

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2020 December Semiannual Training, Dec. 25 - Jan. 7**

Training Schedule:

Date	Time	Session
12/25 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 1
12/25 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 2
12/26 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 3
12/26 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 4
12/26 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 5
12/27 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
12/27 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 6 (Open Meeting)
1/1/21 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 7
1/1/21 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 8
1/2/21 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 9
1/2/21 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 10
1/2/21 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 11
1/3/21 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
1/3/21 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 12 (Open Meeting)

Each year in July and December the churches gather for a training on a "crystallization-study" of a book in the Bible. These are concentrated days to spend time in the Lord's Word, receiving the ministry and fellowshiping with the saints. This year, all of the training meetings will be conducted online as a video training. The church in NYC will host Zoom meetings for viewing the messages, for studying and testing, and for prophesying. **The registration is now closed.**

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours will be temporarily suspended in preparation of the upcoming Semiannual Training and resume on Monday, January 11, 2021.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The church gospel meeting held last Saturday. The subject of the gospel message was *The Coming Christ as the Desire of All the Nations* (Haggai 2:7)
- The winter semiannual training which will be held online beginning this Friday
- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
 - a. The strengthening of the families and all the households in the church life
 - b. The service with the children and the young people
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
- 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: Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

Week 12: Experiencing and Enjoying the Contents of the New Covenant according to Our Spiritual Experience for the Accomplishment of God's Economy

Portions from Days 4 & 6 :

The center, the centrality, of the new covenant is the inner law of life [*cf. Jer. 31:33a*]....This law is not an outward law but an inward law. In its essence, this law refers to the divine life, and the divine life is nothing less than the life-giving Spirit, the all-inclusive Christ, and the processed and consummated God....We may say that the law is with us. But this law is the divine life, and the divine life is the processed and consummated Triune God—the marvelous source as the Father, the wonderful element as the Son, and the excellent essence as the Spirit. This is the center, the content, and the reality of the new covenant. (*Life-study of Jeremiah, pp. 183-184*)

The life of God is the highest life; it is the surpassing life; therefore, the characteristics and capabilities of this life must definitely be the most high and surpassing. Since these highest and surpassing characteristics and capabilities constitute the law of the life of God, this law naturally is the most high and surpassing. Since by regeneration we have received the life of God, we have naturally received from the life of God the most high and surpassing law of this life. (CWWL, 1953, vol. 3, "The Knowledge of Life," pp. 102-103)

How wonderful that, after being processed, the Triune God has been installed in us and works within us not by activity, but by law! He is now a law operating within us. He is working in us not merely as the mighty God, but as a law which operates automatically. (Life-study of Romans, p. 699)

In chapter 31 Jeremiah laid the foundation of the new covenant, prophesying that God will put His law within us; that He will write His law into our mind that we may know God; that God will be our God and we will be His people; that we will not need anyone to teach us, because we will all have a teaching life within us; and that God will forgive our iniquity and remember our sins no longer. In the new covenant we enjoy the inner law of life. This law of life brings us God's person and also the divine capacity of the divine life, which can accomplish everything for God to fulfill His economy. By the inner law of life we have the capacity to know God, to live God, and even to be constituted with God in His life and nature so that we may be His corporate expression. (Life-study of Jeremiah, pp. 257-258)

Corporate Readings: "The Mystery of Christ" Ch. 3 The Difference between Being a Believer and Being a Member & Ch.4 The Supply of the Body

A Ministry Portion from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church"

The Harmony in the Holy Spirit

The church should bind what God wants to bind and loose what God wants to loose. How does the church bind and loose? The Lord tells us in (Matthew 18) verse 19, "Again, truly I say to you that if two of you are in harmony on earth concerning any matter, any matter that they ask will be done for them from My Father who is in the heavens". ...The Lord's intention is not to tell men to pray for a certain matter in harmony, but to be in harmony concerning

any matter. If we are in harmony concerning any matter, then our Father in heaven will accomplish whatever we ask concerning a particular matter. This is the oneness of the Body, the oneness in the Holy Spirit.

If you are not in the oneness of the Holy Spirit and not praying in the harmony of the Holy Spirit, do you think heaven will listen to you? If you pray this way, heaven will not bind what you bind and loose what you loose. To have heaven loose and bind is not something you can do by yourself. To think that you can do this by yourself is very foolish. ...if two persons are in harmony concerning any matter, as harmonious as music, then whatever they ask will be done for them from the heavenly Father. This kind of prayer requires the constitution of the Holy Spirit in the praying ones. God has to take you to the point where you deny what you want and want only what God wants, and another brother has to be brought by God to the point where he denies what he wants and wants only what God wants. When both you and the brother are brought to this point and are as harmonious as music, whatever you ask will be done for you from the heavenly Father. Brothers and sisters, do not think that as long as you agree in your opinions that your prayers will be answered. ... Sameness in goal does not guarantee that there will be harmony. We have to realize that it is impossible to have harmony in the flesh. When our natural life is dealt with by the Lord, when one is living in the Holy Spirit and the other is also living in the Holy Spirit and both are living in Christ, there is harmony, the same views, and the prayer in one accord.

There are two aspects to this truth. On the one hand, there is the harmony concerning any matter. On the other hand, there is the prayer concerning any matter. ...Christian harmony can be found only in the Body of Christ; it cannot be found anywhere else. ...When our natural life is dealt with by the Lord, and we are brought to the point where we truly know the Body of Christ, we will be in harmony. Then when we come together to pray, our prayer will be in harmony. When we stand on a harmonious ground, the things we do will be in harmony. When we are in harmony in the things we see, we can be the mouthpiece of God's will.

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 1: The Prayer Ministry of the Church (part 5)