

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks (April 23-24)**

There will be a regional conference with Brother Ed Marks on April 23-24. The sessions will be held online and Brother Ed Marks will be sharing live via Zoom for this conference. Language interpretation will be available via Zoom in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean. Registration is not required and all are welcome to attend.

Conference Schedule:

Session 1: Saturday, April 23, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Session 2: Saturday, April 23, 7:30 – 9:30 PM
Session 3: Lord's Day, April 24, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Note: There will not be a conference meeting on Lord's Day morning. Saints can follow the usual Lord's Day schedule in their district and join the final conference session at 4:00 PM.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 865 8187 7141

Passcode: 2022

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86581877141?pwd=a1Y1Vkt1cE5JNnl5VFJjNDhZVVYyZz09>

- **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

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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 follow-up of the Northeast Spring High School Conference which concludes today at Camp Penuel (KPCC)
- 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 regional conference with brother Ed Marks to be held over the weekend of April 23-24
- The follow-up of the Blending conferences around the globe:
 - a. European Brothers' Training (April 13-15) and London International Blending Conference (April 16-17)
 - b. Blending Conference for the churches in Central America
 - c. Blending Conference for the churches in Mexico
 - d. Working Saints' Conference for the churches in the Philippines
 - e. Summer School of Truth in Colombia, South America (April 14-18)
- 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 for the FTTA-XB trainees who were sent to Poland to serve for three weeks
- d. 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 unto the building up of the church

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2021 Thanksgiving Conference - Living in and with the Divine Trinity

Week 4: Living with the Divine Trinity (1) Living with Christ as Emmanuel and Having the Resurrected Christ Living in Us

Portion from Day 6:

Resurrection is an eternal principle in our service to God...All services to the Lord must pass through death and resurrection before they will be acceptable to God. Resurrection means that everything is of God and not of us. It means that God alone is able and that we are not able. Resurrection means that everything is done by God, not by ourselves... No one should be mistaken to think that he can do anything by himself. If a man continues to think that he is able, that he can do something, and that he is useful, he does not know resurrection... All those who know resurrection have given up hope in themselves; they know that they cannot make it. As long as the natural strength remains, the power of resurrection has no ground for manifestation... What we can do belongs to the natural realm, and what is impossible for us to do belongs to the realm of resurrection. (CWWN, vol. 47, "Authority and Submission," pp. 247-249)

To be a Christian is not merely difficult—it is impossible. Only the processed and consummated Triune God living in us as the all-inclusive Spirit can be a Christian. What the New Testament requires of us is too high... We praise the Lord that it is not we who need to fulfill the New Testament requirements but the Spirit in us who fulfills them. Instead of doing things in ourselves, we should simply enjoy His living and His working. Only the Spirit can be a Christian, and only the Spirit can be an overcomer. Remember, the Spirit is our God, our Father, our Lord, our Redeemer, our Savior, our Shepherd, and our life and life supply.

The Christian life is altogether the processed and consummated Triune God as the all-inclusive

Spirit. In this Spirit we have the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. In this Spirit we are in the Father, the Son, and the Spirit (Matt. 28:19) ...Our God is the processed and consummated Triune God, who is the consummated, all-inclusive Spirit as everything for our Christian life. When we have a need or a disability, we can remind Him of it. When we are facing a difficult situation, we can talk to Him about it. Then He, the One who lives in us, will come in to face the situation and to do whatever is needed. (Life-study of Job, pp. 109-110)

Corporate Reading: "The Orthodoxy of the Church" Ch. 1: Introduction

MINISTRY PORTIONS

God's Desire Being for Man to Enjoy Him

In the Bible there is a very important principle related to the first mention of a matter that sets an eternal governing principle for that matter throughout the rest of the Bible. The way a matter is spoken of the first time determines the meaning of similar matters that are mentioned subsequently. In the first reference to God's relationship with man in the Bible, God presents Himself to man as food. This shows that God wants man to enjoy Him. After God created man, He placed him in front of the tree of life so that man would enjoy the fruit of that tree. The tree of life signifies God Himself. This shows that God wants to be man's enjoyment. God's first thought after creating man was for man to eat and drink, and the object of this eating and drinking was God Himself.

How can we prove this? When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He repeatedly revealed that He was food for man to eat and enjoy. Regrettably, when the Lord contacted man, no one had the concept that God could be man's enjoyment. Man's concept was that God should be worshipped and served. If we read the four Gospels carefully, we will see that the people who came to the Lord had many different opinions concerning Him. Some asked what they should do to inherit eternal life. Others asked which of the commandments was the greatest. Those who came to the Lord had different concepts, but no one had the correct view that man should come to God with the thought of enjoying Him.

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