

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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](http://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 39**

##### **Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 32

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 77-78

##### **Level 2—Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Esau Despising His Birthright

Scripture: Gen. 25:29-34; Gen. 36

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 96

Supplemental Reading: *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, ch. 16; *Life-study of Luke*, msg. 12

Study Questions: See the church website at [churchinnyc.org/bible-study](http://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

- The burden for the gospel and the citywide gospel meeting held yesterday, 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
  - 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 Lord's move in various localities throughout the United States:
  - a. That the Lord would provide the funds for the completion of the new meeting hall in Atlanta, GA
  - b. The need for a new meeting hall in Orlando, FL
  - c. The construction of a new meeting hall in Virginia Beach, VA
  - d. The renovation of the newly acquired hall in Pittsburgh, PA
- The Lord's move in Europe:
  - a. The strengthening of the newly-established churches in France (Nanterre, Toulouse)
  - b. The preparations for the gospel outreach which will take place in Italy during the upcoming Winter Olympic games in February 2026

- 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 4: The Mystery of God - Christ

##### Portion from Days 3 & 6:

God Himself is a mystery, and Christ is the mystery of this mystery. Surely we cannot fathom such a mystery simply by reading the letter of the Scriptures. Since Christ dwells in our spirit, we need to exercise our spirit in order to know Him as the mystery of God. Never regard Christ as a mere object to be known in an outward way. As the crucified and resurrected One, He is living both on the throne in the heavens and in our spirit as well. Hence, it is of utmost importance that we exercise our spirit to contact Him. This means that we must open up from the depths of our being and call on Him. Our spirit is our deepest part, deeper than the heart and all the parts of the soul. Therefore, to exercise our spirit is to open the deepest part of our being to call on the name of the Lord Jesus and to contact Him as the living One within us.

To know Him, we must not only exercise our spirit but also have our heart comforted. This means that our heart must be cherished, warmed. Moreover, our mind must be sober, our emotion must be regulated, and our will must be subdued. Every part of our inner being must be proper and function in a normal way. This is the reason Paul speaks of the hearts being comforted in relation to having the full knowledge of Christ as the mystery of God.

If we would have all the riches of the full assurance of understanding concerning Christ as the mystery of God, every part of our being must be exercised.

We should not believe our feelings about ourselves but look away to Christ (Heb. 12:2). We need to exercise our faith to realize what He is, what He has passed through, what He has obtained and attained, and where He is today. Since He is in the third heaven and we are one with Him, we also are in the third heaven. We have been placed into the Christ who is unsearchably rich.

Since Christ is the good land in which we have been rooted, we have been rooted in this fullness; in it we have been made full, complete, and perfect. We have no need whatsoever. Having been planted into this fullness, we should simply absorb nourishment from it. As we do so, we will find that we have no lack. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3572-3573).

## MINISTRY READINGS

### SIX MAJOR ITEMS OF CHRIST FOR OUR ENJOYMENT

For us to live, we need life, light, food, drink, air, and an abiding place to rest. The Lord is all of these items to us. Although there are many other items of Christ in John's Gospel, these are the six major items for our enjoyment.

According to our experience, when we breathe the Lord in as the fresh air, we also enjoy Him as the water. In this water we have Him as food, and in this food we have Him as light. Learn to breathe Him in. The more you breathe Him in, the more you will have Him as the dew to water you. In the living water is the tree of life growing, the food, and with this food there is always the light. .... The more you breathe Him in, the more you will be watered. The more you are watered, the more you will be nourished. And the more you are nourished, the more you will be enlightened. You will be in the light and be full of light.

### BORN OF GOD IN OUR SPIRIT

As many as received Christ were born of God. When we initially received Christ as the tree of life, a birth occurred, and a life relationship with God was established.

In John 4:24 the Lord Jesus did not say that God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in the heart. We must worship God in spirit. .... Our second birth, our spiritual birth, which happened when we received Christ, was accomplished in our spirit. To be born of the Spirit means to be born of God. We were regenerated, reborn, in our spirit. Before we were regenerated, we were dead in our spirit (Eph. 2:1). When we received Christ by calling upon His name, Christ as the Spirit came into us just like the air.

*Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 3: The Tree of Life in the Gospel of John (part 4)*