

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The 4-week Bible reading for the July Semi-Annual Training is ongoing. 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**

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/>

Training Schedule:

Date	Time	Message
7/5 Mon	4:00 PM	Message 1
	7:00 PM	Message 2
7/9 Fri	7:00 PM	Message 3
7/10 Sat	10:00 AM	Message 4
	4:00 PM	Message 5
	7:00 PM	Message 6
7/11 LD	10:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
	11:00 AM	Message 7 (Open Meeting)
7/16 Fri	7:00 PM	Message 8
7/17 Sat	10:00 AM	Message 9
	4:00 PM	Message 10
	7:00 PM	Message 11
7/18 LD	10:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
	11:00 AM	Message 12 (Open Meeting)

- **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 shining of the lampstand in NYC:
 - a. The strengthening of the saints' daily personal contact with the Lord in His word and their daily walk with the Lord (Col. 3:16; Gal. 5:25)
 - b. That all the saints would shine as luminaries in the world, holding forth the word of life, in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation (Phil. 2:15-16)
- 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--Some will be baptized this weekend and others the following weekend
 - c. For household salvation in each family
- All the upcoming summer events:
 - a. The semiannual training in July
 - b. The Summer College Training
 - c. The Chinese-speaking perfecting training
 - d. The Summer School of Truth

- e. The Family Bible Camp
- The small group meetings, the church meetings and all the services in all nine halls of the church this week--That the Lord would grant us wisdom and all the saints would be guided by the arbitrating peace of Christ as the church moves gradually back to in-person Lord's Day meetings in all the meeting halls
- Gospel to All the Nations Conference--The recent meeting in a series of online conference meetings with the focus of reaching the seekers in the African-American community and among those of African descent was held this past Saturday, June 12
(www.gospeltoallthenations.com)

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 3: The Intrinsic Building Up of the Church for Its Organic Function

Portion from Day 4:

The Body is joined closely together through every joint of the rich supply. These are the gifted persons such as the apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers.... We need many joints in the local churches. If we do not grow up into Christ, He has no way to make us a joint. In order to become a joint, we need to pray more, seek the Lord more, read the Bible more, feed on Christ more, etc.

In the Body some are joints.... Others are parts, who operate according to their measure. Through these two categories of members, the Body grows, and this growth is unto the building up of itself in love. If we are not a joint, we must be a part.... We should not think that only the joints are useful. Every part in the Body is also useful.

If you are a joint, you should supply the Body with the riches of Christ....If you are a part, you should operate.... Through the joints supplying and the parts operating, all the Body causes the growth of the Body, and the growth of the Body results in the building up of itself in love.

Every member of the Body needs not only to be supplied but also to function. First, we are supplied, and second, we function. All the Body causes the

growth of the Body through all the members being supplied and functioning, and this growth is the building up of the Body. We cannot do more than our measure, nor should we do less than our measure. When every member is supplied through the joints and functioning according to its measure, the Body is building itself up. Christ, the Head, through His all-inclusive death and resurrection, fully accomplished redemption and produced the church. Through His death and resurrection He also constituted some of the saved members to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds and teachers.

Corporate Reading: "Truth Messages" Chapter 4: The Ministry in the New Testament Economy; Chapter 5: Truth Sanctifying for Oneness

MINISTRY PORTIONS

THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD

Two verses in the New Testament indicate that the Spirit and the Word are one. In John 6:63 the Lord said, "The words which I have spoken to you are spirit." Also, Ephesians 6:17 refers to the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God. Not only is the word of the Lord the Spirit; the Spirit is also the Word.

This is why in Romans 10 Paul says that when you hear the preaching of the gospel, the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (v. 8). ... Through the Spirit the Word gets into your mouth. Through the Spirit the Word gets into your heart. Without the Spirit, the printed word could not get into your mouth and into your heart. When you exercise your spirit to pray over a verse of the Bible, that verse gets into your mouth and your heart. ...You need not use your own words; pray the Word.

We all know that when we pray in this way, the word on the page gets into our mouth and our heart. We receive enlightenment, nourishment, watering, strengthening, comfort, and life supply. Also, the Spirit is applied to us as the consummation of the Triune God.

- Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 3: The Spirit's Application (Section 8)