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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **December 2021 Semi-Annual Training (continued)**

The December 2021 Semi-Annual Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel, will be held by video training only.

Schedule for Training Session (continued):

LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2

Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2

(Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session

(continued):

Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Mon., Jan. 3

Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 5

Messages 11&12, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 6

KEY STATEMENTS

I In 1 and 2 Samuel we can see that the Triune God with His embodiment and redemption was fully involved with bringing forth Samuel and David so that the kingdom of God might be brought in; it is crucial for us to see that the Triune God is involved with us today, operating in us to accomplish His will, fulfill His purpose, and satisfy the desire of His heart.

II There is no other way to reach the high peak of God's eternal economy, the reality of the Body of Christ, except by praying; our becoming the overcomers as the reality of the Body of Christ to be the bride of Christ will close this age, the age of the church, and will bring Christ as the King of glory back to take, possess, and rule over this earth with His overcomers in the kingdom age.

III Through His incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection, Christ, who was already the Son of God, became the Son of God in a new way --the firstborn Son-- designated as the Son of God with humanity; in Romans 1:3-4 Christ, the Son of God, is the prototype, whereas in 8:29 the many brothers are those who have been "mass-produced" from the prototype and, by being

saved in life, will be conformed to the image of the firstborn Son.

IV God's economy is to work Himself into us so that we may experience a metabolic process of spiritual digestion and assimilation that produces transformation as a gradual and intrinsic metabolic change in our natural life with the divine life; this is for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the December semi-annual training and review, Service Office Hours will be suspended till January 10, 2022.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithfulness in covering the church and taking the church on in 2021 and prayer for the Lord to bless the church and take the church on even further in 2022 (Psa. 75:1)
- That all the saints would offer a fresh consecration to the Lord for the new year, forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before (Rom. 12:1; Phil. 3:13)
- The continuation of the online semiannual training on the books of 1 & 2 Samuel this weekend, that the word heard will profit all the saints, being mixed together with faith (Heb. 4:2)
- The preparation of the newly purchased meeting halls in Brooklyn (Hall 4) and on the Upper West Side (Hall 6) and the preparation of the saints for the use of the new halls
- The strengthening of all the small group meetings and church meetings this week
- The saints in the Philippines who were affected by the super typhoon which struck there recently

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: The Holy Word for Morning Revival on Philippians

Week 1: Philippians 1:1-18

Portion from Days 1, 4 & 6:

The subject of Philippians is the experience of Christ...It was necessary for the Philippians to experience Christ in order to overcome the influence of the Judaizers [3:2-4],...acquire discernment concerning the different ways of preaching Christ [1:9-11],...[and] participate in the furtherance of the gospel (1:5, 27-30). Through the experience of Christ, we are able to share in God's move in His economy. Finally, the experience of Christ is for the abolishing of dissension (2:5, 12-16).

In verses 9 and 10 Paul prayed three things on behalf of the Philippians: that their love would abound in full knowledge and all discernment; that they would approve by testing the things which differ; and that they would be pure and without offense unto the day of Christ. The secret to these three matters is found in verse 11....According to grammar, verse 11 is a modifier related to the three items for which Paul prayed. Having been filled with the fruit of righteousness, the Philippians could abound in love, prove by testing all things, and be pure and without offense. This indicates that being filled with the fruit of righteousness through Jesus Christ is a necessary condition for these three matters. In order for our love to abound, to approve by testing the things which differ, and to be pure and without offense, we must first be filled with the fruit of righteousness which is through Jesus Christ.

If we have the fellowship unto the gospel, the defense and confirmation of the gospel, and the advancement of the gospel, our preaching of the gospel will be healthy. The proper preaching of the gospel is safeguarded by these matters...May we all learn to discern the different ways of preaching Christ. In particular, may we discern between healthy preaching and that which is unhealthy.

[In verse 18 we see that] Paul's heart was so broadened by grace that he even rejoiced in his opposing ones' preaching of Christ in pretense. What an upright spirit is this! This is the outworking of the life, nature, and mind of Christ who lived in him. His experience of Christ was an enjoyment. Such a life rejoices no matter what the circumstances may be.

Corporate Reading: "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 7: Enjoying God by Eating and Drinking Him

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The Tabernacle and the Temple

Israel first built the tabernacle. Then when they entered into the good land, God revealed to them through David (2 Sam. 7:2, 5-13) that He wanted to have something solid and not portable. The tabernacle was a "portable" house of God. It could satisfy God temporarily but not permanently. He wanted something solid built on a solid foundation. The temple was not movable or portable but something settled.This temple was the enlargement of the tabernacle. When it was finished, the things from the tabernacle were brought into the temple (2 Chron. 5:1, 5), indicating that the two were actually one.

In the New Testament the Lord Jesus in John 1:14 is revealed as the tabernacle, but in John 2:19-21 He indicated that He is the temple. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (v. 19). Jesus' word here indicates that His body was the real temple. He said that He would raise up the temple in three days; He raised up a house of God in resurrection. The house of God that Jesus built up in resurrection is not only Himself but includes His believers also (Eph. 2:6). Thus, this temple built in and by the resurrection of Jesus is a corporate one. This temple is the church. The church is the temple (1 Cor. 3:16).

The Church—Humanity and Divinity

The church,...is a living, corporate composition of people with two natures—human and divine. With Christ there was divinity first, then humanity. With us there is humanity first, then divinity. Christ as the tabernacle was a person with divinity plus humanity, and we, as the enlargement of Christ, God's dwelling place, the very temple, are a composition of first humanity and then divinity. Christ has divinity plus humanity. We have humanity plus divinity. In nature He and we are the same. The only difference is that He has the Godhead, and we do not; yet we do have the divine life and nature as He does. We do not have His headship, His deity.

Excerpts from The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures, Chapter 10: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (3) (Sections 3&4)