

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 International Memorial Day Weekend Conference (May 28-31)**

Conference Schedule

Message 1	7:00 PM	Friday, May 28
Message 2	4:00 PM	Saturday, May 29
Message 3	7:00 PM	Saturday, May 29
Lord's Table	10:00 AM	Lord's Day, May 30
Message 4	11:00 AM	Lord's Day, May 30
Message 5	7:00 PM	Lord's Day, May 30
Message 6	10:00 AM	Monday, May 31

Zoom Links will be posted on the church website at www.churchinnyc.org.

- **The 2021 Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training on June 5th, 2021**

Parents and all the saints who serve the young people, including the current sixth graders, are encouraged to attend this day of fellowship. Even if you may not be able to participate in this year's Summer School of Truth, we hope you will attend the Teachers' Training to join our burden of this year's Summer School of Truth. We believe this fellowship will help our shepherding of the young people all year round.

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Location: <https://pursuewiththose.org/>

Topic: Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ

Schedule:

Session 1	9:30am - 10:30am
Break	10:30am - 10:45am
Session 2	10:45am - 11:45am
Lunch Break	11:45am - 1:00pm
Session 3/Parents Fellowship	1:00pm - 2:00pm

Register: Please use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/4bf8znd2> to register for Teachers' Training.

- **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=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTob3AwQlBodz09>

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

- That all the saints would experience the Lord as the anchor of their soul and the Shepherd of their soul

Hebrews 6:18b-19 ...to lay hold of the hope set before us, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and firm and which enters within the veil.

1 Peter 2:25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- The salvation of the children in grade 5; a gospel meeting will be held on May 23 for all the children in grade 5
- For the Lord to be wisdom and grace to all the serving saints as they coordinate for these upcoming summer events:
 - a. The Summer College Training
 - b. The Summer School of Truth
 - c. The Family Bible Camp

- The small group meetings and the church meetings in all nine halls of the church this week
- The Memorial Day weekend conference (<https://www.churchinnyc.org/announcements/2021-memorial-day-conference/>)
- 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 11: *The Intrinsic Significance of Fearing the Lord in the Economy of God*

Portion from Day 2:

We must make a distinction between reverence and godliness. God's people in the Old Testament revered Him, but in the New Testament His people have a godly living. With respect to the living God, man should have reverence, but with respect to the God of resurrection, man should express godliness. In the Old Testament God was manifested as the living God; hence, His people needed to revere Him. In the New Testament God is manifested as the God of resurrection; hence, the New Testament believers need godliness....As God's New Testament people, we need not only reverence but also godliness. This means that in our living we should not only express the living God but also the God of resurrection.

To revere God is to deal with sin, the flesh, and the world in our living. To be godly is not only to have the absence of sin, the flesh, and the world but to be mingled with and to express God. Some believers revere God, but others possess godliness. Such believers do not exhibit sin, the flesh, or the world. On the contrary, they exhibit something mysterious, something that is both man and God. This is God being manifested in man. This is godliness.

The apostle Paul says, "Exercise yourself unto godliness" (1 Tim. 4:7). This means that, on the one hand, we should revere God and not touch sin, the flesh, or the world. On the other hand, we should follow God and express Him in our living. If God does not move, neither should we. We should move only when God moves. This is a great lesson that needs much learning and exercise. (CWWL, 1957, vol. 3,

"The Living God and the God of Resurrection," pp. 28, 30)

Corporate Reading: *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"* Chapter 10: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (3)

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The Spirit Being Not Yet

Now we come to a very hard point. In John 7:37-38 the Lord Jesus cried, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." Then in verse 39 John explains that the Lord spoke this "concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified." John does not say "the Spirit of God," "the Spirit of Jehovah," or "the Holy Spirit," but "the Spirit." He further says that when Jesus was crying out to the people, "the Spirit was not yet."

In The Spirit of Christ Andrew Murray indicates that before Christ's glorification, that is, before His resurrection (Luke 24:26), the Spirit of God had only divinity. But when Christ was resurrected, the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the glorified Jesus. If He were still only the Spirit of God, He would have only the divine element. Murray's word implies that the Spirit, in becoming the Spirit of the glorified Jesus following Christ's resurrection, now has the element of humanity.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 3: *The Spirit's Application* (Section 2)

Field Code Changed