

The Church in New York City

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 December Semi-Annual Training**

The December 2022 Semi-Annual Video Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, will be held online via Zoom. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Dec. 29
Message 2, 7:30 PM, Friday, Dec. 30
Message 3, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Dec. 31
Message 4, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 31
Message 5, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 31
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 1
Message 6, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 1
(Open Meeting)

Message 7, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 2
Message 8, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 6
Message 9, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 7
Message 10, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 7
Message 11, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 7
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 8
Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 8
(Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session:

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 4
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 5
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Mon., Jan. 9
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 11
Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 12

- **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 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

- Prayer for the normal growth in life of all the saints by their daily eating, drinking and breathing of the Lord; let us pray for the saints' daily personal time with the Lord and for their daily reading of the Word
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children in the church and prayer for all the parents, that they would have the wisdom and the grace to raise the children, and that the children would grow to be vessels "unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master" (*2 Tim. 2:21*)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the young people, college age saints and young adults; let us pray that each one would "flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (*2 Tim. 2:22*) and be produced as seeds of the gospel wherever they are
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithful care for the church throughout this year and prayer for the church's further going on and increase in life and numbers
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The church in Liverpool, UK—the saints celebrated the first Lord's table meeting of the church in Liverpool today
 - b. Thanksgiving to the Lord for the churches in Lisbon, Portugal and Zurich, Switzerland, both of which recently began the Lord's table meeting
 - c. Let us pray for the strengthening of all the churches in Europe

- 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 11: Apostasy, the High Places, and the Recovery of the Genuine Ground of Oneness

Portion from Days 4 & 6:

The church with Christ is the unique place of God's choice. In order to fulfill the word of Colossians 3:11, every other place must be utterly destroyed. We must destroy everything that is not the church with Christ. Then we will simply be in the church life enjoying Christ as the riches of the good land. As we enjoy Him with God, we will be planted in the house of the Lord, we will grow, and we will flourish. This is the proper way to have the Christian life and the church life. This is the ground of oneness. (CWWL, 1979, vol. 2, "The Genuine Ground of Oneness," pp. 318-320, 264, 288-289)

How we thank the Lord for recovering the genuine oneness, the oneness that has been lost by Christianity! This oneness is all-inclusive; it includes all positive things. Division, on the contrary, includes all negative things... When we come back to the oneness, all the godly, heavenly, spiritual things return... On the one hand, we must admit that we are still quite short and have a long way to go. On the other hand, we can testify that the Lord's riches surely are to be found in His recovery. The unique ground of oneness is here, and all the spiritual riches are included with this ground. All the godly things and all the spiritual riches are ours on the ground of oneness. (CWWL, 1979, vol. 2, "The Genuine Ground of Oneness," p. 330)

The reason for this oneness is that God Himself is one. Oneness is His nature. In all God's acts we see one origin, one element, and one essence. In God's creation we see one God and one corporate man. In His selection we also have the one God and one man. Moreover, in the church we have the one Spirit and one new man. Eventually, in the New Jerusalem we have the unique Triune God in the one city characterized by the one throne, the one street, the one river, and the one tree. Therefore, the oneness about which we are speaking is not a partial oneness; it is a great, complete, comprehensive oneness, a

oneness in entirety. May we all be impressed with the vision of such a oneness. If we see the vision of the oneness of entirety, all the germs of division will be killed, and we will be delivered from every kind of division. (CWWL, 1979, vol. 2, "The Genuine Ground of Oneness," pp. 330-331, 260, 262, 243)

Corporate Reading: "The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity" Ch. 1: Knowing the Economy of God

MINISTRY READINGS

Being Drunk with the Holy Spirit

Many of us can testify that when we breathe in God through our prayer, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit can be compared to new wine; the more we drink Him, the more we are inwardly filled with Him. When we are full of the Spirit, we cannot help but be beside ourselves, because it seems as if we have been swept off our feet. Our praise is no longer common praise, and our singing is no longer common singing. We are as those who are "insane" before God; we are drunk with God.

We not only need to eat God and drink God, but we also need to be drunk with God. This is an intense drinking, not a small sipping. We need to drink to the extent that our whole being is filled with God. Then our preaching of the gospel will be powerful, and our witnessing for the Lord will be bold. The fact that some brothers and sisters are afraid of testifying for the Lord proves that they do not have enough God, not enough of the Spirit, within them. Everyone who is drunk with the Spirit is bold. Whatever God entrusts them with or commissions them to say is carried out without any fear. They seemed to be saying, "We stand here today to testify of His resurrection. If He has not resurrected, we would not have such boldness. He is living, and He is living within us. As the Spirit, He has entered into us, has filled us, and has intoxicated us. Therefore, we are not afraid of anything."

We must see that God is not only edible and drinkable but also intoxicating. Not only can we eat God and drink God; we can be intoxicated by Him and be drunk with Him.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 9: Enjoying God Through Taking in the Spirit (part 2)