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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 December Semi-Annual Training (Continued)**

The December 2022 Semi-Annual Video Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, will continue to be held via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89475678761?pwd=OW1EeU5RN1NkYVVOUjBmbIZldndsZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 7567 8761

Passcode: 2022

One Tap Mobile: +19294362866,,89475678761#

Schedule for Training Session (continued):

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

(Open to all the saints):

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

**KEY STATEMENTS FOR CRYSTALLIZATION -STUDY
OUTLINES FIRST AND SECOND CHRONICLES,
EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER**

I The intrinsic significance of the twelve historical books in the Old Testament (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther) is the revelation that God's move in man's history prepares the way for God to carry out His eternal economy by His becoming a man that man may become God in life and in nature (but not in the Godhead), for the producing and building up of the church as the organic Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem for His ultimate expression.

II Ezra reconstituted the people of Israel with heavenly truths; in the Lord's recovery we need Ezras, priestly teachers, who contact God, who are saturated with God, who are one with God, who are filled with God, and who are skilled in the Word of God—the kind of person who is qualified to be a teacher in the recovery.

III We need to live by Christ and to live out Christ, thus magnifying Christ, so that we can build up the church as the expression of God; in order to express God, we need to be daily sanctified and renewed by the washing of the water in the word to be presented to Christ, our Bridegroom, as His pure, glorious, God-expressing bride.

IV For the building up of the church as the Body of Christ, there is the need for spiritual warfare carried out according to four principles—not using fleshly weapons, keeping the position of ascension, using spiritual weapons, which are powerful to overthrow the strongholds of the enemy, and understanding that prayer is warfare and uttering prayers of warfare in the heavenly realm and from the throne of God.

- **Service Office Hours**

There will be no Service Office Hour in the following 3 weeks. We will resume on January 16, 2023.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The semiannual winter training on the Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther which began the past Monday in Anaheim, and all the video trainings being held in many localities all over the earth (the video training in NYC began on Thursday, December 29)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the church in NYC with so many older saints and prayer for their health, their participation in and enjoyment of the church life and that each one will function to their full capacity
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children in the church and prayer for the children's service in all nine halls and for the raising up of more neighborhood children's meetings
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His care for the church in NYC throughout this year and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints and all the new ones
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The Lord's move in the United States— That the Lord would strengthen all the local churches in the U.S. and preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and for the spread of His testimony at the consummation of the age
- 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: LOVING THE LORD AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Week 1: Loving the Lord and Loving One Another—the Most Excellent Way for Us to Be Anything and Do Anything for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

Portion from Day 4:

The main gift that God has given us is our regenerated human spirit with His Spirit, His life, and His nature. We must fan this gift into flame. This

means that we have to stir up our spirit so that our spirit will be burning. Romans 12:11 says that we should be burning in spirit...We must have a burning spirit of love, not a burning spirit of authority, which damages. Whatever is mentioned in 2 Timothy is a requirement for us to face the degradation of the church...Under today's degradation of the church, we all need a spirit of love fanned into flame to be burning in spirit. Love prevails in this way.

We need a spirit of love to conquer the degradation of today's church. We should not say or do anything to threaten people. Instead, we should always say and do things with a spirit of love, which has been fanned into flame. This is what the recovery needs.

The end of 1 Corinthians 12 reveals that love is the most excellent way (v. 31b). ...Love is the most excellent way. Love is the most excellent way for us to prophesy and to teach others. Love is the most excellent way for us to be anything or do anything.

Love prevails. We should love everybody, even our enemies. If the co-workers and elders do not love the bad ones, eventually, they will have nothing to do. We must be perfect as our Father is perfect (Matt. 5:48) by loving the evil ones and the good ones without any discrimination. We must be perfect as our Father because we are His sons, His species...The Lord Jesus said that He came to be a Physician, not for the healthy ones but for the sick ones. The Lord said, "Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill" (9:12).

Paul said, "To the weak I became weak that I might gain the weak" (1 Cor. 9:22). That is love. We should not consider that others are weak but we are not. That is not love. Love covers and builds up, so love is the most excellent way for us to be anything and to do anything for the building up of the Body of Christ. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 5, "The Vital Groups," pp. 124-127)

Corporate Reading: *"The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity" Ch. 4: The Truth of the Mystery in the Gospel of John (1)*