

# The Church in New York City

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spanish-speaking Conference for the churches in the Northeast (September 10-12)**

The church in NYC is pleased to announce to all the saints that the Spanish-speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast and Eastern Canada will take place from September 10 to 12, 2021. English translation will be provided during all messages.

Details on how to join the conference will be sent in a future announcement.

#### Conference Schedule:

Friday, September 10

8:00PM – 9:30 PM Message 1

Saturday, September 11

10:00AM – Noon Message 2

4:00PM – 5:30 PM Special Fellowship

7:00PM – 9:00 PM Message 3

Lord's Day, September 12

10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Lord's Table and Message 4

For more details please see the church website:  
[www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org).

- **Young Adults and Young Couples Conference for the churches in the Northeast (September 24-26)**

Details will be provided in the coming weeks

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours have been suspended and will be resumed after Labor Day, starting September 13, 2021.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- Shepherding – The mutual shepherding of all the saints, that no one would be isolated or overlooked (1 Cor. 12:20, 22)
- The gospel – The burden for the gospel among all saints of all ages and all language groups (Rom. 1:9)
- The church meetings:
  - a. That every meeting, whether in-person or online, would be an exhibition of the riches of Christ in the Word for the expression of Christ and the feeding of all the attendees (1 Cor. 14:24-26)
  - b. That the Lord would cover and bless all the arrangements for the in-person meetings in the halls and all the online meetings
- The young people and college-age saints – That all the young people and college saints would be burdened for the gospel on their campuses and be witnesses for the Lord (Acts 1:8)
- The Labor Day weekend conference for the churches in Upstate NY
- 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: 2021 July Semiannual Training

**General Subject: Crystallization Study Joshua, Judges, Ruth**

*Week 1: God's Charge, Promise, and Encouragement to Joshua*

#### Portion from Days 1,5 & 6:

These two main points—to take the land for Christ and to provide the bona fide ancestors for Christ—are the spirit of the history from Joshua to Ruth. Since the God-promised land is a type of Christ, to gain the land for Christ means to gain Christ for Christ.

It was a fact that God had given the land to Israel, but this fact was not yet practical. Rather, it was a promise that still needed to be fulfilled....Only

after Israel had gained the good land and had taken possession of it did the land actually become theirs as a practical fact.

Our need today is to gain more of Christ, to possess more of Christ, and to experience more of Christ....This is not only for our enjoyment but also for Christ to be what He should be....We gain Christ for Christ so that He may have His corporate expression. This is to make the good land the land of Immanuel. (Isa. 8:8)

God's encouragement to Joshua was in the term of Joshua's walking in the word of God....The book of the law was not to depart from his mouth, but he was to muse upon it day and night so that he would be certain to do according to all that was written in it (Josh. 1:8a). Joshua was to be occupied with God's word and to let the word occupy him. By being occupied and filled with the word, he would have prosperity and success in taking the good land. (*Life-study of Joshua, p. 11*)

Rich in meaning, the Hebrew word for muse (often translated meditate in the KJV) implies to worship, to converse with oneself, and to speak aloud. To muse on the word is to taste and enjoy it through careful considering. Prayer, speaking to oneself, and praising the Lord may also be included in musing on the word. To muse on the word of God is to enjoy His word as His breath (2 Tim. 3:16) and thus to be infused with God, to breathe God in, and to receive spiritual nourishment. (*Psa. 119:15, footnote 1*)

When we touch the Lord's Word with our spirit and remain in continual fellowship with Him, our spirit should have a feeling of being bathed, as if our whole being were taking a bath in the Bible. This is refreshing, comfortable, and joyful.

This is the way we should read the Bible for thirty minutes in the morning. Although we may not understand anything, we will take a bath in God's Word and feel warm in our spirit. We will not have the sense of being hot, scorched, or burned, but we will have an indescribably warm feeling and be refreshed, moistened, supplied, and satisfied. This is good Bible reading. This can be compared to eating a rich breakfast. We may not remember exactly what we ate, but we will feel full and energized....This is an indescribable feeling. The more we read the Lord's Word and fellowship with Him in this way, the more we will know how real and sweet it is to read the Bible. (*CWWL, 1959, vol. 3, "Lessons for New Believers," pp. 323-324*)

**Corporate Reading:** *"The History of God in His Union with Man"* Chapter 4: God's History in Time (3)

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### Its Contents—the Pneumatic Christ

The content of the church is the pneumatic Christ. Great teachers in early church history used such a term. It means that Christ is identical to the pneuma, to the Spirit. We cannot explain this, yet it is a fact. Today you and I are living Christ. Christ is not only our inner life but also our outward living. Paul says, "To me, to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21a). We live Christ. He is not merely the objective Christ sitting on the throne; this Christ who is on the throne at the right hand of God simultaneously is within us.

How can Christ be on the throne in the heavens and also be within us? Romans 8:34 tells us clearly that Christ is at the right hand of God, but verse 10 of the same chapter says, "Christ is in you." In the same chapter, one verse tells us that Christ is in the heavens, and another verse tells us that Christ is in us.

Our Christ is the current of electricity. Our Christ is the blood circulation in His Body. He is the very fellowship between God and us and among all God's children. The current is the pneumatic Christ, and this pneumatic Christ is the very content of the church. Christ, who is the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45), is always moving to impart Himself into us. The purpose of the electric current is to impart electricity into the bulbs so that they might all express the light of electricity. This pneumatic Christ is moving within us for the purpose of imparting Himself into us so that we may express His life. We all have been baptized in Him, and now we are drinking Him (12:13).

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 5: The Church (Section 8)