

# 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 remains open.** Please register at the following link: [tinyurl.com/nycypretreat](https://tinyurl.com/nycypretreat).

- **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.

- **2022 Northeast College Retreat**

This year's Northeast College Retreat will be held in Ivoryton, CT, over the weekend of **February 26-27.** Registration is due Lord's Day, February 20 and the cost is \$75. For registration and more information, please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/22springretreat>.

- **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, February 6
- The mutual shepherding of all the saints of all ages through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings and the continued homecoming of many who have not been meeting regularly
- The saints on the Upper West Side (Hall 6) and in Brooklyn (Hall 4) as they prepare for the beginning of the use of their new halls and the intensified shining of the Lord's testimony in these areas of the city
- That the saints in all nine halls would have a fresh vision and burden for all the practical services
- The Spring Term of the Full-Time Trainings which will begin in several locations (e.g. Mexico City, Caacupe (Paraguay), Hamilton (New Zealand), Moscow and London) this week and over the next few weeks (the training in Boston began last week and the training in Anaheim will begin on February 20)
- The Lord's move in the United States:
  - a. That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of His testimony
  - b. The strengthening of all the local churches in the U.S. and the further spread of the Lord's testimony throughout the country
  - c. That the Lord would stir up an increased hunger among all of His children for the word of God (Amos 8:11)
- 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 5: Pursuing Christ as Our Goal***

**Portions from days 1 and 4:**

Paul's endeavor was to attain to this outstanding resurrection... The purpose of Christ in

laying hold of him was that he might obtain the out-resurrection.

If Paul needed to say that he had not already obtained or was not already perfected, even though he had so much growth in life and so much experience of Christ, how much more should we have such an attitude about ourselves!

In Greek word translated "lay hold of" may also be rendered gain, grasp, take possession of. It may even be rendered seize... Paul aspired to gain that for which he had been gained by Christ Jesus. At the time of his conversion Paul was gained by Christ. Christ had gained Paul with the intention that Paul would gain Him.

He has gained us that we might gain Him. Thus, the Christian life is a life of gaining Christ. How much have you gained of Christ? ...The degree to which we have gained Christ is the degree to which we have grown with Christ. We all need to gain Christ in order to grow in life. Spiritual growth is measured by how much we have gained of Christ.

Pursuing after Christ must be our goal. We should not be otherwise minded....Paul's word in verse 15 indicates his assurance that there was just one goal. Because of this assurance he could say that if in anything we were otherwise minded, this also God would reveal to us.

In verse 16 Paul speaks of walking by the same rule....The Greek word for walk in this verse means to walk according to the elementary principles. The governing principal of our Christian life should be the pursuing after the enjoyment of Christ and the experience of Christ. This principle will preserve us in the proper oneness. In the past we have said that the genuine ground of oneness keeps us in the real oneness. This is true, and we continue to proclaim this teaching today. However, the ground of unique oneness may be considered somewhat as an outward matter. Along with this, we need something inward to govern us and preserve us in oneness. This inward matter is what Paul describes as "this mind" (v. 15); it is also the unique path for our Christian walk. Both the unique mind and the unique path are related to pursuing Christ. Pursuing Christ in order to experience Him and enjoy Him should be the basic and elementary principle of our Christian life.

**Corporate Reading:** *"How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 11: How God Becomes Man's Enjoyment*

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### GOD'S WORK—A WORK OF BUILDING

God's work through all four dispensations is a work of building. In the Old Testament we see the building of the tabernacle and the temple, which was the focus of Old Testament history. When the Lord Jesus came, He was the tabernacle. After helping His disciples to realize that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God, He immediately revealed that He would build His church (Matt. 16:18). The Lord's word indicated that He was doing a building work.

This thought of building is very strong in the Bible.

Notice, then, that in the entire Bible only one and a half chapters are on God's creation. The rest of the Bible, from the second half of Genesis 2 to the end of Revelation, is on God's building. This building is termed the tabernacle and the temple again and again in the Old Testament, in the New Testament, and at the conclusion of the Bible. In the Old Testament are the tabernacle and the temple. In the New Testament is the reality of the tabernacle and the temple. At the conclusion of these two Testaments is the ultimate consummation of the tabernacle and the temple.

### THE AGGREGATE OF THE DIVINE SONSHIP

This consummation, the New Jerusalem, is the aggregate of the divine sonship for the corporate expression of the Triune God (Rom. 8:23). The Son is the expression of the Father. No one has ever seen God, but the only begotten Son has declared Him (John 1:18). ...Jesus Christ as the Son of God is the very expression of God the Father. God, however, would like to have more than one son. ...From Romans 8:29 we know that in resurrection this unique Son of God became the Firstborn among many brothers. The Lord Jesus in His resurrection charged one of the sisters to "go to My brothers" (John 20:17), and Hebrews 2:11 says that He is "not ashamed to call them brothers," because they were all born of the same Father. The only difference is that He is the first Son, and we are the many sons.

*Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 11: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (4) (Sections 2&3)*