In addition, we have to have a complete change from the old, traditional, unscriptural way of meeting and serving to the new, scriptural way to match the God-ordained way. Even that we need to pay any price to wholeheartedly continue on our journey until we reach the end.

WHAT IS OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY?

I. We need to bear the ultimate responsibility in God's ultimate move

A. To be saturated and permeated with Christ (Personal perspective)

[Eph 3:16-17] That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

- We need to preach the gospel, teach the divine truths, and meet according to the way ordained by God; however, we should not be satisfied with these three things
- God's desire, His good pleasure, is for us to live Christ and to have Christ as the reality, in such a way that we may be the Body, the new man, the lampstand, and the bride
[Phil 1:21] For to me, to live is Christ ...
[Eph 4:16] Out from whom all the Body, ... unto the building up of itself in love
[Eph 4:24] And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

B. To bear the testimony of Jesus (Personal perspective)

- Revelation is an unveiling of Christ, is the image, expression, and testimony of God
[Rev 1:13] And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man ...
[Col 1:15] Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation
- As believers in Christ, we all are reproductions, "photographs," of Jesus The church — which is the testimony of Jesus, who is the expression of God
[2 Cor 3:18] But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit
[Eph 1:23] Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

C. To plant "church trees" everywhere, spread the testimony of Jesus

- To spread the Lord's recovery must be considered as part of our ultimate responsibility God
[Mark 16:15] And He said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the creation.
- To plant "church trees" as golden lampstands, for the universal spreading of the church as the testimony of Jesus, for the corporate expression of the Triune God

THE ULTIMATE PREREQUISITES FOR US TO FULFILL OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY

II. We need to "experience Christ as the center of the divine administration"

A. To see Christ has been enthroned

[Heb 12:2] ...Jesus, ... has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God..

B. Receive all authority in the universe

[Matt 28:18] And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

C. (He)was made the Lord of all the universe

[Acts 2:36] Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.

D. Execute God's governmental administration.

[Rev. 5:1] And I saw on the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

III. We need to "follow the Lamb"

[Rev. 14:4] ... These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

A. To be one with the Lord in His move

[Acts. 20:24] But I consider my life of no account as if precious to myself, in order that I may finish my course and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus to solemnly testify of the gospel of the grace of God.

B. On the journey ordained by the Lord

We need to pay any price to wholeheartedly continue on our journey until we reach the end
[Heb 12:1] ... put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us
[2 Tim 4:7] I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

IV. We should ask the Lord for mercy to be faithful

[1 Cor 4:2] Here, furthermore, it is sought in stewards that one be found faithful..

[Matt 25:21] His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.