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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 July Semi-Annual Training, July 5-18 (Continued)**

The schedules for the Training and Review/Study Sessions are as follows:

Training Schedule (Continued):

Date	Time	Message
7/18 LD	10:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
	11:00 AM	Message 12 (Open Meeting)

Review / Study Session Schedule (Continued):

Date	Time	Message
7/21 Wed	7:30 PM	Messages 8, 9, 10
7/22 Thur	7:30 PM	Messages 11, 12

Review/study session will be held separately in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

- **2021 Summer School of Truth**

We encourage all of our **young people entering 7th to 12th grade** to sign up for the Summer School of Truth (SST).

The SST schedule is as follows:

Week One, August 2-6 (Monday-Friday): **In-person at KPCC for high school juniors/seniors** (11th and 12th grade), college students, and serving ones.

Week Two, August 9-14 (Monday-Saturday): **Online for all entering 7th to 12th grade** (high school juniors/seniors who attended week one at KPCC are encouraged to register to serve), college students, and serving ones.

Registration is still open. To register, please contact the serving ones and brothers in your

hall. For more information or any questions, please visit www.pursuewiththose.org or email churchinnyc.y@gmail.com.

- **2021 Family Bible Camp**

The annual Family Bible Camp will be held over **the weekend of July 23-25, 2021** and is open to all families in the church in New York City (Halls 1-9) and the church in Rosendale with at least one child entering 1st grade to 6th grade in the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The Family Bible camp will include a combination of online gatherings and in person activities. Please contact the serving ones in your district for details regarding registration.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The semiannual training which concludes today, July 18, and the review sessions which continue this week on Wednesday and Thursday (*Crystallization-study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth*)
- The College Training to be held July 21-25
- The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training which will be conducted July 24-31
- The other upcoming summer events:
 - a. The Family Bible Camp (July 23-25)
 - b. The Summer School of Truth (August 2-14)
- The shepherding of the more than 25 fifth graders and their family members who have been baptized over the past several weeks
- The Lord's move in various parts of the world:
 - a. The saints and the churches in Indonesia as they face the COVID outbreak in that country
 - 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: 2021 International Memorial Day Weekend Conference

General Subject: Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age

Week 1: Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth and for Upholding the Absoluteness of the Truth, and Testifying to the Truth in the Present Age of the World

Portion from Day 6:

The truth with which we are girded for spiritual warfare [in Ephesians 6:14] is actually the very Christ we experience. In Philippians 1:21 Paul says, “To me, to live is Christ.” This Christ whom Paul lived was his girdle of truth. This Christ was God expressed and revealed in Paul’s daily walk. Because Paul’s daily living was conformed to the pattern of Christ, he had the strength to face all opposition and adverse circumstances. Because Paul had been girded about with truth, he had the strength to stand. (*Life-study of Ephesians, p. 538*)

[In 1 John 5:20] the Greek word translated “true” is *alethinos*, genuine, real (an adjective akin to *aletheia*, truth, verity, reality—John 1:14; 14:6, 17), opposite of false and counterfeit. Actually, the true One is the reality. The Son of God has given us an understanding so that we may know—that is, experience, enjoy, and possess—this divine reality. Therefore, to know the true One means to know the reality by experiencing, enjoying, and possessing this reality.

Corporate Reading: “*Truth Messages*” Chapter 8: One Where the Son is; Chapter 9: One in the Triune God and in His Expression

MINISTRY PORTIONS

BAPTIZED

**Into the Name of the Father, the Son,
and the Spirit**

After His resurrection and before His ascension, the Lord Jesus charged His disciples to go and disciple the nations, “baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19); that is, they were to baptize people into the very person of the Triune God.

To be baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus equals to be baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and to be baptized into the Lord’s name is to be baptized into His person, the very Christ (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3). To be baptized into Christ equals to be baptized into the Triune God because the very Christ into whom we have been baptized is the embodiment of the Triune God. The Triune God is embodied in Christ the Lord, the Son of God.

Furthermore, when we were baptized into Him, we were baptized into His death (v. 3). Baptism unites us with Him in His death and in His resurrection. Water baptism should not be the performance of a ritual. It should signify that we are putting those being baptized into the Triune God, into Christ, and into His death and resurrection.

In the Spirit into the Body of Christ

We have also been baptized into the Body, the church: “In one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body” (1 Cor. 12:13).

We have been baptized, then, into the Triune God, into Christ, into the death and resurrection of Christ, and also into the Body, the church. Actually, all these “intos” are one.

We need the reality of the spiritual fact that when we baptize people, we put them into Christ. We can put them into Christ because Christ today is the very Spirit. When we baptize people, we put them into the Spirit, who is the reality of Christ. This is what baptism should be. Baptism gives us the position to say that we are people in Christ, in His death, in His resurrection, in an organic union with the Triune God, and also in the living Body of the living Christ. To have this realization of baptism makes a great difference in our lives.

- Excerpts from “*The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures*”, Chapter 4: *The Believers* (Section 3)