

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2021 Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training on June 5th, 2021**

Parents and all the saints who serve the young people, including the current sixth graders, are encouraged to attend this day of fellowship. Even if you may not be able to participate in this year's Summer School of Truth, we hope you will attend the Teachers' Training to join our burden of this year's Summer School of Truth. We believe this fellowship will help our shepherding of the young people all year round.

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Location: <https://pursuewiththose.org/>

Topic: Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ

Schedule:

Session 1	9:30am - 10:30am
Break	10:30am - 10:45am
Session 2	10:45am - 11:45am
Lunch Break	11:45am - 1:00pm
Session 3/Parents Fellowship	1:00pm- 2:00pm

Register: Please use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/4bf8znd2> to register for Teachers' Training.

- **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=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTob3AwQlBodz09>

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 strengthening of the testimony of the church in NYC:
 - a. The strengthening of the small group meetings and church meetings in all nine halls
 - b. The mutual shepherding of the saints and the reaching out to those who have not been meeting regularly
 - c. The burden for the gospel
- The children's meeting service and the salvation of the children in grade 5
- The going on of the young people and college students as the end of the school year approaches
- All the trainees, trainers and serving ones in the FTTA and the arrangements at Camp Penuel where a number of trainees are being housed
- The Lord's move in various parts of the world:
 - a. The saints and the churches in India as they face the 2nd wave of the COVID outbreak in that country (there are 192 churches with 8000 saints in India)
 - 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.):
 - a. The family of our dear brother Andy Nevarez (the son of sister Francis Davila from Hall 6) who passed away suddenly last Monday

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2020 December Semiannual Training

Crystallization - Study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes

Week 10: Living a Godly Life

Portion from Day 5:

To be a living believer involves both our spirit and our heart. Doctrinally, we may say that we can become living by exercising our spirit. But in practice often it seems that the exercise of our spirit does not work.... The reason the exercise of the spirit may not work is that the heart does not act. This means that there is something wrong in the heart. Perhaps the mind is not renewed, sanctified, transformed; it may not be saturated with the Lord and occupied by Him. Instead, it may be filled with worldly things. We may exercise our spirit and say, "Praise the Lord!" However, this exercise may not work to make us living. The exercise of the spirit works only when our heart is active.

If our heart is dormant or asleep, exercising our spirit to call on the name of the Lord will not be effective. This exercise cannot work if our acting agent, our heart, is dormant. This is the reason we need to deal thoroughly with our heart. This dealing must include our mind, emotion, and will. Our mind must be the mind of Christ, our emotion must be saturated with the love of Christ, and our will must be one with His will. If this is the condition of our heart, our heart will be active and functioning. Then if we call on the Lord when our heart is active, this calling will be very effective.

We need to pray, "Lord, have mercy on me. I want to have my mind renewed. I want to have my emotion filled with Your love. I want to have a will that is truly one with Your will." If we have such a heart, then the heart as our acting agent will be established blameless in holiness, blameless in the state of being made holy. (*Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, pp. 182-183, 194-195*)

Corporate Reading: "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures" Chapter 9 and Chapter 10: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (2); Chapter 10: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (3)

MINISTRY PORTIONS

THE SPIRIT'S APPLICATION

We have covered the first two items of the basic revelation in the Holy Scriptures—God's plan and Christ's redemption. In this chapter we come to the third item—the Spirit's application. This is the most mysterious item in the divine revelation.

Printing may be used as an illustration of the application of the Spirit. In printing there is first the draft, the manuscript. This manuscript is then typeset onto a page, which is then made into a negative. Then the printing press, using the negative, produces however many copies are wanted. This last stage, producing the copies, illustrates the Spirit's application.

Christ did a great work of "typesetting" what God purposed in His plan. ... The Father planned, the Son accomplished, and the Spirit comes to apply what Christ accomplished according to the Father's plan.

THE SPIRIT THROUGHOUT THE WORD

To understand the Spirit's work in applying Christ's accomplishments, let us consider how the Spirit is gradually revealed throughout the Scriptures.

The Spirit of God

The first time the Spirit of God is mentioned is in Genesis 1:2. This is God the Spirit in His creation. The Spirit of God brooded over the death waters for God's creation.

The Spirit of Jehovah

After creating man, God remained intimately involved with him. In His relationship with man God's title is Jehovah. This is why in the Old Testament the Spirit of God is usually called the Spirit of Jehovah. The Spirit of Jehovah came upon certain people. This indicates that the Spirit of Jehovah has to do with God's reaching of man (Judg. 3:10; Ezek. 11:5).

The Holy Spirit

At the incarnation the Spirit of God was called the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35). ... It was when the time came to prepare the way for Christ's coming and to prepare a human body for Him to initiate the New Testament dispensation that the term the Holy Spirit came into use (Luke 1:15, 35).

- Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 3: The Spirit's Application (Sections 1-2)