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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast and Eastern Canada (September 9-11)**

The Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast will take place at KPCC from September 9 to 11. For more details, please visit the church website at <https://churchinnyc.org>.

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (September 23-25)**

Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held in KPCC from September 23 to 25.

Please complete the form at the following link to register: <https://forms.gle/xqNtesgEs2aFzfVt9>
The registration deadline is **September 5**. Schedule and more available information can be found in the registration link and the church website at <https://churchinnyc.org>

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The going on of the church in NYC:
 - a. The strengthening of the church's testimony and the increase of the church in life and in numbers
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints of all ages through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings, and a homecoming for those who have not been meeting regularly
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week

- The Family Bible Camp which was held at Camp Penuel this past Saturday--over 200 attended
- The health of all the co-workers and leading brothers in all the churches for the sake of the building up of the church and the Lord's interests all over the earth (1 Kings 8:48)
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 9-11
- The need for meeting halls in various places:
 - a. Atlanta, GA
 - b. Stuttgart, Germany
 - c. São Paulo, Brazil
- 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 Grace of God in the Economy of God
Week 2: Experiencing the Grace of God in the Economy of God

Portion from Days 2 & 5:

We need to be those who receive and enjoy the grace of the Lord in our spirit. The receiving of Christ as the Spirit of grace is a lifelong, continuous matter. Day by day a marvelous divine transmission should take place: God supplies the Spirit of grace bountifully, and we receive the Spirit of grace continually (Gal. 3:2-5; John 3:34). The way to open ourselves to the heavenly transmission in order to receive the supply of the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit of grace is by exercising our spirit to pray and call on the Lord (1 Thes. 5:16-18; Rom. 10:12-13). As we receive and enjoy the Triune God as our grace, we will gradually become one with Him organically; He will become our constituent, and we will become His expression (2 Cor. 1:12; 12:9).

The mark of God's economy is that Christ today is the grace of God in our spirit. Our regenerated spirit indwelt by the Spirit is the focus of God's promised blessing. It is in our spirit that we experience and enjoy the Spirit as the central

blessing of the New Testament. Hence, we need the grace of the Lord, which is the bountiful supply of the all-inclusive Spirit (Phil. 1:19), to be with our spirit. If we do not know our human spirit, which has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, we have no way to enjoy Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit. We need to learn to exercise our spirit and to walk in our spirit in order to enjoy the grace of Christ, which is Christ Himself for our enjoyment.

In 1 Corinthians 15:10 Paul does not tell us that by the grace of God he has what he has, or even that by the grace of God he does what he does. It is not a matter of doing, having, or working; it is absolutely a matter of being. Hence, Paul says, "By the grace of God I am what I am." This means that the grace of God had been wrought into his being, making him that kind of person. Grace is not outside of us or beside us. It is a divine person, God Himself in Christ, wrought into our being to be the constituent of our being. Grace is the Triune God wrought into our being to be what we should be and to live, work, and do things for us so that we may say, "I am what I am by the grace of God. It is not I, but the grace of God."

Paul indicates that by himself he was nothing and by himself could never be an apostle and that he labored more than the others, yet it was not he who labored—it was the grace of God. The grace which was with Paul and which enabled him to labor more than others was actually God Himself. God in Paul was eternal life as his supply and support for the carrying out of His New Testament economy.

Throughout the centuries, all the living servants of the Lord have had this resurrected Christ living in them. We can testify that He as the grace of God lives in us, enabling us to do what we could never do in ourselves. We may be persecuted and opposed, and we may suffer very much; however, we have the resurrected Christ in us. The more we are opposed, the more alive and active we become. We must all declare that in our labor it is not we but the grace of God with us. We should not be the ones working; rather, the grace of God, the resurrected Christ who lives in us, should be the One working. We need to learn of Paul to coordinate with the One living in us. Although in ourselves we cannot carry out the Lord's work or bear the burden of the churches, the work is easy to do and the burden is easy to bear when it is the processed and consummated One living in us who does the work and bears the burden.

Corporate Reading: *"The Tree of Life" Ch. 10: God's Purpose Fulfilled By The Growth of The Tree Of Life Within Us; Ch. 11: How To Feast On The Tree of Life Through The Word*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Whoever is experienced in fellowshiping with God knows that the way to receive and assimilate God is either in prayer or in reading the Word. Prayer and reading the Word are the two best ways for man to contact God. Although many people pray, they do not contact God, and although many people study the Word, they do not absorb God. There are different kinds of prayer, and there are different ways to read the Bible.

Reading Not For Teaching But For Assimilating God

Prayer is not asking God to do many things, but it is breathing in God. Similarly, reading the Word is not digging out many teachings from the Bible but assimilating God. ...When we study the Word, we should not look for teachings, just as when we pray, we should not ask for many things. ...The subject and the center of prayer is God Himself. The subject and the center of reading the Word should also be God Himself. Just as we breathe ourselves out and breathe in God through prayer, we deny ourselves and receive all that God is through reading the Word. The real reading of the Word has nothing to do with acquiring teaching in the mind. Rather, it is a fresh assimilation of God in the spirit.

God's children need this basic understanding. Whenever we come to the Bible, we should not have the concept that it is for the purpose of gaining some teachings. Instead, we should have the concept that we are here to touch God Himself. ...Considering the Bible as a book of teachings is not the proper Christian attitude in reading God's Word. The proper attitude for every child of God when coming to the Word is to consider it as another opportunity to contact God Himself. We should be deeply impressed by this.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 6: How to Enjoy God in Reading the Word (Section 1)