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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church Gospel Meeting (Sat., Dec. 13)**

There will be a church gospel meeting at Hall 1 on Sat., Dec 13, starting with dinner from 6pm. The meeting will be in English with Spanish translation provided. For more details please visit: <https://www.churchinnyc.org/#gospel>.

- **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 38

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 31:17-55
Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 75-76

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Purpose of God According to Selection with Esau and Jacob

Scripture: Gen. 25:19-18

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 66-67

Supplemental Reading: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, ch. 9; CWWN, Set 1, Vol. 9, "The Present Testimony (2)", Issue 21 "The Principle of Being the Second"; Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2, ch. 23; Revelations in

Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, ch. 15

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

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

Registration for the 2025 December Semiannual Video Training is still open. Please submit your registration for the Video Training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the word released in the Thanksgiving Conference the past weekend regarding the topic The All-inclusive Christ as Revealed in Matthew; let us pray that the Spirit of reality would guide all the saints into the reality of everything that was spoken, and let us also pray for the viewing of these messages this past weekend in many localities throughout Europe, Africa, the Far East and Australasia
- The burden for the gospel and the citywide gospel meeting on Saturday, December 13 in Hall 1—Let us pray:
 - a. That all the saints of all ages and from every language group in all nine halls would be burdened for the salvation of their relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers and classmates
 - b. That the young people and college saints would be emboldened to speak the gospel on their campuses
 - c. For every aspect of the gospel meeting on December 13
 - d. That the enemy would be bound
 - e. For remaining fruit for the building of the church
- The continued homecoming of many who have not been meeting regularly and the shepherding of all the saints
- The Lord's move in Long Island—That the Lord would prepare the way and grant us the best

cooperation with Him for His raising up a lampstand in Long Island

- The ongoing truth pursuit in the book of Genesis and the Friday night online Bible study—That the love for the Word of God would increase daily in all the saints and that the church would have the reality of being the pillar and base of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15)
- 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: 2025 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3)

WEEK 3: Enjoying the All-inclusive Christ as the Good Land—Our Allotted Portion

Portion from Days 1 & 6:

The experience of the children of Israel in the good land typifies our enjoyment of Christ today. Christ is our good land, and the various aspects of the riches of Christ are typified by the produce of the land. If we enjoy the rich supply of Christ, we will be able to live Christ. We will also be empowered to defeat the enemies. The enemies are always defeated when we enjoy Christ. Furthermore, through the enjoyment of the riches of Christ, the kingdom of God is established in the church, and the temple is built for God's dwelling place. All these matters—living the Christian life, defeating the enemies, establishing the kingdom of God, and building the house of God—issue out from the enjoyment of the riches of Christ. (Life-study of 1 Corinthians, p. 449)

We are rooted in Christ, who is the rich, fertile soil. Having been rooted in Him, we should go on to absorb His riches. As a tree absorbs nourishing elements from the soil through its roots, we also should absorb the riches of Christ into us...A tree's growth depends upon the nourishment it absorbs through its roots. Since we have been rooted into Christ, we should remain in Him in a practical way day by day. In our experience we need to stay rooted in Christ.

If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots. Do not let yourself get old, but be fresh and renewed day by day. Pray to the Lord, "Lord, I want my

consecration to be fresh, and I want to open to You anew. I want my roots to be tender that I may absorb Your riches. Lord, don't let my roots get old." If our roots are tender and new to absorb the riches of Christ, we will grow automatically with the riches we assimilate. This is to enjoy Christ and to experience Him subjectively, daily, and hourly.

If you see that we have been rooted in Christ as the rich soil, you will be comforted and encouraged. Do not be troubled by your weaknesses.In this soil do you not have the fullness, the circumcision, the burial, the raising up, the giving of life, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the powers of darkness?Take time to absorb Him, to assimilate the rich elements from Him as the soil. If you take time to absorb the Lord, you will be able to testify that in Christ you have no lack.

MINISTRY READINGS

THE SON BEING THE FATHER

John tells us that the Word, who was God, became a man of flesh. Who is this Christ? This Christ is the very God incarnated as a man. He is the complete God and the perfect man, the God-man. Isaiah 9:6 says, "A child is born to us, / A Son is given to us; / And the government / Is upon His shoulder; / And His name will be called / Wonderful Counselor, / Mighty God, / Eternal Father, / Prince of Peace."

THE LORD BEING THE SPIRIT

The Lord told the disciples that He will ask the Father to give them another Comforter and that this Comforter is "the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you" (v. 17). This means that after His resurrection the Lord became the Spirit of reality. Thus, the Lord is the Spirit who gives life, the life-giving Spirit.

The Lord Jesus to us is just like the air. He breathed into the disciples and told them to receive the Holy Spirit. Our Christ is not only the Savior, the Redeemer, the Lamb who was slain, crucified, on the cross, but He is also the very God in the Son, with the Father as His reality and the Spirit as His transmission. He comes into us as the Spirit like the air, so vast and yet so available and real. This Spirit as the air is the full reality of the Triune God.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 3: The Tree of Life in the Gospel of John (part 3)