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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 29

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Review prior week materials at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

Level 2—Topical Study

Review prior week materials at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **2025 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (Cont.)**

The 2025 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat concludes today at KPCC.

- **The Fall College Retreat (Nov. 7 - 9th)**

The 2025 Fall College Retreat for the students in NY, NJ, and Eastern PA will be held on the weekend of November 7 to 9th at Camp Peniel (KPCC). Registration is now open and details can be found in the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-jD9K6TeFYx56Cz-9MGLq6IXGSohH67KNRngxwUF_Exg/preview

- **Registration for the 2025 December Semiannual Training**

Registration for the 2025 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the Live Training in Anaheim, CA and the Video Training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **November 1, 2025**.

- **2025 Church in NYC College Scholarship Application**

A number of generous donations from some elderly saints over the years were given to award scholarships for young people in the church in New York City. We thank the Lord for their generosity and for His practical care demonstrated to us through His Body. This year, the Board of Trustees has made available funds for awarding the **2025 Academic Year Church in New York City Scholarship for Academic Excellence and for Financial Need**. For the scholarship application requirements and application form, please use the URL: <https://forms.gle/wnzTcboHLnbKoQKZA>. The deadline for submitting your application is **Sunday, November 2, 2025**.

Scholarships are awarded through an application and review process. The submission of an application does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship, but each application will be given careful consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to churchnycscholarship@gmail.com.

- **2025 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 27 – 30)**

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->

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

Oct 24 to 26: The Regional Conference (Hall 1)

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities in the church life, Service Office Hour will be suspended until further notice.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) held in Malaysia two weeks ago—The general subject of the messages was Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 through 7; let us pray for all the responsible brothers in the churches throughout the earth, and that the Lord's word would not return to Him empty, but "accomplish what He delights in" and "prosper in the matter to which He sent it" (Isa. 55:11)
- The northeast High School Juniors/Seniors Retreat which concludes today at Camp Penuel
- The churches in Upstate NY and the blending conference which concludes today in Syracuse, NY
- The Lord's move in the United States—The strengthening of all the believers throughout the nation, including ourselves, to not be ashamed of the gospel (Rom. 1:16) and to seize every opportunity to preach the gospel (2 Tim. 4:2)
- Gospel meeting in Hall 1 on Saturday, October 18
- The continued homecoming of many who have not been meeting regularly

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)
WEEK 12: The Giver of Gifts and the Constituents of God's Armor

Portion from Days 1 and 6:

Verse 8 reveals an important principle that it was only after Christ on the cross had defeated and captured God's chosen people that Christ led them to the heavens as His captives in His train of vanquished foes and made them gifts to His Body...Because Christ on the cross defeated all His enemies, He is victorious in the universe and has gained the ground to fill all things in the universe. But He may not be victorious in us and may not have ground in us, because we have not been subdued by Him in our experience. In order for us to function as a gift to the Body, we must be conquered and subdued by Christ...When we are willing to be subdued and captured by Christ, we will give Christ the ground to establish us as gifts to His Body. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3411-3414, 3416-3417)

In summary, the armor of God that covers us is Christ realized by us as our truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation. Truth as the girdle, righteousness as the breastplate, the gospel of peace as the firm foundation, faith as the shield, salvation as the helmet, the Spirit, the word of God, as the sword—all these are the various aspects of Christ in our experience. We should experience Christ as our girdle of truth; we should experience Christ as righteousness that covers our conscience; we should experience Christ as the gospel of peace to strengthen our stand to fight the spiritual warfare; we should experience Christ as the faith to shield our entire being from the attacks of the enemy; we should experience Christ as salvation to cover our mind against the negative thoughts Satan seeks to inject into our mind; and we should experience Christ as the sword of the Spirit to slay the enemy. All these aspects of Christ are applied to us by prayer. In order to fight the spiritual warfare, we should experience Christ as the constituents of the divine armor and be empowered in Christ and in the might of His strength. As the corporate warrior, we should be inwardly empowered with Christ as the heavenly dynamo and outwardly clothed with Christ as the constituents of God's armor; in other words, we should be mingled with Christ. May we endeavor to experience and enjoy Him as the constituents of God's armor in order to fight the spiritual warfare and defeat God's enemy. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3467-3470)