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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Continued)**

Session 3 will be held online and Brother Ed Marks will be sharing live via Zoom for this conference. Language interpretation will be available via Zoom in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean. Registration is not required and all are welcome to attend.

Conference Schedule (Continued):

Session 3: Lord's Day, April 24, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Note: There will not be a conference meeting on Lord's Day morning. Saints can follow the usual Lord's Day schedule in their district and join the final conference session at 4:00 PM.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 865 8187 7141

Passcode: 2022

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86581877141?pwd=a1Y1Vkt1cE5JNnI5VFliNDhZVVYyZz09>

- **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.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

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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 regional conference with brother Ed Marks being held this upcoming weekend--The general subject of the conference is *God's Economy in Faith*
- The strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church and of all the prayer meetings
- The young people in the churches in the Northeast--That the word released in the high school conference on Returning to, Enjoying and Loving Christ would not return to the Lord void but rather would accomplish in each of the young people what He sent it forth to do (Isa. 55:10-11)
- That the Lord would richly bless all the church meetings and small group meetings, and every gathering of the saints this week with His presence and His speaking
- The ongoing gospel trips being carried out in Poland with the burden to bring the gospel to the Ukrainian refugees there--Please pray:
 - a. For the material being distributed daily in Warsaw to be read and used by the Lord to save many
 - b. For the follow-up contact with all those who attended a recent gospel meeting in Krakow (25 adults and 7 children attended, all new ones)
 - c. For all the teams in Poland in their going out on the gospel that they would enjoy Christ as their wisdom to contact the Ukrainians and that He would have a way to touch them
- 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 Thanksgiving Conference - Living in and with the Divine Trinity

Week 5: Living with the Divine Trinity (2) God Operating in Us

Portion from Days 2, 3 & 6:

In Philippians 2:13 Paul says that God operates in us “both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.” Where within us does this willing take place? It must be in our will. This indicates that God’s operation begins from our spirit and spreads into our mind, emotion, and will....The grace of Christ is with our spirit [4:23]. However, God’s operating to will in us involves not only our spirit but also our will. Therefore, God’s operation must spread from our spirit into our will.

As God operates the willing within us, He carries out His working. This corresponds to Romans 8, where we see that God works not only in our spirit, but also in our mind and eventually in our physical body (vv. 6, 11). We will in our will, and we work in our body. The Triune God operates in us from our spirit, through our will, and then into our physical body. (Life-study of Philippians, pp. 103-104)

God’s operating in us is with the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:19)....In Philippians 2:12 Paul charges us to work out our own salvation. On the one hand, the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ will turn out to be our salvation, and on the other hand, we have to work out our salvation. Philippians 1 and 2 refer to the same salvation. This salvation is the working out, the issue, of the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and this salvation is something that we work out in our living. (CWWL, 1988, vol. 1, “Living in and with the Divine Trinity,” p. 373)

In Philippians 1 the apostle was suffering imprisonment and expecting deliverance. For the suffering he needed the Spirit of the suffering Jesus. For the deliverance he needed the Spirit of the rising Christ. The bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ was all he needed to face his situation at that time. (CWWL, 1965, vol. 1, “The All-inclusive Spirit of Christ,” p. 565)

The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the bountiful supply. The Greek word for bountiful supply refers to the supplying of all the needs of the chorus by the choragus, the leader of the chorus. This bountiful supply of the all-inclusive Spirit of Jesus Christ is for us to magnify Jesus Christ by living Him....First, we live Christ; then we magnify Him....While Paul was in the Roman prison, he did not shame Christ but magnified Christ by his living of Him every day.

(CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 1, “The Central Line of the Divine Revelation,” p. 511)

Corporate Reading: “*The Orthodoxy of the Church*”
Ch. 1: The Church in Ephesus

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Although we should understand the Lord’s words when we read the Word, I would dare say that even today many Christians do not have the right concept concerning God. For example, we may have been saved for many years, but we might not have given much consideration to the matter of enjoying God. We might not have the concept that God has given Himself to us for our enjoyment. Perhaps, while we were contacting God and praying this morning, we still held the common religious concept that we should worship Him in a pious way. We may have considered what we should do today, and what we should not do today. Based on these dos and don’ts, we may have prayed, “God, be merciful to me so that I can please You by doing this and that.” This kind of prayer is absolutely the result of our religious concepts. God does not want us to pray this way. Whenever we draw near to God, He presents Himself to us as the fatness, the food for our satisfaction. He does not bargain with us whenever He fellowships and communes with us; rather, He presents Himself for our enjoyment.

All of God’s children should focus on this matter. According to the Bible, after creating Adam, God did not say, “You must worship Me in this way,” or “You must serve Me in that way.” On the contrary, after creating Adam, God placed him in front of the tree of life. God seemed to be saying, “Adam, come here. Just enjoy. I am the tree of life, and I am here for you to enjoy Me. I have no intention for you to do this or that for Me. I have no desire for you to serve or worship Me in this or that way. I only want to present Myself to you as food. My only desire is for you to enjoy Me.”

Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 2: God Desiring Man to Enjoy Him (Section 2)