

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • 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

- The young adults--That the word released in the conference for the young working saints and young families would operate in all the saints for the going on of each of them and for the strengthening of the church life in all the churches in the Northeast; the general subject of the conference was Rekindle, Reset, Reconsecrate:
  - a. Rekindle (2 Tim. 1:6-7)
  - b. Reset (Heb. 12:12-13, 1-2)
  - c. Reconsecrate (Rom. 12:1-2, 11; Lev. 6:12-13)
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast ends today
- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
  - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings, including those who have not been attending the meetings regularly
  - b. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week

- c. The renewing of the vision, the burden and the zeal for all the practical services
- The continued strengthening of the saints in the church in Sacramento and in all the churches throughout Northern California
  - The Russia-Ukraine conflict:
    - a. Pray for the safety and well-being of all the saints, both those who remain in Ukraine and those who have evacuated the country
    - b. Pray for the saints in the churches in Europe, particularly in Poland and in Germany, who are receiving some of the displaced saints and other Ukrainian refugees
    - c. 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 even such a situation may turn out to salvation for many
  - 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 5: A Living in Union with Christ (Colossians 3:12-4:18)***

#### **Portion from Days 4&5:**

God desires that Christ be expressed through human life. We see this in 3:18-4:1, a sister passage to Ephesians 5:22-6:9, regarding the believers' ethical relationships. In Ephesians the emphasis is on the need of spirit-filled ethical relationships for the expression of the Body in the normal church life. In Colossians the emphasis is that we should hold Christ as our Head and take Him as our life by having His rich word dwelling in us, that the highest ethical relationships, issuing not from our natural life but from Christ as our life, may be realized for His expression.

If we live in union with Christ, Christ will be expressed through our humanity. ...Many of those in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Catholicism have a low

estimate of human life. They do not care for marriage or for the proper family life. They prefer to remain unmarried, and they aspire to live a type of angelic life. But the angelic life cannot express Christ. On the contrary, Christ needs to be expressed in those who are husbands, wives, parents, children, masters, and slaves. In order to express Christ, we need to have a proper and normal human life.

The living of the saints in union with Christ should result in the expression of Christ in human life. If we see this, we shall praise the Lord for our human life. Furthermore, we shall have a fresh appreciation for married life. I can testify that I am thankful for my wife, children, and grandchildren. I am grateful for all the lessons the Lord has taught me through them. The more I advance in years, the more I appreciate the lessons I have learned through the course of my human life. In the relationship between wife and husband and between children and parents we need to live out Christ and express Him. ...The principle is the same in the relationship between masters and servants[vv.22-25]. (Life-study of Colossians, pp. 248, 250-252)

In 4:2 Paul charges us to persevere in prayer. This means that we should not merely continue in prayer, but we should strive to continue. Almost everything in our environment is contrary to prayer. In order to pray, we must go against the tide, the current, of our environment. If we fail to pray, we shall be swept downstream. Only prayer can enable us to go against the current. Therefore, we need to persevere in prayer, to pray persistently.

Day by day we need to exercise ourselves to pray. We should even set aside certain times each day for prayer. Do not excuse yourself by saying that you do not have the burden to pray. Pray even when you seem to have no burden, or when apparently you have nothing to say to the Lord. ....Often when you pray in this way, .....you will find yourself refreshed in the Lord and able to pray genuinely. When we open to the Lord and admit that we do not know what to say to Him, we breathe in fresh spiritual air, and we are preserved in the Lord's grace.

**Corporate Reading:** *"How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 18: Identifying The Central And Peripheral Matters In The Bible*

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### God Being Our Life

God is our life. Immediately after creating man in Genesis, God placed man in front of the tree of life (2:8-9). At the end of Revelation the tree of life is still present (22:2). The tree of life signifies God Himself. God is the source of life. When God says that He wants man to come to the tree of life, He means that He wants man to touch Him. God wants to enter into man to be his life.

Life is something very close and crucial to man. It can even be said that life is man himself. Without life it is impossible for man to be a man. The Bible shows that God desires to be man's life. Hence, we can say boldly that if a person does not have God within him as life, he has not come up to the standard of a human being. The life a person has determines the kind of person he is. Those with a lower life are lower, and those with a higher life are higher. The life we possess in our natural constitution, our natural life, is a lower life; it is impossible for us to be a higher person with only this life. In order to be a higher person, we must have a higher kind of life. God's life is the highest life. Hence, it is impossible for anyone to be a higher person if he does not receive God as the highest life.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of", Chapter 1: Enjoying God (Section 1)*

## SELECTED VERSES

### Ephesians 3:15-17; 4:5-6

**3:15** And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.

**3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

**3:17** And whatever you do in word or in deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**4:5** Walk in wisdom toward those who are without, redeeming the time.

**4:6** Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.