

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 International Thanksgiving Conference (Continued)**

The Conference continues and will end today, Nov. 28, 2021 (Lord's Day). The **General Subject** is: **Living in and with the Divine Trinity**. For the conference outlines, please visit the church website at www.churchinnyc.org. Translation will be provided in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean via the Zoom Interpretation function.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98956593911?pwd=K2JmbzlnRUERymREWWY5Zm1XN0pMdz09>

Meeting ID: 989 5659 3911 Passcode: 2021

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

Conference schedule:

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.

- **December 2021 Semi-Annual Training**

The December 2021 Semi-Annual Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel, will be held by video training only. Submit the following online form to register with the Church in NYC: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **December 6, 2021**.

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 24
Message 2, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 24
Message 3, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Dec. 25
Message 4, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 25
Message 5, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 25
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 26

Message 6, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 26
(Open Meeting)

Message 7, 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 31
Message 8, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 31
Message 9, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 1
Message 10, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 1
Message 11, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 1
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2
Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2
(Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session:

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Mon., Dec. 27
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Wed., Dec. 29
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Dec. 30
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Mon., Jan. 3
Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 5
Messages 11&12, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 6

- **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 "always rejoice, unceasingly pray, [and] in everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
- The 2021 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference being held online and will end today (see the church website for details: www.churchinnyc.org)

- Shepherding--The mutual shepherding of all the saints; that no one would be isolated or overlooked (1 Thess. 5:14)
- The gospel--That all the saints of all ages and all language groups would "proclaim the word...in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2)
- The meetings--That the Lord would cover and bless all the small group meetings and church meetings 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 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
- 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 Spring International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones

General Subject: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life

Week 2: The Factor of Closely Following the Completed Vision of the Age through the Ministry of the Age

Portion from Day 4:

The ministry of the new covenant is not that of mere teaching. None of your teachers in school ever inscribed an essence into your being. They may have put concepts into you, but they did not deposit the essence of anything into you. However, the new covenant ministry does more than merely teach us; it inscribes us. Furthermore, this new covenant ministry inscribes us not with concepts, knowledge, or theology, but with an essence, with something real and substantial....Through the new covenant ministry Christ has been inscribed into us. A divine essence has been written into our being, and this essence is the Spirit. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 216-217)

The Spirit is the anointing Spirit and the sealing Spirit. This Spirit is also in our hearts as a pledge, a foretaste (2 Cor. 1:21-22)....In chapter 3 there are

five aspects of this subjective Spirit. First, He is the writing Spirit (v. 3); then He is the life-giving Spirit (v. 6). He is also the ministering Spirit, who always ministers something of Christ into us (v. 8). He is the liberating Spirit (v. 17) to liberate us from all the things that bind us. He liberates us from the bondage of doctrines, the letter, the written codes and regulations. He delivers us by taking away all the veils so that we can behold and reflect Christ with an unveiled face. Then He is the transforming Spirit [v. 18]. This wonderful Spirit transmits all the riches of Christ with the fullness of the Father into us. (*CWWL, 1969, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ as Life for the Building Up of the Church," p. 384*)

Corporate Reading: "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 1: Enjoying God.

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The Two Ends of the Bible Reflecting Each Other

All the materials that comprise this holy city are found in the first two chapters of Genesis. In Genesis 2 there is the tree of life. By the tree there is a river. Where the river flows, there is gold, "and the gold of that land is good" (v. 12). There is bdellium, a pearl produced by the plant life, and onyx stone (vv. 9-12). Following this, at the end of the chapter there is a bride for Adam (vv. 21-23).

In Revelation 21 and 22 there is a bride, a city built of gold, pearls, and precious stones. Within the city is a river, and in the river is the tree of life. These six items—the bride, gold, pearls, precious stones, the tree of life, and the river—are all found in the first two chapters of Genesis. The difference is that in Genesis the city had not yet been built. The three materials were there but not built into a city. Some six thousand years later, through God's building work, all the materials have been built into a city. Do you see how these two ends of the Bible reflect each other?

I hope that we also can have such a glorious impression of the Bible's beginning and end reflecting each other. This is God's economy—to build up His eternal dwelling with the created things transformed to be His materials.

- Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 8: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (1) Section 4