

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service office hours will resume on December 5, 2022 and 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 Meeting ID:** 378 512 3114

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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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for answering the prayers of the church regarding the International Thanksgiving Blending Conference held in Washington, DC this past weekend; let us thank the Lord for His speaking and pray that all the saints in the Lord's recovery will live a life in the divine dispensing of the divine Trinity for the divine economy
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithful care for the church throughout this year and prayer for the church's further going on:
  - a. The mutual shepherding of the saints of all ages
  - b. The strengthening of the practical services in all nine halls of the church
  - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week

- The raising up of the next generation for the church life—Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the church with so many children, young people, college age saints and young adults, and prayer for their preservation and for their being raised up to bear the Lord's testimony
- Prayer for the preservation of the United States and for the leaders of this nation at every level of government (local, state and federal) so that the Lord's testimony would be strengthened and advance in every locality where it is established and spread to other areas of the country (1 Tim. 2:1-4)
- The need for meeting halls in various localities throughout the country and throughout the world:
  - 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: CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 AND 2 KINGS

**Week 8: Growing into a Holy Temple in the Lord & Week 9: The Temple of God Filled with the Glory of God**

### Portion from Week 8 Days 3&6 & Week 9 Days 5&6:

Only God can give growth. .... Only God can give you Himself...God Himself is our food, and we need to seek Him at His dining table, where we need to take time to eat Him slowly. Then more of Him will be added into us. This addition of God into us is the growth He gives. For God to give us growth actually means that He gives us Himself. (Life-study of Colossians, pp. 456-457)

The Lord is one with our spirit and that our spirit is one with the Lord. To be in our spirit actually is to be in the Lord. Also, to be in the Lord is to be in the spirit. He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit (1 Cor.

6:17). We simply cannot separate our spirit from the Lord. Therefore, our spirit is the place where the building of the church is. The building is not in our mind, emotion, soul, or heart. It is absolutely a matter in our spirit. (Life-study of Ephesians, pp. 237-238)

If we would be one in the divine glory, we must forsake and forget ourselves. It must be no longer I, but Christ who lives in me (Gal. 2:20). The "I" has been crucified, and the self must be denied that Christ may live in us...On the one hand, we have been sanctified from so many worldly places and worldly things and have come home to the Father's house. On the other hand, each of us has his opinions, thoughts, or ideas. If this is the situation, how can we be one? Once we were separated into various worldly places, but now, having come home, we may still have trouble with the self. For this reason, we must not live by our own life but by the life of glory, the divine life. After we have been regenerated, we must be sanctified, and after we have been sanctified, we must be glorified. In other words, after we have the life of God, we must give up the world, and after we give up the world, we must forsake ourselves and live by the divine life. Then, in the glory of this life, we shall be one. Hence, there are three grounds or steps of the oneness of the believers: regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. Having God as our Father by regeneration is the first step; coming to the Triune God by separation from the world through the holy word is the second step; and living by the divine life of glory through denying ourselves is the third step. It is in the very application and realization of the divine life of glory that we shall all be one.

An outstanding feature of the New Jerusalem is that it has the glory of God (Rev. 21:11), His expression. The entire city of New Jerusalem will bear the glory of God, which is God Himself shining out through the city. Actually, the glory of God will be the content of the New Jerusalem, for this city will be completely filled with His glory. This indicates that the city is a vessel to contain God and express Him. The glory of God is actually God Himself being manifested. The fact that the New Jerusalem is full of God's glory means that God is manifested in this city. The church life today should also have God's glory, manifesting and expressing Him in this marvelous divine attribute. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 112).

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration" Ch. 10: Releasing the Lord's Life and Aggressive Preaching the Gospel*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### Being Drunk with the Holy Spirit

The same can be said of a sinner. ...on the evening of the Lord's resurrection He came and stood in the midst of the disciples and breathed into them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22). From that day on, the disciples drank of the Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended and filled the disciples. This was a greater drinking of the Spirit. Once they were filled with the Spirit, they began to speak in different tongues. They were like drunken people speaking. ...They were drunk with the Spirit, not drunk with wine. The Spirit is the realization of God. They were drunk with God, not with wine. They were "crazy" because of God, not "crazy" because of wine. I believe that the Lord would allow me to say this. When a man is drunk, he becomes crazy and speaks deliriously. He speaks whatever he wants to speak; there is no fear or reservation in him. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were indeed [452] drunk. They were drunk with God. They were filled with God. Therefore, they were "crazy" in their behavior.

We should not be surprised when we hear the word crazy. Strictly speaking, if we have never been crazy in our experience as a Christian, our faith in Him is not very strong. In 2 Corinthians 5:13 Paul says, "For whether we were beside ourselves, it was to God." Being beside oneself is being crazy. God can make a person beside himself. As Christians, have we ever been beside ourselves? The verse goes on to say, "Or whether we are sober-minded, it is for you." This means that the apostle was sober toward men but was crazy toward God. Some Christians are sober before men and sober before God; they have never been crazy, because they have never been drunk with God.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 9: Enjoying God Through Taking in the Spirit (part 1)*