

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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> Schedule and more available information can be found in the registration link and the church website at <https://churchinnyc.org>

- **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

- That the saints would experience the God of all grace in their daily lives as they pass through many situations both great and small  
**1 Peter 5:10** *But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen and ground you.*
- The blending conference for the churches in Upstate New York being held this weekend at Camp Penuel and many other regional blending conferences being held throughout the country this Labor Day weekend.
- The children:
  - a. The covering of all the children during the new school year
  - b. The strengthening of the children's meeting service in every hall
  - c. The citywide Children's Meeting fellowship for serving ones and parents being held on Saturday, September 17 in Hall 1
- The young people--The strengthening of all the young people in middle school and high school during the new school year
- 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 Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 23-25

### MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: The Grace of God in the Economy of God**  
**Week 4: Grace in Peter's Epistles**

#### Portion from Days 3, 4 & 5:

In 1 Peter 1:13 Peter also charges us to set our hope completely on the grace. This hope is the living

hope which has issued from regeneration (v. 3). We need to set our living hope completely on the grace that is being brought to us at the unveiling of Jesus Christ...This grace...refers to the salvation of the soul (vv. 5, 9-10), which will be the consummation of God's full salvation. The grace has been brought to us by the Lord's first coming (John 1:17). It will be consummated by His second coming. On such grace we should set our hope.

Whatever we enjoy of the Lord today is, comparatively speaking, a small portion...This age is an age of foretaste. But when the Lord Jesus comes back, we shall enjoy the full taste...The coming full taste will be the consummation of this unique grace.

The Christian life is a matter of behavior. Suppose we did not have the divine life within us. This would certainly make family life very difficult, especially in relation to our in-laws...For both a husband and a wife, a mother-in-law can create a difficult situation.

But suppose a husband and wife both have the divine life and live according to this life. In spite of the differences in temper, disposition, habit, background, and understanding, grace inwardly motivates both the husband and the wife. Furthermore, this grace is expressed in their living. If the mother-in-law of either the husband or wife observes their way of living, she will find it gracious, pleasant, and acceptable. This is grace.

Peter...speaks of the grace of life that is the inheritance of all the believers, whether strong or weak (1 Pet. 3:7). Peter teaches the believing brothers to love and to sympathize with their wives because the wives as the weaker vessels are fellow heirs of the grace of life...This life is the Triune God Himself as our life, living in us to be our inheritance.

This inheritance is part of the "inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading" (1 Pet. 1:4). All the items of our eternal inheritance are related to the divine life which we received through regeneration and which we are experiencing and enjoying throughout our entire Christian life. All husbands and wives need to see that in their married life the husband and wife are co-heirs of such an inheritance, in particular, of the grace of life.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Tree of Life" Ch. 13: The Need to Be Poor in Spirit and Pure in Heart to Experience the Tree of Life*

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### Exercising the Spirit Rather Than the Mind

It is better to have fewer books at our disposal when we come to the Word. It is best if we have only one book—the Bible. We do not need to refer to any other material. If there is a need for a reference, that reference should be God. When we come to the Bible, our first thought should not be that we are coming to a book on knowledge or ethics; instead, we are coming to God who has revealed Himself through His speaking. When we come to the Word, we are contacting the living God. We do not need reference material, and we do not need to struggle with our mind. We only need to contact the living God by exercising our spirit.

God's children need to see that whenever we come to His Word, we should be convicted in our heart that this Word is the speaking forth of the living God. We should not study it with our mind; instead, we should contact it with our spirit. There is no need to understand the Bible too much. ...The Bible is indeed a wonderful book. The way to approach it is not to understand it but to contact it, touch it, and enjoy it.

When we read the Word, we should place ourselves under the shining of God's light. We may read twenty-five chapters of Exodus, and our mind may lack understanding and be totally confused. However, after fifteen minutes of coming to the Word in this way, we feel as if we have passed under God's shining. We will be inwardly refreshed, cleansed, and enlightened. This is the most valuable kind of reading.

This does not mean that we do not need to understand or remember anything when we read the Word, but understanding and memorization are secondary. Our primary need is to pass through God's shining whenever we read the Word. The Bible is a book for us to contact rather than to understand. We contact sunshine every day even though we do not understand it. ...The Bible is not primarily for comprehension but for communication and reception. Whenever we read God's Word, if we acknowledge that it is His very speaking and contact it with our spirit, our inner being will touch God and receive Him.

*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 3)*