

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 International Thanksgiving Conference**  
The Conference will be held online over the Thanksgiving weekend from Nov. 25-28, 2021 (Thursday to Lord's Day).

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98956593911?pwd=K2JmbzlnRUerYmREWWY5Zm1XNOpMdz09>

Meeting ID: 989 5659 3911 Passcode: 2021

Dial In: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

For the conference schedule, outlines and joining the meeting via zoom, please visit the church website at [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org).

Translation will be provided in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean via the Zoom Interpretation function.

### Conference schedule:

Message 1	7:00 PM	Thur., Nov. 25
Message 1	8:00 AM	Fri., Nov. 26
(Replay)		
Message 2	10:00 AM	Fri., Nov. 26
Message 3	7:00 PM	Fri., Nov. 26
Message 4	10:00 AM	Sat., Nov. 27
Message 5	7:00 PM	Sat., Nov. 27
Lord's Table	10:00 AM	Lord's Day, Nov. 28
Message 6	11:00 AM	Lord's Day, Nov. 28

**Note:** Saints can join the Lord's Table meeting in their respective districts at 10:00 AM and then come together to join the Zoom meeting for the final message at 11:00 AM on the Lord's Day.

- **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), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

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 be "empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength" and "put on the whole armor of God" so that the church would be equipped to fight the spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-11)
- The gospel--That all the saints of all ages would be burdened for the salvation of their friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and classmates
- The health of all the elderly saints and the strengthening of their church life
- The strengthening of all the services in all nine halls (e. g. the children's meeting service, the young people's service, and all the practical services) and the strengthening of the vision and consecration of all the serving saints
- The strengthening and enriching of all the small group meetings and church meetings this week
- The Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training and Serving Ones' and Parents' Conference for the churches in South America held online this past weekend (this training was in preparation for the truth schools which will be held in eight different countries in South America in January 2022)

## MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: 2021 July Semiannual Training**

**General Subject: Crystallization Study of Joshua, Judges, Ruth**

**Week 12: Taking the Way of Life in the Lord's Recovery**

**Portion from Days 4 & 5:**

The gate is narrow and the way is constricted because the new law of the kingdom is stricter and the demand...is higher....It deals not only with outward conduct, but also with inward motive. The old man, the self, the flesh, the human concept, and the world with its glory are all excluded. Only that which corresponds to God's will can enter in....To enter the gate is simply to begin walking on the way, a way which is lifelong.

We all are happy to be in the Lord's recovery and appreciate the recovery very much....As one in the Lord's recovery, are you walking on the constricted way? We all must be able to say that we are not taking the way of Christianity, but the way of constriction....Those in Christianity can use rock music or other worldly methods in their services, but we cannot....All young people desire to be free,...to put off all restriction. When [they] graduate from high school, they are like caged birds wanting to be free. However, many are so free that they have no constriction, no restriction. We in the Lord's recovery, on the contrary, are taking a constricted way....We in the Lord's recovery must walk in our spirit. Living in spirit and walking in spirit restrict us. Even when we are loving, rejoicing, and happy, we must be under restriction. We must not be like those who throw off all restraint in their excitement. Rather, we must be excited within the limit of the spirit. This must even be true in the meetings. Although we may fully release our spirit, we should be restricted as far as physical activity is concerned. In everything, we need to take the constricted way, not the broad way.

We must take the constricted way in our fellowship with the brothers. Do you intend to praise a brother? You must praise him in a constricted way. Are you about to rebuke a brother? You must rebuke him in a constricted way. Are you having fellowship with some brothers? This is excellent, but you must fellowship with them in a constricted way. Sometimes when you are having fellowship, you forget all limitation. You go on hour after hour without taking care of the need for food or rest. Furthermore, in your fellowship you talk...about everyone without any restriction. Praise the Lord that we are truly free. Nevertheless, we still have the limitations, restrictions, and constrictions.

The church needs life, the resurrection life of Christ. No doctrine, idea, theology, or exposition can replace the life of Christ. Only the life of Christ and that which issues from it will prevail against the gates of Hades. Everything else is just disguised forms of

death and cannot withstand the attacks of Satan. May the Lord be merciful to us, and may He keep us from touching death or bringing death into the church. May God fill the church with life, and may Satan find no opening to attack the church. (CWWN, vol. 44, pp. 882-885)

**Corporate Reading:** *"The History of God in His Union with Man"* Ch. 12: Working on His elect through Moses (2) Bearing them through the wilderness and bringing them to Himself at Mount Sinai

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### CREATION AND BUILDING

Right after His creation, He began to build. His creation was to produce the building materials for His building. God created the universe and man for the purpose of building a city. Creation means calling not being as being. A city, however, is a building of things created. God has two works. The first is the work of creation, and the second is the work of building. The New Jerusalem, a city as God's building, is the conclusion of God's entire revelation.

### REGENERATED MAN, GOD'S BUILDING MATERIAL

For God to have a building, the center of His creation, man, needs to be regenerated. Regenerated man becomes God's building material. God did not impart Himself into any item of His creation. In His old creation He did breathe the breath of life into man (Gen. 2:7), but that breath was not something of His essence or nature. It was only His breath. That breath of life, neshamah (Heb.), became the spirit of man; as Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit (neshamah) of man is the lamp of Jehovah." Nothing of God's essence was imparted into man until the New Testament time and the completion of the full redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then God came to impart not only something of Himself but also Himself into man that man might be regenerated by Him (John 3:5), born of Him (1:12-13).

The natural material out of God's creation is not qualified to be used for His building material, because it has nothing of God's essence. What God uses for His building must have His essence.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 8: *The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (1)* Sections 1-2