

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2023 December Semiannual Training Registration**

The 2023 December Semiannual Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the International Thanksgiving Blending Conference held in Dallas the past weekend and prayer that the burden of the word released on The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity would reach and strengthen all the saints in His recovery
- That the saints who are passing through various trials would not lose heart but rather experience “being guarded by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time” (1 Pet. 1:5)
- Prayer for the preservation of the United States and for the leaders of this nation at every level of government (local, state and federal) so that

the Lord’s testimony would be strengthened and advance in every locality where it is established and spread to other areas of the country (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

- The Lord’s move in Europe:
 - a. Students and young adults conference for German-speaking areas this weekend—Many of the new ones who were contacted during the gospel trips in October would attend; let us pray that the Lord uses this conference to impart a heavenly vision to the students and young adults that they may be gained for the church life
 - b. 2023 Iberian Peninsula Conference in Malaga, Spain this upcoming weekend
- The strengthening of the church meetings, the small group meetings and the practical services this week
- 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: 2023 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF THE LORD’S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING

Week 7: The Two Aspects of God’s Complete Salvation – Judicial Redemption Plus Organic Salvation

Portions from Days 1, 3, 5& 6:

The complete salvation of God has two aspects: the judicial aspect and the organic aspect...By the word judicial we know that it has something to do with the law, and by the word organic we know that it has something to do with life. Therefore, God’s complete salvation has both the judicial aspect, an aspect related to the law, and the organic aspect, an aspect related to life. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 3, “The Organic Aspect of God’s Salvation,” p. 375)

In the complete salvation of God, what He does in the judicial aspect is the procedure, and what He does in the organic aspect is the purpose. In the aspect of procedure, that which God has fulfilled according to His judicial requirement is redemption, including forgiveness of sins, washing away of sins, justification, reconciliation to God, and positional sanctification.

In the aspect of purpose, that which God has carried out by His life organically is salvation, including (1) regeneration for us to receive the eternal life of God, (2) shepherding for us to grow and exist in the divine life, (3) sanctification in our disposition, (4) renewing in our mind, (5) transformation in our image, issuing in (6) God's building, (7) conformation to the image of God's firstborn Son, that is, maturity in the divine life, and (8) glorification, which is the consummation of God's eternal economy (8:30)...That which is carried out organically is a further step as salvation, which is different from redemption [the initial step] and includes eight items. Redemption is accomplished judicially, whereas salvation is carried out organically. The eight items in the organic aspect issue in the church of God to constitute the Body of Christ, which will consummate the New Jerusalem, which is the ultimate goal of God's eternal economy.

Through regeneration the believers have the spiritual life of God in addition to their natural life (3:15). The spiritual life of God is divine and eternal (v. 36). Such a divine life is the basis and means of the believers' spiritual life and living. Spiritually, all our living is based upon the divine life of God in us. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 3, "The Organic Aspect of God's Salvation," pp. 392-393)

In regeneration a new life, the divine life, is added to our natural life, causing these two lives to become one. In sanctification our distorted, crooked, and perverted nature is adjusted by God's holy nature. In renewing the mingled spirit penetrates our troublesome mind, causing it to be changed and even to become the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5; 1 Cor. 2:16).

Renewing is by the renewing Spirit mingling with the believers' regenerated spirit indwelt by Christ as one spirit to spread into the believers' mind (Eph. 4:23) to renew their entire being as a member of the new man.

Regeneration is God entering into man, whereas glorification is man entering into God. Thus, man is altogether mingled and joined with God to

express the image of God. That is glorification. The ultimate consummation of God's complete salvation is the New Jerusalem—the crystallization of the union and mingling of God with man, the processed and consummated Triune God with His regenerated, transformed, conformed, and glorified tripartite elect. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 3, "The Organic Aspect of God's Salvation," p. 435)

Corporate Reading: "The Life-study of Romans", messages 64-65

MINISTRY READINGS

Restricting Our Mind and Exercising Our Spirit in Reading the Bible

In order to apprehend something, we need to exercise our heart as well as our eyes and ears. In the same way, when we read the Bible, it is possible for us to "look without seeing, listen without hearing, and eat without tasting." This, however, is not because our heart is absent; rather, it is the result of not exercising our spirit but casting it aside and studying merely with our mind. This is what it means to read the Bible without exercising the spirit. If we want to read the Bible, we must exercise our spirit. Our spirit must take the lead, and the activity of our mind must be restricted.

The mind is always a bothersome thing. It often wanders to different places and causes us to fantasize. When we are reading Genesis, our mind may wander to Revelation, and when we are reading Revelation, our mind may return to Genesis. It jumps faster than electricity. When we are not reading the Bible, our mind does not wander, but once we open the Bible, the imagination begins to operate and all kinds of thoughts come. Therefore, in reading the Bible, we must restrict our mind, that is, gird our thoughts and exercise our spirit. When reading, we must allow our spirit to take the lead and not be carried away by our thoughts. We must reject our thoughts when we read the Bible. Some may think that this is contradictory, but if we practice, we will realize that it is not contradictory. We can reject our thoughts while we are reading the Bible. We can stay away from our mind and use our spirit.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 15: RESTRICTING THE MIND AND EXERCISING THE SPIRIT IN READING THE BIBLE (part 5)