

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • NY & NJ Spring College Conference (Mar. 4)

The 2023 Spring College Conference for the churches and campuses in New York and New Jersey will be held **on March 4, 2023 at KPCC (Camp Penuel)** in Kingston, NY. College-aged students, high school seniors, and recent graduates in New York and New Jersey are invited. The registration **deadline is February 26 (today)**. Please see the Google Form link below for more details and to register: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRjYYpGsADfGCT76H1wY7FNGpYxL\\_c03VyI15b1ZJphSRyyg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRjYYpGsADfGCT76H1wY7FNGpYxL_c03VyI15b1ZJphSRyyg/viewform).

### • Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Mar. 10-12)

The Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference will be held at **Camp Penuel (KPCC)** from **March 10 to 12**. English translation will be provided for all messages.

Please see details in the invitation link posted at [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org). The registration deadline is **February 26 (today)**. We encourage all the saints to register with brothers Henry Gonzalez, Ivanhoe Frederick or Osmar Suarez.

### • 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

**Passcode:** 3131

**One tap mobile:** +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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 gospel meeting held online this past Friday, February 24, in the *Crucial Truths of the Bible* meeting
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) this past weekend on the general subject Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming, and prayer that the word released would not return to the Lord vainly but that it will accomplish what He delights in, and prosper in the matter to which He sent it (Isa. 55:11)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithfulness in answering the prayers of the church in the Young People's Winter Retreat, and prayer for the Lord's continued operation in the young people through His word
- The spring term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) and the training extension in Boston (FTTA-XB)—There are currently 5 trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Rebecca Zhang (2nd term), Benjamin Cooley (3rd term), Libby Sun (3rd term), Dean Deng (4th term), Christyn Hung (4th term), and 1 trainee in Boston: Lesly Ramirez; we give thanks to the Lord for the consecration of these young saints; let us pray that the Lord would gain each one fully and produce each one as a living, functioning member of His Body
- The need for meeting halls in various localities throughout the country and throughout the world:
  - a. Atlanta, GA
  - b. Stuttgart, Germany
  - c. São Paulo, Brazil
  - d. Sydney, Australia

## MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: LOVING THE LORD AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE**

## CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Week 8: Taking the God-ordained Pathway for the Church – the Way of Philadelphia – according to the Lord’s Up-to-date and Ultimate Recovery to Bring Us into a New Revival to Turn the Age**

### Portions from Days 1, 2 and outlines:

I believe that God has only one work today. It is the message of Colossians 1:18 which says that God desires to see Christ have the first place in all things. The basis of everything is the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of Christ. Other than Christ, there is no spiritual reality. This is God’s “present truth.” ..... May God be gracious to us so that we do not become the castaways of the “present truth.” (CWWN, vol. 11, “What Are We?” pp. 844, 856-858)

One church was unique and was highly appraised by the Lord—the church in Philadelphia. The Lord highly appraised them and even appreciated them because they kept the word (Rev. 3:8). This means that they did not turn away from the apostle’s proper teaching. Although they were weak, ..... they had a little power and that they had kept His word.

To turn away from the proper teaching is a terrible thing that will result in degradation and in picking up other teachings...I hope that all the church people in the recovery would not be followers of those in Asia who turned away from Paul’s ministry. Rather, I hope that we would follow the pattern of the church in Philadelphia—keeping the Lord’s word even though we only have a little strength. Let us keep the word of the Lord, which is to remain in the teachings of the apostle, to remain in the healthy words, to remain in the unique revelation from the Lord with the proper leadership. Then we are safe. (CWWL, 1986, vol. 1, “Elders’ Training, Book 7: One Accord for the Lord’s Move,” pp. 173-174)

The characteristic of the overcomers in Philadelphia (vv. 7-13) is their aspiration to arrive at the highest peak of the divine revelation of God’s economy—this highest peak is God becoming man to make man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead so that the Body of Christ can be produced, the bride can be prepared, and the New Jerusalem can be consummated.

The characteristic of the overcomers in Philadelphia is their endeavoring to enter into the God-man living by enjoying the riches of Christ as their indwelling treasure—Eph. 3:8; 2 Cor. 4:7.

The characteristic of the overcomers in Philadelphia is their brotherly love; love prevails among them so that they shepherd people according to God (1 Pet. 5:2) by cherishing them with the cheering presence of God and nourishing them with the healthy teaching of the economy of God (Eph. 4:11; 5:29; Acts 20:28).

**Corporate Reading:** “*The Life-study of Romans*”, message 1

## MINISTRY READINGS

### A person Enjoying God as the Spirit

We have a certain feeling when we breathe fresh air; we have a feeling of enjoyment. Similarly, whenever we touch the Spirit by breathing Him in, we have a certain feeling. We are convicted; we feel judged and condemn ourselves because the Spirit is the lamps of fire burning before the throne of God (4:5). He is also the eyes of the Lamb (5:6). ... When the Spirit is touched by man and received into man, He becomes a shining and enlightening within man. He convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8). When we touch the Spirit, we cannot escape being convicted. When we breathe in the Spirit, we cannot fail to be enlightened....This means that when the Spirit touches man, He shines the light of God’s throne into man, and man sees his unrighteousness and corruption. Whenever we touch the Spirit, we feel convicted. Once God touches us, the lamps before the throne shine within us, we become bright, and our inward condition is exposed even if we were dark and confused. As the Spirit of judgment and the Spirit of conviction, the Spirit judges and convicts us. God is holy and cannot dwell with evil. Once a man touches Him, a sense of conviction comes, and his true inward condition is exposed. God’s Spirit shines in man as lamps of fire, and He searches man’s inward parts with His flaming eyes. ... This is truly wonderful. The more we condemn and judge ourselves, the happier we are inwardly, and the more we enjoy the Spirit’s presence and God’s infilling. Eventually, spiritual songs and praises well up within us. Condemnation and conviction are turned into praising and thanksgiving because we are filled with the Spirit, just as if we were drunk with new wine.

*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 4)*