

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A new meeting hall for the church in Washington, DC**

The Church in Washington, DC (CIDC) is moving ahead to purchase a meeting hall in Washington, DC, the capital of the United States. We believe this is a further step in advancing the Lord's move in this country which the Lord has raised up for His Recovery. It would also mark the first permanent meeting facility in the nation's capital, almost 50 years since CIDC was first established in 1973. In the mid-1980s, the saints migrated to nearby suburbs and established churches in Virginia and Maryland, so CIDC was suspended. The lampstand in the nation's capital resumed in 2012 with strong support of the surrounding churches and reinforced by migration back into the city. The church life today has grown to approximately 80 adult saints, about 30 children, a number of home meetings in various locations around the city, and an active campus labor.

The anticipated closing date is August 26, 2020. Please see <https://churchindc.org/meeting-hall> for additional details on the property and the CIDC history.

If you are burdened to contribute for the purchase of this new hall, you can submit your offering to the church in NYC, however, please designate your contribution with the words "Church in DC meeting hall" or simply "CIDC hall."

- **2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth**  
**The 2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST)** will be held online over a period of **two weeks (July 27 through August 8)**. Registration is closed.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours (in English) will be suspended until the week of August 10.

## PRAYER BURDENS

- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
  - a. That the saints would fight the spiritual warfare "by means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints" (Eph. 6:18)
  - b. The protection and the preservation of the health of all the saints and their families
  - c. The strengthening of the Lord's Day meetings and all the other meetings during the week, such as the prayer meetings, the small group meetings, the children's meetings, young people's meetings, etc.
- Pray that the word released in the semiannual training would operate in the saints and benefit the whole church
- All the upcoming summer activities:
  - a. The Chinese-Speaking Students Perfecting Training
  - b. The Summer School of Truth
  - c. The Family Bible Camp
- Washington, DC—The church in Washington, DC has located a very suitable building in the nation's capital which would serve as a proper meeting hall for the local meetings as well as a blending center for the churches in the Mid-Atlantic region; let us pray that, through the Body, the Lord would provide the necessary funds to acquire this facility
- South America—The South America Young People's Conference which is being held online this weekend (July 17-19) and next weekend (24-26)
- 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: 2020 Spring ITERO "The Will of God"**

**Week 4: Living a Life according to God's Heart and Will**

### Portion from Day 3:

God's will is first to have a Body for Christ....The second aspect of God's will is to have Christ as the replacement for all the sacrifices and offerings so that we may enjoy Him as our all in all (Heb. 10:5-10).

In the Old Testament there are five main categories of offerings: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering. Hebrews 10:5 says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me." God prepared a body for Christ so that He could offer Himself to God to replace all the offerings. This was God's will, which Christ came to do. Christ today is all the offerings, and He is all the sacrifices.

Christ's replacing of all the Old Testament sacrifices and offerings, taking away the Old Testament types and establishing Himself as everything to us, was God's great will. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of Christ's body once for all, to enjoy and partake of Him as our everything (v. 10). What is the will of God today? It is simply for us to enjoy Christ. To live a life according to God's heart and will is to have Christ as everything to us and to live by Christ. God's great will is for us to be a part of the Body, enjoying Christ as everything.

### Portion from Day 5:

The third aspect of God's great will is to have the believers in Christ practice the Body life (Rom. 12). For this we must first present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice to do the will of God, that is, to practice the Body life (v. 1), not being conformed to this age but being transformed by the renewing of the mind that we may prove the will of God, which is that we practice the Body life (vv. 2-3)....Then we must exercise our gifts in the Body life (vv. 4-8). We have to preach the gospel, have home meetings to nourish the new believers, have small group meetings to perfect the saints, and learn to prophesy.

**Corporate Readings: "The Overcoming Life" Ch. 7 & 8: Believing; The Proving of Faith**

## A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

### THE PROVING OF FAITH

A faith that is approved is a glory to God's name. If a man has believed, but his faith has not been tested, his faith is not trustworthy. Satan can do nothing about a faith that genuinely has been tested; he cannot overturn such faith. Only this kind of faith will help the church.

If we say that we believe with our mouth but are driven back in tears as soon as we are tested, where is our faith? Such faith is short-lived. Genuine faith must surely go through the test. If you concede defeat the minute you are tested, you are through. Brothers and sisters, when the tests come and we proclaim that God's Word is trustworthy, declaring that the Word of Jehovah the Lord of hosts stands, that whatever He has said counts, and that His Word is settled in heaven forever, we will stand. The question now is whose word we will believe. We want to see results immediately after we believe. We want to have the experience immediately after we believe. But can we not persist in faith in God for three days or for three months? If we cannot persist in faith in God for three days or for three months, where is our faith? I have said this once, and I will say this again: "He who believes will not hasten away" (Isa. 28:16).

*- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 8: The Proving of Faith (part 1)*