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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Bible Reading Schedule for the 2021 July Semi-Annual Training**

The 4-week Bible reading for the July Semi-Annual Training started from last Tuesday (June 1). The reading schedule and the study questions in three languages (English, Spanish and Chinese) can be found on the church website at www.churchinnyc.org.

- **Registration for the 2021 July Semi-Annual Training, July 5-18**

It is time to register for the July Semiannual Training. Each year in July and December the churches gather for a training on a "crystallization-study" of a book in the Bible. These are concentrated days to spend time in the Lord's Word, receiving the ministry and fellowshiping with the saints. This year, all of the training meetings will be conducted online as a video training. The church in NYC will host Zoom meetings for viewing the messages, for studying and testing, and for prophesying.

If you wish to participate, please register by the deadline of June 21, 2021. The requested training donation is \$125.00 USD. After registration, you will be provided with Zoom information and further instructions. Please register using this online form: <https://www.churchinnyc.org/training-registration/>

- **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

- That all the saints would aspire to come to the full knowledge of the truth, be absolute for the truth and proclaim the truth so that the church would be the pillar and base of the truth in the present evil age (1 Tim. 2:4; 3:15)
- The Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training held this past Saturday (June 5), in preparation for the 2021 Northeast Summer School of Truth to be held in August
- The follow-up of the preaching of the gospel to the children in grade 5; let us pray:
 - a. That each one of the children who received the Lord would have the assurance and joy of salvation
 - b. For their baptisms
 - c. For household salvation in each family
- The small group meetings, the church meetings and all the services in all nine halls of the church this week
- The strengthening and spread of the Lord's testimony in the United States:
 - a. The ongoing migrations to various cities in the Midwest, Mid Atlantic and the Southeast and the strengthening of these churches
 - b. That many young adults would rise up to answer the call to meet the Lord's need in this country
 - c. That every existing local church would be strengthened and that many more churches

would be raised up, including churches in the surrounding towns and cities around and near the larger localities

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2021 The International Chinese-speaking Conference

General Subject: The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

Week 2: The Intrinsic Growth of the Church for Its Organic Increase

Portion from Day 5:

John the Baptist said that he should decrease and that Christ should increase. We should all desire to see Christ increasing and ourselves decreasing. For this we need to speak the Lord's word. The real intrinsic significance of speaking the word of God is to spread God. When we speak the holy Word, the truth, the divine revelation, we spread God. Christ speaks God through us, His members, by defining God, explaining God, and eventually expressing God. To express God is to spread God. Christ is the One who speaks the words of God and who gives the Spirit not by measure (John 3:34). When someone receives His words, the Spirit follows to be the reality of what is spoken. Christ increases Himself by speaking God's word to spread God and by giving the Spirit of God to be the reality of what He spoke in order to dispense the eternal life into people, making them Godkind, the children of God, the species of God, the family of God, to be Christ's increase. This is how Christ becomes the increasing Christ. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 4, "Crystallization-study of the Gospel of John," pp. 381-382)

As the Apostle, God's sent One and Ambassador, Christ speaks the word of God. The word Christ speaks is the rhema, the word that is spirit and life. Many of us can testify that when we handle the Word of God properly by exercising our spirit, the word that comes into us becomes spirit, and when it becomes spirit, it also becomes life. When the word is spoken, it is still the word. But after it comes into us, the word becomes spirit and life. Then as we speak out [that] word,...it once again becomes the word. After such a word...enters into someone else, it again becomes spirit and life. In this way God, who is Himself Spirit and life, is spoken into us. By this means God's essence is spoken into our being.

The word of the Lord Jesus is actually the essence of God. Therefore, when this word enters

our being, God's essence comes into our being. This essence is the Spirit. If we receive the word [rhema] and are filled with the Spirit, we will enjoy eternal life. The result is that we become the bride, the universal increase of the unlimited Christ. (CWWL, 1982, vol. 2, "The Fulfillment of the Tabernacle and the Offerings in the Writings of John," pp. 157, 163)

Corporate Reading: "Truth Messages" Chapter 2: The Definition of the Truth; Chapter 3: Leadership in the New Testament Economy

MINISTRY PORTIONS

THE FUNCTION OF THE SPIRIT

With the Lord's ascension to the heavens and the pouring out of the Spirit, the whole operation of the Triune God was completed. The Father planned with the Son and the Spirit, and the Son came with the Father and the Spirit to accomplish what the Father had planned. Finally, the Spirit came with the Father and the Son to apply what the Father had planned and what the Son had accomplished. This applying Spirit is the consummation of the Triune God. He is not just by Himself as a separate Spirit, having nothing to do with the Father and unrelated to the Son; He is the consummation of the Triune God, the consummation of the Divine Trinity, to reach us.

The Spirit's reaching us has two aspects: the inward aspect and the outward. The inward was accomplished on the day of resurrection. On that day the resurrected Lord came back to His disciples and breathed Himself into them (John 20:22). This was altogether for life, the inner life.

Fifty days later at Pentecost, He poured out the Spirit upon the disciples like a mighty wind (Acts 2:1-2). Breath is for life, but wind is for power. At Pentecost the disciples were clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). The clothing of the Spirit is like the putting on of a uniform. The uniform gives its wearer power, authority. A policeman with a uniform has authority to stop us. If he did not have a uniform, we would not listen to him. The Spirit as our life, the life-giving Spirit, even the Spirit of life, is also the Spirit outside us, poured upon us as the Spirit of power from on high. All of this has been accomplished.

- Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 3: The Spirit's Application (Section 7)