

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 Banners of The Church in New York City:**
Rekindling (2 Tim. 1:6)
To me for you (Eph. 3:2)
Growing (in life, in function, and in numbers)
(Eph. 4:15)

- **2022 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference (continued)**

Meeting Schedule (continued)

Lord's Table Meeting 10am-11am LD, Feb. 20

Prophesying Meeting 11am-12pm LD, Feb. 20

Message Five 4pm-5:30pm LD, Feb. 20

Zoom link (for English, Spanish, and Korean sessions)

<https://zoom.us/j/99242536248?pwd=bVllbXdwOE45YUNBREd2STFZZmJMUT09>

Meeting ID: 992 4253 6248

Passcode: 2022

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,99242536248#

Note: For those who want to join the Chinese speaking Zoom sessions, please refer to the Chinese newsletter.

Key Statements

I Receiving Christ as the Spirit of grace in our spirit is a lifelong, continuous matter; day by day a marvelous divine transmission should take place as the Triune God supplies the Spirit of grace bountifully, and we receive the Spirit of grace continually.

II The New Testament believers' living under the grace of God in the economy of God—a total living of experiencing the processed and consummated Triune God as grace—consummates in the church as the organic Body of Christ.

III Grace is Christ as our Burden-bearer and is multiplied to us through our sufferings, limitations, and weaknesses; the more burdens we have, the more opportunities we have to experience Christ as grace.

IV The consummate and ultimate product of the grace of God in His economy is the Body of Christ as God's poem to be the New Jerusalem as the consummation of God's righteousness in the new heavens and new earth; the riches of God Himself for our enjoyment surpass every limit and will be publicly displayed for eternity.

- **2022 NYC Young People's 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).

- **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 today, February 20. 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.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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

Philippians 4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

[Both our prayer and our petition should be accompanied by our giving thanks to the Lord (RcV footnote 4:63). Let us offer our thanksgiving to the Lord as we pray concerning these burdens.]

- Rekindling:
 - a. That our love for the Lord would be renewed day by day through the exercise of our new heart and our new spirit (Ezek. 36:26)
 - b. That the zeal of God's house (specifically for the church meetings and church services) would be rekindled in all the saints (John 2:17)
 - c. That many of the healthy life practices (e.g. reading the Word and morning revival) would be reinforced in the daily living of all the saints (1 Tim. 4:15-16)
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) which will be held online this upcoming weekend--The general subject of the conference messages will be *The Grace of God in the Economy of God*
- The Young People's Winter Retreat being held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) from today through next Tuesday--The general subject of the conference messages will be *Living a Life of Loving the Lord*
- Northeast College Conference to be held in Ivoryton, CT over the weekend of February 26-27
- The spring term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) which will begin today--This term there will be seven trainees from NYC in the FTTA (Benjamin Cooley, Dean Deng, Christyn Hung, JZ Hung, Lesly Ramirez, Libby Sun, Iris Wang) and one in the FTTA-XB in Boston (Caleb Hong)
- That the Lord would exercise His sovereign rule over all the world situations in various parts of the globe to preserve His children and for the spreading of the gospel and of His testimony
Daniel 4:26b ...the heavens do rule.

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: The Holy Word for Morning Revival on Colossians

Week 1: Christ, the Portion of the saints

Portions from Days 1 & 6:

The main point in... Colossians is the fact that in the eyes of God nothing counts except Christ. This fact excludes both good things and bad things, both sinful things and cultured things. In particular, it eliminates all the good aspects of culture.

In today's Christianity Christ has been almost altogether replaced by other things, especially by good things. The name of Christ may be found in Christianity, but the reality of Christ may be absent. Many things have become substitutes for Christ... [Also], we in the Lord's recovery may substitute the good aspects of our character or behavior for Christ.

This book was written for us, not only for the saints at Colossae. If we have a clear understanding of the background of the epistle, we shall realize that the only way for us to take is the way of the cross. The cross is both a narrow way and a highway. For those not willing to take the cross, the cross is a narrow way. But for those who are willing to take this way, the cross becomes a highway. In the church we all should be nothing and nobody.

The book of Colossians teaches us that in the church life Christ must be all and in all. Everything that is not Christ must go.

The book of Colossians reveals that Christ is preeminent, that He has the first place in everything. Both in the first creation and in the new creation Christ occupies the first place. In 1:15 we are told that Christ is the "Firstborn of all creation," and in 1:18, that He is the "Firstborn from the dead." The new creation of God is by resurrection. For Christ to be preeminent in the new creation means that He is the first in resurrection. He is the first both in creation and in resurrection. This means that He is the first in the old creation, the universe, and in the new creation, the church. The universe is the environment in which the church exists as the Body of Christ to express Christ in full. Christ is not only first in the church, the Body, but also first in the environment, the universe. This means that He is first in everything.

Corporate Reading: *"How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 13: Enjoying God As Food By Reading The Word*