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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

- That all the saints would come forward to the throne of grace and experience the sufficiency of the Lord's grace in the midst of all trials
Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come forward to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
2 Corinthians 12:9a And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness...

- The family of our dear sister Jean Hung and the memorial meeting which will be held for her today (the Lord's Day), August 28
- The children--The covering of all the children during the new school year and the strengthening of the children's meeting service in every hall
- The young people--The strengthening of all the young people in middle school and high school during the new school year, that they all would "let their light shine" (Matt. 5:16) and the strengthening of the young people's service
- The college students--The strengthening of all the college age saints and the spread of the gospel on every campus
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 9-11
- 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 3: The Believers' Experience of the Grace of God in the Economy of God Consummating in the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Portion from Days 1 & 6:

The New Testament believers' living under the grace in God's economy is a total living of experiencing the processed Triune God as grace. It is not a matter of what to do; that is not a total living. A total living means that my entire living is a living of the Triune God processed to be grace in me...A total living means that twenty-four hours a day, whether I am awake or asleep, I take the Triune God as my life and my person. I follow His move; I move with Him. Two spirits become one spirit, two lives live together, and two natures are mingled together. This is the total living of experiencing the Triune God as grace. A total living is not the living concerning right and wrong, good and evil, or anything else, but the living

of a living person. The living of this living person is the mingled living of the processed Triune God with the tripartite transformed man. Thus, God becomes our grace, and we live in this grace. This is the grace referred to in the New Testament. Our experience of the grace in God's economy is the mutual living of the processed Triune God and us joined together, taking Him as our life and person. He initiates, and we follow; He and we move together to live out a certain condition, which is called an organism, to express God Himself.

Our ministry is according to the gift of the grace of God. To say that grace is God for our enjoyment means that grace is God as our life and life supply (1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 12:9). This life supply operates within us. By means of this operating life, we have a certain ability, which is the gift. Therefore, in Ephesians 3:7 Paul speaks of being a minister "according to the gift of the grace of God."...This ability is the gift that makes us ministers to impart Christ to others.

Our ministry is to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel. It is not to present doctrine nor simply to teach the Word in letters. Our gospel is a person with all His riches. To preach such a gospel is to minister the riches of Christ to others.

This ministry is for producing the church. The ministry of the apostle Paul as God's steward was to bring forth the church by dispensing the unsearchable riches of Christ as grace into the believers. Paul's ministry was not only to save sinners, but to produce the church for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose. This was the goal of his stewardship of grace

Corporate Reading: *"The Tree of Life" Ch. 12: How To Feast On The Tree Of Life through Prayer*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

THE BIBLE BEING GOD'S BREATH

We should realize that the Bible is God's word, that is, His breath. ...The Bible says that God created all things by His word. ...Both the old creation and the new creation came into existence through His word. We are regenerated by His word, and every spiritual experience we have after our regeneration comes as a result of God's word. Our entire Christian existence is involved with God's word.

Speaking is a wonderful thing. Words can kill a person, and they can give life to a person.

The Bible is not a book of knowledge, science, or philosophy. The Bible is called the Word. ...t is a collection of God's words, not man's words. In fact, these words are the embodiment of God Himself.

Reading the Word to Contact God Himself

Whenever we open the Bible, our first thought should be to contact the living God. The living God has breathed out all that is within Himself as the Word. All the riches within Him are breathed out in the form of the word.

The first thought we should have, the first step we should take, when we open the Scriptures is to prepare ourselves to contact God. ...The God who dwells in unapproachable light, who cannot be touched or known, has revealed Himself through the Word. In fact He Himself is the Word, and He is embodied in the Word. Now He has put the Word, which is His breath, before us. When we study the Word, contact the Word, we are actually contacting God Himself.

Many brothers and sisters do not have this thought when they come to the Word. They think that they are reading merely words printed on paper. At the most they think that they are studying teachings, commandments, or doctrines. It is no wonder that they do not receive a living supply.

Exercising the Spirit Rather Than the Mind

With this initial understanding we can proceed further. We need to exercise our spirit rather than our mind whenever we study the Word. ... When we come to the Word, our first thought should be that God can be released through these pages because these words are the very breath of God. God has spoken and revealed Himself through these words. We need to exercise our spirit, not our mind, when we read the Bible because God is Spirit (John 4:24). We must believe that the more we turn from our mind to our spirit, our reading of the Scriptures will be proper.

In reading the Word, we must turn from our mind in order to release our spirit. It is very difficult for one who has never received any education, who is illiterate, to read the Bible. However, those who are able to read the Bible need to turn from their mind and exercise their spirit in order to receive any benefit.

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 2)