

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide church gathering (Lord's Day, Jan. 30)**

There will be a citywide church gathering on Lord's Day, January 30. Details will be available soon.

- **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), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

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 advancement of the gospel in NYC in 2022:
 - a. That the church in NYC would fulfill the Lord's commission to "go therefore and disciple all the nations" (Matt. 28:19)
 - b. Follow-up of the gospel meeting held online last Friday, January 7
- The health and wellbeing of all the elderly saints and the strengthening of their church life
- The strengthening of all the families and households in the church life:
 - a. The strengthening of the oneness in every household
 - b. The children and the young people
- 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 advancement of the Lord's move in Europe-
-The migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities (Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich)
- The saints in the Philippines who were affected by the super typhoon which struck there recently
- 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: The Holy Word for Morning Revival on Philippians

Week 3: Taking Christ as Our Pattern

Portions from days 1 and 6:

In Philippians 2 Paul does not charge us to take the objective Christ as our pattern and then imitate Him....Trying to imitate Christ in this way is like a monkey trying to imitate a human being....When we consider [verses 5 through 8] in context, we see that the pattern is our salvation [v.12] and that this salvation is God Himself operating in us to save us in a practical way [v. 13]. Although in ourselves we cannot work out our salvation, the One who is able is now operating in us to will inwardly and to work outwardly. Our responsibility is to cooperate with Him. When we cooperate with God's operation in us, we take Christ as our pattern. (*Life-study of Philippians, p. 86*)

In Philippians 2:19-30 we see two crucial points concerning the soul. First, we need to be one in soul; second, we need to be willing to sacrifice or risk our soul. Both are necessary if we are to have a genuine concern for the churches with all the saints. Timothy was a like-souled person, and Epaphroditus was a soul-risking person. We also should be those who are one in soul and who are willing to risk our soul. We should be ready to sacrifice our mind, will, and emotion to be one with our dear co-workers. (*Life-study of Philippians, p. 130*)

Corporate Reading: “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God” Ch. 9: Enjoying God through Taking In the Spirit

MINISTRY PORTIONS

A Mingling of the Triune God with the Tripartite Man

We have been redeemed and regenerated, and now we are being transformed. We are also on the way to being glorified. Our spirit has been regenerated, our troublesome soul is being transformed, and our poor body is awaiting transfiguration.

In the New Jerusalem the Triune God is fully mingled with the redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite man. This mingling is the eternal dwelling of God, signified by the number twelve. Twelve is three multiplied by four. We know this because the city is square with four sides. On each side are three gates (v. 13). For eternity the New Jerusalem will be an absolute mingling, not just an addition. It is multiplication—the Triune God (three) multiplied by man (four).

In the New Jerusalem the number twelve is used fourteen times. Twelve foundations of twelve precious stones bear the names of the twelve apostles (vv. 14, 19-20). Twelve gates of twelve pearls with twelve angels bear the names of the twelve tribes (vv. 12, 21a). The city’s measurement is twelve thousand stadia in three dimensions (v. 16). The height of the wall is one hundred forty-four cubits (v. 17a), which is twelve multiplied by twelve cubits. The tree of life produces twelve fruits in each of the twelve months yearly (22:2). The number twelve, occurring so many times, means that the holy city is a mingling of the Triune God with the tripartite man.

A Building in Resurrection

Revelation 21:17b says the wall’s measurement is “the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.” This is a sign that by then man will be like the angels. In Matthew 22:30 the Lord Jesus indicated that in resurrection man will be “like angels in heaven.” Thus, man’s being like an angel indicates the principle of resurrection. The entire city, therefore, will be in resurrection. Christ the Head and we His members will all be in resurrection.

A Full Expression of the Triune God

The wall is made of jasper, and the light of the city is like jasper (Rev. 21:18, 11). In 4:3 we are clearly

told that God sitting on the throne looks like jasper. Jasper, then, signifies God’s appearance. In eternity the New Jerusalem will bear God’s appearance. God looks like jasper, and the entire city will bear the appearance of jasper. This indicates that it will be a corporate and eternal expression of God.

This fulfills Genesis 1:26. The Bible begins the way it ends. It begins with God’s image for His expression, and it ends with a corporate, vast, immense, splendid expression. This is the ultimate consummation of the record of the tabernacle and the temple. The Bible is a record of these two things: the tabernacle and the temple. The conclusion of the Bible is the consummation of the tabernacle and the temple.

What the New Jerusalem is should be true of the church right now. We as the church in the Lord’s recovery must have the Triune God as our structure, with the divine life as our inner supply and nourishment, and with the divine light as our inward shining and outward expression. This is the testimony of Jesus. At the beginning of the book of Revelation there are the lampstands as the testimony of Jesus (1:2, 12). Then at the end of the same book there is the aggregate of all the lampstands, the New Jerusalem, as the eternal testimony of Jesus. Today we should be such a living testimony of Jesus. We are not another Christian work, nor are we simply a Christian group. We are the testimony of Jesus as the lampstand today, which will be consummated in the New Jerusalem. What we will be there, we should first be here.

Excerpts from “The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures”, Chapter 10: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (3) (Sections 7&8)

SELECTED VERSES

Philippians 2:5-8

2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

2:6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,

2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.