

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 11AM-12PM.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- The strengthening of the testimony of the church in NYC as the house of the living God and the pillar and base of the truth  
**1Timothy 3:15** *But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.*
- The church gospel meeting which was held online this past Friday, April 30
- That the Lord would grant us wisdom and all the saints would be guided by the arbitrating peace of Christ as the church moves gradually back to in-person Lord's Day morning meetings in all the meeting halls  
**1Corinthians 1:30a** *But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God...*  
**Colossians 3:15** *And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.*
- The children's meeting service and the salvation of the children in grade 5
- The Lord's move in various parts of the world:

- a. The saints and the churches in Myanmar in the midst of the current political and social unrest
  - b. The preaching of the gospel and the spread of the Lord's testimony in Cuba, Venezuela and North Korea
- 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 December Semiannual Training  
Crystallization - Study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes**

*Week 9: Reading the Book of Proverbs with a Praying Spirit So That It Will Render Us Nuggets and Gems to Strengthen Our Life of Pursuing Christ for the Fulfillment of God's Economy*

#### Portion from Days 2, 4, 6:

God does not want us just to seek the knowledge, doctrine, truth, theology, and so-called revelation in letters. God wants us to seek after Him that we may gain Him and that He may fill us up with Himself for His expression. He is the Spirit, and we worship Him and contact Him in our spirit. The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. The word spoken to us by the Lord should become the Spirit and the life to us (John 6:63). If we study the Bible by the way of letters, not by the way of the Spirit and of life, we make the Bible, regardless of what part, a book of letters. Most Christians today have made the New Testament of the Spirit and of life the Old Testament of letters. To Paul the apostle even the Old Testament was like the New Testament, of the Spirit and of life. Too many Christians have made the New Testament proverbs, precepts, exhortations, and instructions of letters. Our life-studies have made all of the Old Testament, as the Word of God, books of the Spirit and of life. By this we have to realize that what the book of Proverbs would be to us depends

upon what kind of persons we are and by what way we take it.

We should realize that Proverbs is the breath of God for us to breathe in that we may receive the life supply from God (2 Tim. 3:16). Next, we should read Proverbs by being filled with the fullness of God in our spirit (Eph. 5:18-19), in the New Testament Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), with our regenerated spirit, and by pray-reading to mingle it with spirit and life (cf. John 6:63).

Then every word of Proverbs will become spirit and life to us. Every word will be living and become a gem to strengthen our life of pursuing Christ for the fulfillment of God's economy in producing and building up the Body of Christ.

The Bible is God's breathing. God is breathing out Himself as the word (2 Tim. 3:16a). This means that the Bible is God's exhaling. The exhaling of God in the Bible is waiting for us to inhale. When we read any verse and pray, this praying becomes our inhaling of God's breath. By this the Word becomes Spirit and life to us in our experience. If this is not our situation, then even in our reading of the Bible we are not in the new man but are still in the old man.

We have to either read or hear the Bible. Every week we gather together a number of times just to read, speak, and hear the word. When the word of the Bible is spoken to us and heard by us, right away the written word becomes the living word. That is Christ. When the living word is applied to us and received by us, it becomes the word of the Spirit. Then this word of the Spirit heard by us is the source of our faith. Faith comes from the hearing of this applied word by the Spirit through the living Christ out of the written Bible.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"* Chapter 9: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (2)

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### CHRIST'S REDEMPTION

God created the heavens and the earth with man as the head and center. Then man fell. In the eyes of God, man's fall involved the entire creation. To redeem this fallen creation God came in the Son.

Revelation 13:8 says that the Lamb, that is, the Redeemer, Christ, was slain "from the foundation of the world." From the time creation came into existence, in the eyes of God, Christ, as the Lamb

ordained by God, was slain. In our eyes Christ was crucified less than two thousand years ago. But in God's view He was slain from the day creation came into existence.

God's redemption was not an afterthought but rather something ordained, planned, and prepared by God in eternity past. How we should treasure this fact about the redemption we enjoy in Christ!

Incarnation is a fact, and crucifixion is a fact, including all the accomplishments of the Lord on the cross. Resurrection is also a fact. In His resurrection Christ became the Firstborn, making us all His brothers, and He also became the life-giving Spirit breathed into us. Furthermore, the ascension is a fact. In His ascension Christ was made the Head over all things, He was made Lord and Christ, and He poured Himself out as the Spirit upon us all. Now we are in Him. He is in the heavenlies, and so are we (Eph. 2:6). He is within us and upon us, and we are in Him. This is the complete redemption of Christ.

### GOD INCARNATED

- The Word Becoming Flesh
- In the Likeness of the Flesh of Sin
- Partaking of Man's Blood and Flesh
- Still with the Father

### CRUCIFIED

- Bearing our Sins
- Made Sin for Us
- With Our Old Man and the Entire Old Creation
- Abolishing the Law of the Commandments in Ordinances
- Destroying Satan and Judging the World
- Releasing the Divine Life

### RESURRECTED

- Glorified in the Divine Life
- Becoming the Firstborn Son of God with Many Brothers
- Becoming the Life-giving Spirit
- Breathing into His Believers

### EXALTED

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation of the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 2: Christ's Redemption