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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **High School Spring Conference (April 15-17)**

There will be a conference for the young people in grades 9-12 from April 15-17. The conference will be held entirely in person at KPCC, with no online component.

For registration and more information, please go to www.pursuewiththose.org. **Registration is due by April 3.**

- **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 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) that concludes on April 3
- The Chinese-speaking conference which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) over the weekend of April 8-10

- The Northeast Spring High School Conference which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) over the weekend of April 15-17
- The special fellowship for all the saints serving with the children held online this past Saturday, April 2
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- 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 and that this 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: 2021 Thanksgiving Conference - Living in and with the Divine Trinity

Week 2: Living in the Divine Trinity (1) Abiding in Christ as the True Vine

Portion from Days 3, 5 & 6:

We are actually branches of the infinite God, organically one with Him. This means that we have been organically joined to the Triune God. Now we are part of God, even as the members of our bodies are parts of us. If we are in the light, we shall see that we are members of Christ, that we are part of Him. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 2930*).

In 1 John we see that we need to abide in the Lord, in the Son, in the Father, and in God. This presents a full portrait of living in the Triune God. To live in the Triune God is to have a daily life in Christ

as the organism of the Triune God, in the Lord with His headship, with His lordship, in the Son with His sonship, in the Father with His fatherhood, and in God with His commandments of believing in His Son and of loving all His other sons. This is what it means to experience the Divine Trinity in our daily life. We abide in God by the Spirit of God (3:24b). Without the Spirit of God there is nothing between us and God. The linking, the connection, between us and God, the Father, the Son, the Lord, and Christ is the Spirit. This "linking Spirit" is in our spirit. If we are going to enjoy a life of abiding in God, we must exercise our spirit, turn to our spirit, touch our spirit, and use our spirit. Then we will touch the linking Spirit. (CWWL, 1988, vol. 1, "Living in and with the Divine Trinity," pp. 342-343)

When we are in the Body and are diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit, we have the anointing of the Spirit. We have to come under the Head, and we have to live in the Body before we can receive the anointing. Many people do not receive any leading because they are not standing in the right place. They are not under the Head and have not submitted themselves to the authority of the Head. Neither are they in the Body. In order for us to receive the anointing, we must submit to the Head and live in the Body.

The more we live in the fellowship of the Body, the more we enjoy the anointing of the Spirit. But there is a condition to this: We have to allow the cross to deal with our flesh and our natural life in a thorough way. Whether or not a believer can enjoy this fellowship depends on whether he has dealt with his natural life. Our natural flesh only deserves to die; it only deserves to be in ashes, to be on the cross. We cannot think by ourselves; we are not qualified to propose anything by ourselves. We must allow Christ to have the absolute sovereignty over everything. We must allow Him to be the Lord in an absolute way. If our natural life is dealt with by the cross and if we submit to the headship of Christ and live the Body life, we will have the Spirit's anointing and enjoy the fellowship of the Body. (CWWN, vol. 44, pp. 819-820)

Corporate Reading: "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Ch. 20: Practicing to Pray according to the Sense of the Spirit

MINISTRY PORTIONS

God Being Our Husband

The Bible says that God is a Husband to us. As created and redeemed ones, we are a wife to God. There are many husbands and wives among us. The young people among us who are not yet married can see the relationship between a husband and wife from their parents. If we read through the entire Bible, we will see that the Bible begins and ends with life. The second thing spoken of after life is marriage; Adam married Eve. There is also a marriage at the end of the Bible. The Lamb of God marries a wife; that is, Christ marries His redeemed people. There are many places in the Bible that present God as our life. There are also many places that show God as our Husband, and we, the believers, as His wife (Isa. 54:5; 62:5; John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2). God's relationship with us is not only that of being life to man but also that of being a husband to a wife.

A wife depends on her husband for everything. Her supply is from her husband. Her protection is in her husband. Her joy, comfort, and satisfaction are in her husband. We know what a husband is to a wife. There is no language to describe the intimacy, union, and oneness between the two.

Christ is God incarnated in the flesh. He is the Lamb who bears the sin of the world. He is also the Bridegroom who is making us His bride and who is making the two one. According to the Bible, our being joined to the Lord is the same as a wife being joined to her husband. God is our Husband, and we are His wife. He is our satisfaction, and we are His satisfaction. A marriage relationship speaks of enjoyment.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 1: Enjoying God (Section 2)