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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 Summer School of Truth**

The SST schedule is as follows:

Week One, August 2-6 (Monday-Friday): **In-person at KPCC for high school juniors/seniors** (11th and 12th grade), college students, and serving ones.

Week Two, August 9-14 (Monday-Saturday): **Online for all entering 7th to 12th grade** (high school juniors/seniors who attended week one at KPCC are encouraged to register to serve), college students, and serving ones.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training held last week
- The Northeast Summer School of Truth beginning this week (August 2-14)--Week 1 will be held at Camp Penuel for the young people in grades 11 and 12 only; Week 2 will be held online for all the young people in grades 6-12
- The children's meeting service in each of the nine halls and the arrangements for the new school year
- The mutual shepherding of all the saints and the shepherding of all those who have not been attending the meetings recently on a regular basis
- The church meetings and the small group meetings in all nine halls this week
- The church in Durban, South Africa, a lampstand raised up in 2018--Social and political unrest in this city and province have culminated in widespread violence and looting which threatens the safety of the saints in this locality. Please pray to:

- a. Stand against the powers and principalities in the air over this city
- b. Release the gospel
- c. Preserve life in this city
- d. Strengthen the testimony
- e. Cover the saints in this province

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2021 International Memorial Day Weekend Conference

General Subject: Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age

Week 3: Being Constituted with the Truth and Being Absolute for the Way of the Truth and the Propagation of the Truth for the Consummation of the Divine Economy

Portion from Days 1 & 2:

If you merely read the Life-studies, you will receive only a temporary nourishment. That will become only a kind of inspiration to you. An inspiration is like a vapor in the air. When what we read becomes a truth in our being, this nourishment remains forever. What I have received is not all the time inspiration, like a vapor. What I have received from the Lord is always the solid truth, so it remains in me, nourishing me all the time. You must have the truth. The only way for the truth to get into you is through your mentality. Then it remains in your memory. If you do not understand, the truth cannot get into you... If the truth gets into your memory, it becomes a constant and long-term nourishment. Then you have an accumulation of the truth, and you are a person continually under the constant nourishment. You will then know how to present the truth to others, not merely to inspire them or to stir them up but to make them solid and constituted with the truth.

The very salvation that is the goal of God's eternal selection is in two things: in sanctification of the Spirit and also in belief of the truth [cf. 2 Thes. 2:13].

Now we not only have the truth as some objective scenery, but we have the faith of the truth. In this faith of the truth we are being saved. Our daily salvation is in this faith, in this reaction, to the scenery of the truth. We all are short of the vision that comes from the faith of the truth... All the problems come from the shortage of a clear and adequate vision. The Bible may be...veiled to us in the same way that it was veiled to many of the Jews when they read the Old Testament (2 Cor. 3:15) ... All the leading ones in the churches bear a great responsibility, and I do believe that all of us will be held responsible for the churches at the judgment seat. In light of the judgment seat, we need to be in fear and trembling that we would delay the saints or veil them in any way. We need to expose the truth to the saints and minister the proper truth, the proper scenery, into them. The Lord may ask us at the judgment seat, "As a leader in the church, were you taking the veils away from My people? Did you bring them to the best scenery in My divine revelation of the sixty-six books of the Bible?" If the Lord would check with us in such a way, what would we say?

We all need to be delivered from skating on the surface of the divine truth, and we need to cooperate with the Lord by laboring together with Him to dive into the depths of the truth of His marvelous New Testament economy.

Corporate Reading: *"The History of God in His Union with Man"* Chapter 1: God's History in Eternity Past

MINISTRY PORTIONS

GROWING IN THE DIVINE LIFE AND BEING BUILT UP

Few Christians pay attention to the growth in life (1 Cor. 3:6-7) and the building up (vv. 10-12) of the Body of Christ and of the church, the house of God. Spirituality comes out of the growth in life; the aim of the growth in life is the building up of the Body of Christ and of the house of God. Practically speaking, this means the building up of the local church. Without the proper church life in our locality, how can we be built up with others? We need to be where there is a church. Then within that church we can be built up with others to be God's spiritual house (Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Pet. 2:5). While we are being built up as the local church, we are also being built up as the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:16).

BEING TRANSFORMED IN THE SOUL

Our spirit has been regenerated, but what about our soul? We need to be transformed (2 Cor. 3:18) by the renewing of our mind (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23). The mind is the leading part of our soul (Psa. 13:2; 139:14; Lam. 3:20). For the transformation of the soul, the mind must be renewed.

BEING SANCTIFIED EXPERIENTIALLY

The transformation of our soul is the sanctification of our disposition. The Lord sanctifies us in our spirit, soul, and body (1 Thes. 5:23). Our entire being is to be sanctified, transformed.

TO BE TRANSFIGURED IN OUR BODY

When the Lord returns, our body will be transfigured (Phil. 3:21), fully redeemed (Rom. 8:23). When we believed, our spirit was regenerated. During our Christian life on this earth, our soul is gradually being transformed and sanctified. Then at His coming back our body will be transfigured. Our entire being will then be fully conformed to Christ.

CONFORMED TO CHRIST

As the many brothers of Christ, we will be conformed to His image and be with Him in glory (vv. 29-30). ...We are still somewhat natural in our soul and corrupted in our body; this is why, after the regeneration of our spirit, we need the transformation of our soul and the transfiguration of our body. Then we will be fully conformed to the firstborn Son of God as His many brothers.

GLORIFIED

Finally, we will be glorified in the divine life and divine nature (v. 30) to bear the glory of God for His expression in the New Jerusalem.

THE WAY TO ENJOY CHRIST

Then in chapter 10 the word gets into our mouth and into our heart. First, we believe the word that reaches us; second, we call on His name (vv. 8-9). The Lord is rich to all who call on His name (v. 12). The word *call* in Greek means "to cry out, to call with a voice." In Acts the Christians were considered callers of Jesus' name... Calling on the name of the Lord Jesus designated the early Christians. They were not silent; they cried out the dear name of the Lord Jesus.

If we want to enjoy Christ and all His accomplishments, we need to call on Him. The way to enjoy Christ in all His doings is to walk according to the mingled spirit and to call on His dear name. Then we participate in Him, enjoy Him, and experience Him to the uttermost.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 4: *The Believers* (Sections 5&6)