

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Young Working Saints and Young Couples Conference (Mar. 11-13)**

We would like to announce the Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast, which will be held March 11-13, 2022, at KPCC. The conference will be held entirely in person, that is, no online component will be provided during the conference; however, recordings will be made available after the conference. We encourage the young working saints, young couples, and families with young children to attend. Please **register by today** at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/youngworkingsaints>

Additional details, including the schedule, are available on the church app and church website at <https://churchinnyc.org/announcements/yws-conference-spring2022>. Any questions can be directed to northeastyws@gmail.com.

- **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=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTob3AwQlBodz09>

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

- The strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church:
 - a. That the church would pray with the Lord's authority and from the position of ascension and release prayers that spread and bring in the Lord's kingdom
 - b. The strengthening of all the prayer meetings in the church

***Ephesians 2:6** - And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus.*

***Matthew 6:10** - Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.*
- The Russia-Ukraine conflict:
 - a. Pray for the safety and well-being of all the saints
 - b. Pray that the Lord would exercise His sovereignty over the entire situation for the sake of His purpose, that none of His children would be stumbled and that the gospel will continue to spread
- 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. That all the saints would be burdened for the salvation of their friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and classmates
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
 - d. The strengthening of all the practical services in the church
- The conference for the young working saints and young families to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of March 11-13
- The Lord's move in the United States--That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of His testimony
- 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 Colossians

Week 3: Christ, the Mystery of God and the Body of all the Shadows (Colossians 2:1-17)

Portion from Day 2:

Paul realized the importance of being rooted in Christ. He knew that it was a serious matter to be transplanted from Christ and to be rooted in something else, such as heathen philosophy or Jewish ordinances. He wanted the Colossians to see that philosophy was not the soil in which they had been rooted. They had been rooted in Christ. He is our unique soil.

Although we have been rooted, we are still in the process of being built up. This is a corporate matter as well as a personal matter. A building is not composed merely of one item, but of many items that have been fitted together. We need to be rooted in Christ and also built up in the church.

In order to be built up corporately, the Colossians had to forsake the Judaistic observances and the heathen ordinances and philosophies. Otherwise, they would have been transplanted from Christ and rooted in something else. Furthermore, they would have been led astray from the church life. Whenever we take in some kind of philosophy, ordinance, observance, or practice in place of Christ, the church life is annulled. We are divided from those believers who have different opinions concerning these matters. Those who are preoccupied with such things will eventually cease to care about the church life.... How crucial it is to be rooted in Christ and to be built up in Christ and in the church! In this way we experience Christ as the mystery of God. (*Life-study of Colossians, pp. 156-157*)

Corporate Reading: *“How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God” Ch. 15: Restricting the Mind and Exercising the Spirit in Reading the Bible; Ch. 16: Learning to Be Simple to Pick Up the True Meaning of the Bible*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

PREDESTINATED UNTO SONSHIP

This sonship fulfills the desire of God’s predestination. Ephesians 1:4-5 tells us that before

the foundation of the world God predestinated us unto sonship. When I was young, I loved these verses, but I thought that God had predestinated me unto heaven. Then I thought that I was predestinated unto salvation. Many of us may have thought the same thing. Many times when we read the Bible, we read something from our mentality into it. The Bible does not say that God has predestinated us unto heaven or unto salvation. It says that we have been predestinated unto sonship.

God made a firm decision before the foundation of the world to make you a son. Every chosen one is a sinner, even an enemy to God, but God has the redemptive ability to make you, who are a sinner and an enemy of His, one of His sons. This is the wonder of wonders. God has made us, who were His enemies, His sons.

TWO CATEGORIES

In the new heaven and new earth there are two categories of people. One is the many sons, and the other is the peoples. When we are in the New Jerusalem, we will be the sons of God, not the peoples of God.

In Britain there is a royal family. They are not “the people” but the reigning ones. Saints, have you ever considered that you are not among the ordinary people? You are of the royal family. John tells us in Revelation 1:6 that Christ has made us “a kingdom, priests to His God and Father.” We are the sons of the almighty God, who is the King of kings. This makes us members, folks, of the royal family. We are not only sons of God but also members of the kingly family.

The Sons of God

The category of people who are reborn, transformed, glorified, and conformed will be the components of the New Jerusalem. Today the believers as the members of the Body of Christ are the components of the church, which is both the house of God and the wife of Christ. The church is not a building. It is a living composition of all the living members of Christ. This living composition is an organism. It is not an organization. Where these people are, there is the organism. We are here as this organism, the church. If we move to Miami, this organism will be there in Miami.

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