

The Church in New York City

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Young People's Spring Conference Series**

This will be a 4-week conference series with weekly live sessions, pre-recorded messages, group times, and special fellowships (the first session was held on Saturday, April 4). All the young people are invited to this conference, both Junior High School and High School, as well as their parents and serving ones.

Due to the current meeting restrictions, all of the sessions will be conducted online. For the live sessions, the conference service Zoom will be used. Pre-recorded messages, materials and updates will be posted weekly on the following website: <http://pursuewiththose.herokuapp.com/>. The general subject of the conference will be ***Redeeming the Time***.

Session Two - Friday, April 10th - 10am

Session Three - Friday, April 10th - 8pm

Session Four - Saturday, April 11th - 10am

Session Five - Saturday, April 11th - 8pm

Session Six - Saturday, April 18th - 8pm

Session Seven - Saturday, April 25th - 8pm

For registration, or if you have any questions, please see the young people's serving ones in your hall.

- The local children's meeting video for the week is now available on the website churchinnyc.org/cm-videos/. The families can view it during the week again with their children.
- Family Time video on the website thebibletellsmeso.com/familytime. A short new video will be posted daily from

Monday through Friday for the next four weeks. The purpose of these videos is to foster a daily family time in each household.

- Website to help facilitate the Global Prayer for 21 days, beginning April 1: <https://unceasinglypray.org/>.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Lord's interests on the earth—Pray for the Father's name to be sanctified, His kingdom to come, and His will to be done, as in heaven, so also on earth (Matt. 6:9-10) even in the midst of the current health crisis in this city, across our nation and around the globe.
- Prayer—That all the saints in all the local churches and all the Lord's children all over the earth would rise up to pray for His will to be done in the midst of the current global health crisis.
- That the heavens would rule (Dan. 4:26), that Satan would be bound, and that the pandemic would be stopped.
- All the authorities on the federal, state and local levels—That the authorities would trust in God and seek Him for the wisdom to guide the nation through this crisis.
- The gospel—That the gospel would be preached and that people would repent and be saved
- The going on of the church life—That all the saints would be strengthened and encouraged to continue to meet together virtually yet in spirit and in reality (John 4:24), that none would abandon their own assembling together (Heb. 10:25), and that all the saints would enjoy the riches in the Word of God daily (Col. 3:16).
- Health care professionals—Pray for the health and safety of all the health care professionals who are putting themselves at risk to serve others; this includes a good number of saints among us in the church life in NYC, as well as in many other localities across the country, and also relatives of the saints.

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy*

Week 7: Christ—the True Prophet Typified by Moses

Portion from Week 7 - Day 6:

All these words indicate the New Testament principle of incarnation, that is, God and man, man and God, becoming one. This differs drastically from the principle of Old Testament prophecy—speaking for God. In the Old Testament, as we have pointed out, the word of Jehovah came unto a prophet (Jer. 1:2; Ezek. 1:3), the prophet being simply the mouthpiece of God. But in the New Testament the Lord becomes one with His apostles and they become one with Him. Both speak together. His word becomes their word, and whatever they utter is His word. Hence, the apostle's charge is the Lord's charge (1 Cor. 7:10). What he says, though not by the Lord, still becomes a part of the divine revelation in the New Testament (v. 12). He is so one with the Lord that even when he gives his own opinion, not the commandment of the Lord (v. 25), he still thinks that he also has the Spirit of God. He does not claim definitely to have the Spirit of God, but he thinks that he also has the Spirit of God. This is the highest spirituality; it is based on the principle of incarnation.

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapters 11 & 12

A Ministry Portion from *"The Overcoming Life"*

NO LONGER I BUT CHRIST

We know that the overcoming life is Christ, and we know that the overcoming life is Christ living in us. The question is how can we enter into the experience of this life. Christ wants to be our life and He can make us victorious. But how can Christ be our life? ...The question ... is how to be joined to Christ, including what we should do before Christ can become our life and before He can live within us.

There is a wonderful expression in (*Galatians 2:20*): "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." ... What does "no longer I...but...Christ" mean? These five words mean victory. They speak of the overcoming life... The overcoming life is simply (1) "no longer I" and (2) "but...Christ."

HOW TO BE NO LONGER I BUT CHRIST

Now let us find out how one can be "no longer I...but...Christ."... The "I" is out; it is on the cross. The "I" has passed away. Hence, I can say that it is no longer I.

While it is true that God has crucified us, what should we do and what process should we pass through before we can say in reality that we are crucified with Christ? In the past we saw what God has done for us, but we did not see where our responsibility lies... We want to consider the responsibility that we must bear in our crucifixion with Christ.

ACCEPTING GOD'S VALUATION CONCERNING US

Why did God crucify us with Christ? ...This may not be a complimentary word, but it is the truth: God has no further hope in us. He has lost all of His hope in us. God considers us as being hopeless and impossible. The flesh is corrupt to the uttermost, and there is no other way for it except death... God considers death as the rightful destiny of the flesh. ...Therefore, He included us in the crucifixion of Christ. There is no hope with us; the only solution is death. As a consequence, the first thing that God requires from a Christian after he is saved is baptism. Baptism is a declaration that God has given up hope in a person and has crucified him. It is also our declaration that we deserve to die and that we ask others to move us out of the way and bury us.

What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? In order to experience this truth, there is one necessary condition which we must fulfill on our part. We must say to God, "You have lost hope in me, and I also have lost hope in myself. You consider me as being hopeless, and I also consider myself as being hopeless. You think that I deserve to die, and I also think that I deserve to die. You consider me as being powerless, and I also consider myself as being powerless. You consider me as being useless in doing anything, and I also consider myself as being useless in doing anything." We have to stand on this ground all the time. This is the meaning of being crucified with Christ... But on our side, we have a responsibility that we must fulfill, which is accepting God's valuation of us. God has lost hope in us. We also have to lose hope in ourselves. Whenever we lose hope in ourselves, we will see that "it is no longer I."

- Excerpts from *"The Overcoming Life", Chapter 4 (part 1)*