

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 11AM-12PM.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
  - a. The strengthening of every saint's personal fellowship with the Lord--That we would all "come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help" (Heb. 4:16)
  - b. The strengthening of the families and all the households
  - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
- The children's meeting service and the salvation of the children in grade 5
- The upcoming Chinese-speaking conference being held online over the weekend of April 24-25
- The advance of the Lord's move in the U.S. and the migration to various cities in the Midwest and Southeast
- The Lord's move in various parts of the world:
  - a. The saints and the churches in Myanmar in the midst of the current political and social

unrest (there are 88 local churches in Myanmar with over 5,000 saints)

- b. The preaching of the gospel and the spread of the Lord's testimony in Cuba, Venezuela and North Korea
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

### MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: 2020 December Semiannual Training Crystallization - Study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes**

*Week 7: The Intrinsic Divine Revelation concerning the Move of God with and among Men in the Old Testament and concerning the Move of God in Man in the New Testament to Accomplish God's Heart's Desire and to Meet Man's Need before God*

### Portions from Days 1 & 6:

Beginning from His incarnation, God moved mainly in man. In the New Testament whatever God did was mainly in man. The small preposition in may be considered as the greatest word in the New Testament. If you take this preposition away, the New Testament becomes empty. This is like taking the switch away from an electrical appliance. Without the switch, it will not work, because the electricity cannot flow into it. The phrase in Christ is repeated frequently in the New Testament. If we were not in Christ and Christ were not in us, there would be no Christian life or church life.

According to the New Testament record, God's move on earth in man is always in the principle of incarnation. Our salvation is the move of God in man and is the move of God to be a part of man. If God had never become us in the sense of coming into us to be our very life, we could never have been saved....What is salvation, or regeneration? It is God coming into a man in His divinity to make Himself a part of that man and to make that man a part of Him.

Salvation brings God into man and brings man into God. Salvation makes God man so that man may be made God (but not the Godhead). This is incarnation, and this principle of incarnation should be applied to our entire Christian life.

In the Christian life the husbands and the wives should love each other, but in their natural life they are not capable of doing this. What husband can love his wife, and what wife can love her husband? If a Christian husband really loves his wife, that is not him. This means that he is living in the principle of Galatians 2:20—"I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." For a husband to love his wife in this way is in the principle of incarnation. Unless God is made you and you are made God, you can never really love your wife....Every Christian virtue we have is a part of the incarnation. Every day as we live the Christian life, the Triune God is being incarnated by being made us and by making us Him. God is being made man, and man is being made God. When a brother really loves his wife, at that time he is God in God's life and nature but not in His Godhead. In other words, God has been made him, and he has been made God. This is the move of God in man in the principle of incarnation.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"* Chapter 7: The Kingdom (2); Chapter 8: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (1)

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### HIS DISPENSING

In Ephesians 1:10 and 3:9 the word *oikonomia* is used for "household administration," which is God's plan to dispense Himself into His chosen people. In Ephesians 3:2, Colossians 1:25, and 1 Corinthians 9:17, the same word refers to Paul's stewardship. The word stewardship is used in the sense of dispensing. Paul's stewardship was the dispensing of the unsearchable riches of Christ into God's chosen people. With Paul the word stewardship refers to the divine dispensing.

What I am doing in the ministry is dispensing the riches of Christ. If you tell me that I am a good Bible teacher, I appreciate your word, but I do not like to hear it. Do not consider me a teacher. I am a dispenser. I am not merely teaching the Bible; I am dispensing. I once went to get a flu shot. There was a long line of people, and all of us had to offer our arm

so that we could get the shot. In my ministry I want to give people a shot, an injection, of the riches of Christ. I have the full assurance that whoever comes to this ministry will get such an injection.

Our stewardship today is the same as Paul's. Paul's stewardship was simply to give people an injection: that is, to distribute, to dispense, the unsearchable riches of Christ into God's chosen people. This is God's economy, His plan, His administration.

### GOD'S SELECTION

God had a good pleasure, and according to His good pleasure, He made a plan. Following this, He arranged a universal administration of His household to dispense His riches into His chosen people. Then He selected us, not only before we were created but also before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:1-2). Nothing of His creation had yet come into existence when He selected us.

It is difficult to buy things in a shopping center because there are so many things to choose from. People do not buy blindly; they consider and choose carefully what they will buy. In eternity past, before His creation, God saw you and said, "I like that one." Without being selected, I do not believe I could have become a Christian. Even though I was born into Christianity, I was not a Christian until I was nineteen years of age. I was educated within Christianity, but I still did not believe. However, one day God touched me and said, "I want you." That day I was caught. How about you? Behind the scenes there is an eternal and almighty hand directing everything. Our selection is a wonderful thing.

Our heavenly Father is happy when He sees us. We are His heart's desire, His good pleasure. God's pleasure is not with the moon, the sun, the heavens, or the earth. He tells us clearly in His Word that He is not satisfied merely with the earth and the heavens. What satisfies Him is His chosen people. We are His good pleasure, and His plan was made for us.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation of the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 1: God's Plan (section 3)