

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2026 Middle School Spring Conference (cont.)**

The 2026 Northeast Middle School Spring Conference concludes at **Camp Penuel today**.

- **The Northeast College Training (July 10-14)**

We encourage the college students and high school seniors to register for the College Training (Northeast). It will be held July 10-14 at KPCC. Please encourage the students to register at <https://www.collegetraining.org>. The registration will close after May 31.

- **2026 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 22-25)**

The 2026 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held in **Sheraton Dallas Hotel** in Dallas, TX from **Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25**. We will provide zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.

Conference Schedule via Zoom:

Message 1: Friday, May 22, 2026, 8:30 PM

Message 2: Saturday, May 23, 2026, 11:00 AM

Message 3: Saturday, May 23, 2026, 8:30 PM

Message 4: Lord's Day, May 24, 2026, 5:00 PM

Message 5: Lord's Day, May 24, 2026, 8:30 PM

Message 6: Monday, May 25, 2026, 11:00 AM

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84615284287?pwd=yplUyT89OnQSQ6NnRbpEKdlp7BifOz.1>

Meeting ID: 846 1528 4287

Passcode: 2026

One tap mobile:

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Alternatively, you can watch the conference at LSM Webcast site, www.lsmwebcast.com. Login credentials are not required to access the conference materials. The videos of the messages will be available for free for a period of 30 days after the conference. Conference outlines will be accessible to download from www.lsmwebcast.com.

- **2026 June Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Training is still open. Please submit your registration for the Video Training by filling out the online form:

<https://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The church newsletter has finished posting all 60 pursuit schedules. The saints are welcome to visit the church website to view each week's contents: <https://www.churchinnyc.org/bible-study/>.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The follow up prayers for the Citywide Senior Saints' Conference which was held last Saturday in Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates)
- The Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference which concludes at Camp Penuel today
- The salvation of the children in grade 5--A number of the children have been saved in the gospel sessions held so far; let us offer our thanksgiving to the Lord for this; the final gospel meeting is scheduled for Lord's Day, May 31
- The graduating seniors in both high school and college, that the Lord would guide them in and according to His will and bless them for whatever will be the next stage in their lives

- The Lord's move in Europe—The first Lord's table meeting to be held in Prato, Italy today
- The 2026 International Memorial Day Blending Conference to be held in Dallas, TX over the weekend of May 22-25
- 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 December Semiannual Training - Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (4)

WEEK 5: The Tree of Life

Portion from Days 1, 2, 4 & 6:

The entire Bible shows the goal of life...As Christians, we have Christ as our life (Col. 3:4). He is in us to save us and be our life. This life is Christ Himself, who is God Himself. This life will lead us into eternity, which means that even in eternity everything will be related to life. Revelation shows that in eternity we will contact the river of water of life and the tree of life. The river of water of life proceeds out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, and on this side and on that side of the river is the tree of life (22:1-2). In eternity we will contact and see life...All the believers are connected to God in life; thus, the believers and God are one in His life. In other words, just as life is in God, life is also in us. (CWWL, 1953, vol. 1, "Knowing Life and the Church," pp. 113-114, 116)

The enjoyment of Christ as the tree of life in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth will be the common portion of all of God's redeemed people, whereas the particular enjoyment of Him as the tree of life in the New Jerusalem in the coming millennial kingdom is a reward given only to the overcoming believers. If we overcome all the distractions in the church's degradation to enjoy Christ as the tree of life in the church today, we will be thus rewarded. Otherwise, we will miss this particular enjoyment in the coming kingdom, though we will still enjoy Christ as the tree of life in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth for eternity.

God's original intention was that man should eat of the tree of life (Gen. 2:9, 16). Because of the fall the way to the tree of life was closed to man (3:22-24). Through the redemption of Christ the way by which man could touch the tree of life,

which is God Himself in Christ as life to man, was opened again (Heb. 10:19-20). But in the church's degradation, religion crept in with its knowledge to distract the believers in Christ from eating Him as the tree of life. Hence, the Lord promised to grant the overcomers to eat of Himself as the tree of life in the Paradise of God, as a reward. This is an incentive for them to leave religion with its knowledge and return to the enjoyment of Himself. This promise of the Lord restores the church to God's original intention according to His economy. What the Lord wants the overcomers to do is what the whole church should do in God's economy. Because of the church's degradation, the Lord came to call the overcomers to replace the church in the accomplishing of God's economy. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 4171)

No one can solve the problems of today's world. Only Christ the King can solve these problems. When Christ reigns on earth, the overcomers will be His helpers in the kingship, His co-kings. The sons of Christ, the overcomers, will be the princes reigning with Christ over the nations.

We need to see not only the beauty of Christ that is in Christ Himself and the beauty of Christ that is in the church but also the beauty of Christ that is in all His descendants, all His members, as the princes. If we see Christ's beauty in these three ways, we will have a complete view, the full picture, of His beauty.