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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Church in NYC Family Bible Camp**

August 20 - In-person activities (10am-6pm, KPCC, 288 Hickory Bush Rd, Kingston, NY 12401)

Family Bible Camp at KPCC (8/20/22) is open to the families and children meeting in Halls 1-9 and Rosendale, with children entering Kindergarten to 6th grade, young people (grades 7-12) as helpers, and district children's meeting serving ones. **Deadline for registration is today, Lord's Day, August 14, 2022.** Please contact your district children's meeting serving ones for details.

- **Service Office Hours**

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

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Northeast Summer School of Truth – the middle school session began last Monday and concludes today
- The family of our dear brother Ed Righton and the memorial meeting which was held for him this past Saturday, August 13
- The going on of the church in NYC – the strengthening of the church's testimony and the increase of the church in life and in numbers
- The health of all the co-workers and leading brothers in all the churches for the sake of the building up of the church and the Lord's interests all over the earth (1 Kings 8:48)
- The Family Bible Camp which will be held at Camp Penuel on Saturday, August 20
- 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: The Grace of God in the Economy of God
Week 1: The Tremendous Significance of the Grace of God as Revealed in the New Testament

Portion from Days 1 & 5:

According to the New Testament, grace is actually what God is to us for our enjoyment (John 1:16-17; 2 Cor. 12:9). Grace is actually God in Christ dispensed into our being for our enjoyment in our experience. Grace is mainly not the work God does for us; grace is the Triune God Himself dispensed into our being and experienced as our enjoyment. In brief, grace is the Triune God experienced and enjoyed by us. The New Testament reveals that grace is nothing less than God in Christ dispensed into our being for our enjoyment.

Grace is God not in doctrine, but in our experience, for grace is God in Christ with all He is for our enjoyment. This includes life, strength, comfort, rest, light, righteousness, holiness, power, and the other divine attributes. When we enjoy God and participate in Him, that is grace.

John 1:17 says that grace came through Jesus Christ. This indicates that grace is somewhat like a person. Ephesians reveals that the saving grace is God Himself in Christ wrought into our being...To be saved by grace means to be saved by the dispensing of the Triune God into us. (*Life-study of Ephesians, p. 183*)

Many Christians consider salvation as merely being rescued from a pitiful situation. According to this understanding, to be saved by grace is to have the Savior, who is rich in mercy, reach down to us in our low estate and rescue us...[However], according to Ephesians, salvation is the transmission of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and ascended Christ into us. When this person comes into us as grace, we are saved. Once we receive such a divine transmission, we are made alive, raised up, and seated with Christ in the heavenlies. Therefore, in Ephesians grace is the saving person of Christ

Himself...This is a deeper understanding of salvation by grace.

It was not a simple matter for God to be transmitted into us as grace. He had to be processed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. By being processed in this way, He is now able to transmit Himself into us. When the processed God is transmitted into us, He becomes the saving grace. This grace is not only the amazing grace; it is the abounding grace. Grace is the processed God transmitted into our being.

God processed and transmitted into our being is the saving grace and the abounding grace. We have been saved by the transmission of this processed God.

Corporate Reading: *“The Tree of Life” Ch. 9: Christ Opening The Way To The Tree Of Life; Ch. 10: God’s Purpose Fulfilled By The Growth of The Tree Of Life Within Us*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Allowing God to Finish His Speaking

We also need to allow God to finish what He is speaking. ...Many times in our prayers we go away as soon as we have finished speaking rather than letting God go away when He is finished speaking. In our prayers we have no thought of God’s speaking. We simply speak what we want. After praying, we say, “In the name of Jesus, Amen.” Then we leave. We do not care if God is leaving or staying.

Can we wait for God to finish speaking before we say, “In the name of Jesus, Amen”? Many times as soon as we finish our speaking, we say Amen. We may say Amen to such a prayer, but has God said Amen? We have finished, but God has not finished. This is a pitiful condition. We have never learned to absorb God, to receive God, and to breathe in God. We pray in a wild and reckless way. We have never been trained in the matter of prayer. We have never surrendered in this matter. We have never allowed God to speak. Consequently, we do not gain much God at the end of our prayers. We have not absorbed Him or received very much of Him.

In summary, when we come to God to breathe Him in, we must first turn to our spirit to touch Him. We should be calm, behold Him, inquire of Him, and learn to wait on Him. We should also muse upon Him, worship Him, praise Him, and learn to intercede before Him. Later, we should allow Him to finish His

speaking. Then we can let Him know that we are satisfied. This is the best kind of prayer. It is a prayer that receives and absorbs God. If we always pray in this way, we will surely receive and appropriate much more of God, and He will surely be our real enjoyment. This is what it means to enjoy God through our prayer. May the Lord graciously enable us to live in this reality!

Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 5: How to Enjoy God in Prayer (Section 5)

RELATED VERSES

Ephesians 1:5-6; 2:4-8

1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;

2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

2:5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God