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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available on the church website churchinnyc.org/bible-study.

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

Week 26

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 24:28-67 Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 51-52

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Choice of Lot

Scripture: Gen. 13

Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s).

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Supplemental Reading: CWWN, Set 1, Vol. 18, "Notes on Scriptural Messages (2)", Issue 38 "A Defeated Righteous Man"; CWWN, Set 2, Vol. 42, "Conferences, Messages, and Fellowship (2)", ch. 34 "How to Know God's Will"; Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2, ch. 19; Truth Lessons, Level One, Vol. 3, ch. 25

Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference (Sept. 12-14)

The registration has opened for the upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast. The conference will be held at Camp Penuel **(KPCC)** on September 12-14, 2025. The registration deadline is September 1, 2025. We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation onsite at the camp.

Please see the registration link and more information on the conference: https://tinyurl.com/2025fallyws. If you have any questions, please email northeastyws@gmail.com.

2025 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1)

The 2025 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held **in Indianapolis, IN** from **Thursday, Nov. 27 through Lord's Day, Nov. 30**. For more details, please visit LSM website at: https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2025-Thanksgiving-conf/2025ThanksgivingConferenceInformation-en.pdf.

• Service Office Hours

Due to the many activities in the coming summer months, Service Office Hour will be suspended until September.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the middle school, high school and college age young people, and prayer for each one during the upcoming school year; let us pray specifically for all the college freshmen, that they would go on in the church life wherever they are and that they would "shine as luminaries in the world" from the beginning of their college years (Phil. 2:15)
- The burden for the gospel on the college campuses during the new academic year both in NYC and throughout the country

- Regional Labor Day weekend conferences for the churches in the Mid Atlantic (in Baltimore, MD), the Southeast (in Jacksonville, FL), the Mountain States (in Denver, CO), and Southern California (in Orange County)
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 5-7
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference being held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 12-14
- 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: 2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2) WEEK 7: The One Who Is Formed in the Believers Portion from Days 5:

According to the context of the book of Galatians, to have Christ formed in us is to allow Him to permeate our being and saturate our inward parts. When Christ occupies our inner being in this way, He is formed in us. In order to have Christ formed in us, we need to drop everything other than Christ Himself, no matter how good these things may be.Although the law was given by God, it must be set aside so that all the ground in our being may be given over to Christ. We need to allow Him to saturate every part of our inner being. He must occupy us and saturate our mind, emotion, and will. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3311-3312)

To have Christ formed in us is to allow the all-inclusive Spirit to occupy every part of our inner being.We should let Christ be our thought, our decision, our love, and everything to us...Everything other than Christ must diminish, and Christ must become everything to us in our experience. To have Christ formed in us is to have Christ mingled with our whole being. In every part of our being...Christ should be mingled with us. Christ must saturate us and permeate us until He is completely blended with us; then He will be formed in us. This indicates that He desires to have a very subjective relationship with us.

Paul's word about Christ being formed in the believers implies that we are being constituted with Christ. Christ is living in us, He is being formed in us, and He is becoming our constitution. To have Christ formed in us is a living, organic matter.

For Christ to be formed in us means that His element is being constituted into us...His being is becoming our being, and His constitution is becoming our constitution. This is a matter not merely of the element of Christ being within us but of having the element of Christ constituted into us. To be constituted with Christ in this way involves a process of organic transformation and formation. In this process something living—Christ with His element—is being constituted into, wrought into, our being. The New Testament reveals that Christ is deeply related to our being. This is not merely a concept, theory, or theology; it is a divine fact that we need to experience in full.

MINISTRY READINGS

THE TWO MINGLINGS

The same problem continued in the book of Acts. The church began with a group of people receiving Christ and taking Christ as their life. The church was started and formed in this way. However, the book of Acts and the following Epistles show us that even in the church among the Christians, Satan could utilize so-called Christian things to frustrate and distract people from the Lord Himself. The matter of divisions among the Lord's children was used by the enemy to frustrate their oneness in Christ.

Finally, at the end of the Scriptures, in Revelation, the worldly system is portrayed as being married to religion. The worldly civilization is pictured as a husband, and religion is likened to a harlot. This is why there is a picture in the book of Revelation of a woman, a harlot, sitting on a beast (17:3). The beast represents the ultimate consummation of all human inventions resulting in institutions and politics, and upon that beast is a woman representing religion. The great mysterious Babylon is a mixture of human civilization with religion. If we are not clear about this vision, it will be easy for us to be seduced from the way of life into something other than the Lord Himself.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 2: The Source and Consummation of the Two Trees (part 2)