

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 NYC Young People Winter Retreat (Feb. 20 -Feb. 22)**

This year's NYC Young People's Winter Retreat will be held at KPCC from February 20 to 22 (Lord's Day afternoon to Tuesday afternoon). We encourage the young people in grades 6 through 12 and their families to attend. **Registration is required and due by February 6.** Please register at the following link: tinyurl.com/nycypretreat.

- **Citywide church gathering (Lord's Day, Feb 6)**

There will be a corporate city-wide gathering via Zoom on **Lord's Day, February 6 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=eks1NS9KN3IrMjIKR3c2dGFjVGN6dz09>

Meeting ID: 966 8737 9158

Passcode: 2022

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- **The 2022 International Chinese-Speaking Conference (Feb. 18-Feb. 20)**

The 2022 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be held online **from February 18, Friday, to February 20, the Lord's Day.** More details will be provided later.

- **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 going on of the church in NYC in 2022 and the citywide church gathering today, January 30:
 - a. That all the saints would be rekindled in their love for the Lord and their consecration to Him (2 Tim. 1:6; Matt. 22:37)
 - b. The mutual shepherding of all the saints of all ages (e.g. the young people, the college-age saints, the young adults and young couples, the middle-age saints and the elderly saints) through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings
 - c. The continued homecoming of many who have not been meeting regularly
 - d. The burden for the gospel among the saints of all ages and language backgrounds
 - e. That the saints in all nine halls would have a fresh vision and burden for all the practical services
 - f. The services with the children and young people in all nine halls
 - g. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
 - h. The citywide church gathering today
- 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 Lord's move in South America--The continuation and conclusion this week of Summer Schools of Truth being carried out in

various countries throughout the continent, such as Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Bolivia

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: The Holy Word for Morning Revival on Philippians

Week 4: Counting All Things Loss to Gain Christ (Repeat)

Portions from days 5 and 6:

According to Paul's concept, if we would know Christ, we must first be found in Him. Moreover, to be found in Him requires that we count all things loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ and then suffer the loss of all things and count them to be refuse. Only when we have the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, a vision of the supreme preciousness and surpassing worth of Christ, shall we be willing to let go of everything else and count those things as refuse. Then we shall gain Christ and be found in Him. We shall be those who live in Christ and who are found by others in Christ. Being found in Him, we shall surely know Him. (Life-study of Philippians, p. 171)

In 3:10 Paul speaks of the power of Christ's resurrection. The power of Christ's resurrection is His resurrection life that raised Him from among the dead (Eph. 1:19-20). Christ's divine life includes the element of resurrection. Even before He was resurrected, He could say to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). The reality of Christ's resurrection life is the Spirit. Resurrection is abstract and mysterious; no one can define it. But we can know the Spirit as the reality of resurrection. The Spirit of Christ is the reality of the resurrection of Christ. Thus, where the Spirit of Christ is, there is resurrection. Because this Spirit is now within us, the power of Christ's resurrection is within us also.

Paul goes on to speak of the fellowship of Christ's suffering and of being conformed to His death. The fellowship of Christ's sufferings is our participation in His sufferings. During His entire life, Christ underwent a process of breaking so that the life power could be released from within Him. In particular, He was broken when He died on the cross. The divine life seed has been planted into our being. Now we also need to be broken that the life power within the seed can be released. If our outer man is

broken, the seed within us will be able to release its life power.

Eventually, this process of the breaking of the outer man will result in full conformity to the death of Christ. In this way the death of Christ becomes a model, or pattern, for our breaking. Then in our daily life we shall be able to apply Christ to our every need. If we need power, He will become power to us. If we need patience, He Himself will be our patience. This is to know Christ, to experience Him, and to enjoy Him. (Life-study of Philippians, pp. 182-183, 184)

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

FOUR DISPENSATIONS FOR GOD'S BUILDING

In the old creation, before the coming of the new heaven and new earth, there are four dispensations. The dispensation of the patriarchs, from Adam to Moses, was the dispensation before law. You may call it the pre-law dispensation or the dispensation of the patriarchs. The second is the dispensation of law, from Moses to Christ's first coming. The third is the dispensation of grace, lasting from Christ's first coming to His second coming. Then with His second coming, the fourth dispensation will begin, that is, the thousand-year reign of Christ. After this fourth dispensation the old creation will surely be entirely renewed because through these dispensations God will have accomplished what He intends to accomplish.

God's creation work was complete in the first two chapters of the Bible. Then from the second half of Genesis 2, God began His building work. This work goes on for all four dispensations: the dispensation of the patriarchs, the dispensation of law, the dispensation of grace, and eventually the dispensation of the thousand-year reign. Through these four dispensations God accomplishes His building.

Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 11: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (4) (Section 2)