

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be a corporate city-wide gathering via Zoom on **Lord's Day, January 30 at 11:00am** for fellowship for the whole church related to the going on of the church in the new year. Saints can join the Lord's Table meeting in their respective districts at 10:00am and then all the districts will come together via the Zoom meeting at 11:00am. Translation in Chinese, Spanish and Korean will be provided.

<https://zoom.us/j/96687379158?pwd=eks1NS9KN3lrMjlKR3c2dGFjVGN6dz09>

Meeting ID: 966 8737 9158

Passcode: 2022

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- **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

- That all the saints would: (1) "not lose heart," (2) experience the renewing of their inner man "day by day," and (3) "not regard the things which are

seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
 - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings
 - b. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
 - c. The strengthening of the services in all nine halls, particularly the services with the children and young people
 - d. The citywide church gathering on Lord's Day, January 30
- The saints on the Upper West Side (Hall 6) as they prepare for the beginning of the use of their new hall on February 6
- The strengthening and spread of the Lord's testimony in the United States:
 - a. The ongoing migrations to various cities in the Midwest, Mid Atlantic and the Southeast and the strengthening of these churches
 - b. The increased hunger among all of the Lord's children for the word of God (Amos 8:11)
- The Lord's move in South America--Over the coming two weeks, Summer Schools of Truth will be carried out in various countries throughout the continent, such as Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Bolivia
- 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 4: Counting All Things Loss to Gain Christ

Portions from days 3 and 4:

Whereas in verse 7 Paul refers specifically to religious things, in verse 8 he goes on to say, "I also continue to count all things to be loss." Paul counted

as loss on account of Christ not only the things of his former religion, but all other things as well.

According to the context, Paul is not speaking of superficial, outward things. He is not concerned mainly with material things. His concept is much deeper and is related to religious, philosophical, and cultural things, even to our domestic logic and national philosophy, things hidden deep within us....It is very difficult for us to set aside these things in order to give ground to Christ and experience Him....May the enemy's subtlety be exposed and may we truly count all things loss, including our own philosophy and logic, on account of Christ and the experience and enjoyment of Him. (*Life-study of Philippians*, pp. 147, 152-153)

At the end of verse 8 Paul speaks of gaining Christ, and in verse 9 he speaks of being found in Him. These are two aspects of one thing. Paul desired to gain Christ and be found in Him. To have the excellency of the knowledge of Christ is one thing. However, ...Paul could say that he counted all things as refuse in order to gain Christ and be found in Him. This is a very important statement. All that he says in verses 5 through 7 help him to reveal his aspiration expressed in verses 8 and 9. Let us pray that we may be found in Christ by our wife or husband, by our children and relatives, and by our neighbors, colleagues, and classmates.

If we are truly found in Christ, all other things will lose their hold on us. We shall no longer be under the influence of religion, philosophy, or culture. How marvelous to be found only in Christ! (*Life-study of Philippians*, pp. 163, 168, 449-451, 168-169)

Corporate Reading: "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 10: How God Becomes Man's Enjoyment in The Spirit

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The New Jerusalem is the consummation of the entire divine revelation. ...The Bible begins with God's creation and ends with His building. The creation is not God's goal. It is for His goal, which is the building. This thought of the divine building runs through the whole Bible.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The vision of God's building first came to Jacob.... The Old Testament is a history mainly of the tabernacle and the temple. These two are one—the dwelling place of God on this earth among His people.

The history of Jacob's descendants is a history of the tabernacle and the temple in the Old Testament. These two were the center, the focus, of the history of God's Old Testament people on this earth.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament we see God incarnated. God became flesh. John 1:14 tells us that this incarnated One "tabernacled among us." ...It indicates that when the Lord Jesus was on earth in the flesh, He was God's tabernacle. In typology the tabernacle built in Exodus was a full type of the Lord's incarnation; the Lord was incarnated to be the very embodiment of God on this earth. This embodiment was God's dwelling.

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are focused on the tabernacle and the temple as God's dwelling. Then the conclusion of the entire Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is also the tabernacle and the temple. In the Old Testament the tabernacle typifies Christ individually as God's tabernacle, and the temple typifies Christ corporately as God's temple. What we have here is Christ and the church. Christ is the fulfillment of the type of the tabernacle, and Christ as the Head together with the church as His Body fulfills the type of the temple. This will have a consummation, and this ultimate consummation will be the New Jerusalem, which is both the tabernacle and the temple. Here is the ultimate consummation of God's dwelling, which He has been building for centuries. Further, this New Jerusalem is a living composition of all the saints of the Old Testament, as represented by the names of the twelve tribes, and of all the saints of the New Testament, as represented by the names of the twelve apostles. It is a living composition of God's redeemed people to be His eternal dwelling place.

Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 11: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (4) (Section 1)

SELECTED VERSES

Philippians 3:7-8

3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ.