

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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. 8

Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 8

(Open Meeting)

**Schedule for Review/Study Session**

**(Open to all the saints, continued):**

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 this week. We will resume on January 16, 2023.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would experience Christ as their new beginning and offer to the Lord a fresh consecration for this new year, and that the Lord will take the church on in 2023  
*Revelation 22:13 – I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*
- The continuation of the semiannual winter video training on the Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther this

weekend in NYC and in all the local churches all over the globe

- 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
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The strengthening and going on of the churches in Upstate New York

## 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. 5: The Truth of the Mystery in the Gospel of John (2)*

## MINISTRY READINGS

In order to receive anything, we need the proper organ. ...Because God is not an object, there is no way for us to receive Him with our physical senses. We cannot touch God, smell God, taste God, see God, or hear God. It is useless for us to try to contact God with our five senses.

God is Spirit. Hence, receiving God and assimilating Him are altogether a matter in the spirit. We need to restrain our mind when we pray. We must exercise to pray with our spirit. Instead of spending the time to consider what to pray, we should take care of our inward feeling. As we kneel before the Lord, we may not have any words to utter. However, because of a heavy burden, a pressure within our spirit, we can still groan and sigh before the Lord. This is a very genuine prayer. Have we had this kind of experience? We generally utter groaning prayers when we are in a difficult situation, because the situation exhausts our mental capacity. When the suffering is intense, our mind is unable to control the situation, and the spirit is released through groaning before the Lord. This is the best kind of prayer. It is the most precious kind of breathing.

*Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 9: Enjoying God Through Taking in the Spirit (part 3)*