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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Gathering of the Church in NYC (Lord's Day, February 5)**

There will be a citywide gathering of the church in NYC on February 5, beginning at 10am. The saints will gather mostly in Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates) and Hall 3 (Flushing). Details will be provided in the coming weeks.

- **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 Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

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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 strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church in 2023:
 - a. That the church would pray with the Lord's authority and from the position of ascension, and release "binding" and "loosing" prayers that bring in and spread the Lord's kingdom
 - b. The strengthening of all the prayer meetings in the church
- **Matthew 16:19** – *I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.*
- The strengthening of the saints who are passing through various trials, that they would be

"guarded by the power of God through faith" and that "the proving of their faith...may be found unto praise and glory and honor"

1 Peter 1:5 – *Who are being guarded by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time*

1 Peter 1:7 – *So that the proving of your faith, much more precious than of gold which perishes though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ*

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children in the church and prayer for all the parents, that they would have the wisdom and the grace to raise the children, and that the children would grow to be vessels "unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master" (2 Tim. 2:21)
- The FTTA gospel trips taking place in Europe and North America beginning later this month; a total of 233 saints will participate in these trips:
 - a. The gospel trips in Europe will consist of 16 teams and will reach 20 countries in Europe, and will take place between January 26-February 9
 - b. The gospel trips in North America will consist of 20 teams in various locations throughout Canada and the United States, and will take place for the most part between January 27-February 11
 - c. Pray specifically for the two teams which will come to New York; one team (6 saints) will serve in NYC and New Jersey; the other team (7 saints) will visit the churches in Upstate NY
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week, as well as all the practical services in all nine halls

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: LOVING THE LORD AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Week 3: Loving the Lord Jesus Christ in Incorruptibility

Portions from Days 3, 5 & 6:

Ephesians 6:24 says, "Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility." We all must ask ourselves what it means to love the Lord in incorruptibility. In 1 Timothy 1:17 Paul says that God is incorruptible, and in 2 Timothy 1:10 he says that the Lord "nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel." First Corinthians 15 tells us that in resurrection the corruptible become incorruptible (vv. 50-53). To love the Lord in incorruptibility means to love Him in the new creation. All the things of the old creation are corruptible. This is proved by Romans 8 where we see that the whole creation is groaning under the slavery of corruption (vv. 21-22). Everything of the old creation is corrupting. Only the new creation is not. (CWWL, 1985, vol. 3, "Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles," p. 517)

Whether we love the Lord in incorruptibility [Eph. 6:24] depends on the things we love Him in. Although many other things will be corrupted, the Body of Christ is incorruptible. The building of this Body comprises three main categories of work: visiting others with the gospel to bring them into the Triune God, shepherding new believers in home meetings, and speaking in the church meetings. The issue of these three kinds of labor will remain forever and will never be corrupted. Therefore, to do them out of our love for the Lord is to love Him in incorruptibility. (CWWL, 1988, vol. 1, pp. 573-574)

We can be revived in a miraculous yet normal way every morning, and we can be revived again and again throughout the day in the same way. If we sense that we are sinful, we should immediately pray, "Lord, I am sinful. Forgive me of all my sinfulness and cleanse me with Your precious blood." Right away we will be cleansed and revived. We do not need to pray for many days but can simply speak a brief word to the Lord in order to be instantly revived. In this way we can live Christ, walk according to the spirit, speak Christ everywhere and at any moment, and then come to the meetings and overflow, which is to have rivers of living water flowing out of our inner man...(John 7:38). This is the way to live the church life, a revived life, a life that continually overcomes, and a life that loves the Lord in incorruptibility. (CWWL, 1988, vol. 1, pp. 580, 582-584)

Corporate Reading: "The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity" Ch. 7: The Divine Dispensing in the Book of Ephesians

MINISTRY READINGS

**God Making Himself Available
in the Form of Food for Man to Enjoy**

God ...has given Himself to us in the form of food, in the way of life. In this form man is not threatened; rather, God is warm, affectionate, and easily accessible.

We should not think that God's making Himself available applies only to the tree of life in Genesis 2. One day God became flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. When He came, He came as a man. But when He presented Himself to man, His way and presence suggested that He was a piece of bread. He wanted man to receive Him in the form of food. He did not come as a dignitary with outward glory. He did not convey a sense of loftiness or greatness, and it was easy for people to approach Him. It was natural and easy for people to contact Him. No matter how evil or unworthy a man might have been, there was no sense that he would be rejected. He came in the form of food, as a piece of bread.

Although He appears to man as bread for food, the Bible says that [465] all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him bodily (Col. 2:9). We should never underestimate the Lord. He did not have an attracting form or beautiful appearance. His outward appearance was neither significant nor threatening. However, He was not void of content. The Bible says that all the fullness of the Godhead, that is, all the fullness of God Himself, dwelt in Him. The fullness even dwelt in Him bodily. The fullness of the God of glory and of majesty, who is most holy and transcendent and who is in unapproachable light, dwelt in the man Jesus. In this Jesus, who is our food, all the fullness dwells. We should know Him to this extent.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 10: How God Becomes Man's Enjoyment in the Spirit (part 1)