

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regional Conference (cont'd)**

The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks concludes today, April 2. The meetings will be held at the meeting hall of the church in Franklin.

Today's conference schedule is as follows:
Lord's Table: 10am & Message 4

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94733179693?pwd=bEtmTndWWlZwQmd4Znp6dUNLMisvUT09#>

Meeting ID: 947 3317 9693

Passcode: 313131

One tap mobile:

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Details are on the church website:

www.churchinnyc.org and on the church App.

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (April 7-9)**

There will be a conference for the young people in grades 9-12 from April 7-9 at Camp Penuel. The participated saints can check in starting at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 7. The first activity of the conference will begin at 3 p.m.

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (April 21-23)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel on April 21-23. Please register by April 2 at www.tinyurl.com/2023youngworkingsaints.

Importantly, the saints who will stay overnight should register as soon as possible to secure accommodation at the camp, as onsite housing capacity is limited.

We encourage the saints to arrive on Friday night, April 21. Dinner will not be provided and there will be no formal meeting on Friday evening, but saints who arrive early can get settled in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts. The conference concludes with lunch on Lord's Day, April 23.

- **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

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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithfulness in answering the prayers of the church and for His speaking in the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) this past weekend
- The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks held in Franklin, NJ concludes today
- The Northeast Spring Highschoolers' Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of April 7-9
- The strengthening of all the families and households in the church
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- 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: 2022 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

Week 1: God's Move in Man's History for the Carrying Out of His Eternal Economy

Portions from Days 1 & 5 and VI of the Outlines:

The chronology in 1 and 2 Chronicles indicates that God's move in man's history is to prepare the way for God to carry out His eternal economy in humanity by becoming a man that man may become God. If this cannot be accomplished, there is no way to solve the problems of today's world situation. All the problems on this earth are waiting for one thing—for a good number of men to become God-men. This matter concerns not only the history of God's elect, Israel, but also the history of the entire race of mankind...Ephesians 1:4 tells us we all were chosen by God before the foundation of the world. We praise the Lord for choosing us in Christ before the foundation of the world. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, pp. 4-6)

Revelation 11:15 says that one day all the nations of the earth will become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. Then no government will oppress its people. Then the earth will be filled with righteousness and justice. Without the second coming of the Lord, salvation will not be complete. (CWWN, vol. 60, pp. 444-445, 448)

According to Revelation 19, the church is both the bride who is presented to Christ and the warrior who fights with Him against God's enemy. At His coming again, the Lord Jesus first will meet His bride. After receiving the bride, Christ and the overcomers will enter into battle against the enemy... The Lord will ride on a white horse [v. 11], and the armies which are in heaven will follow Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean (v. 14). Revelation 17:14 also refers to this: "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful."

In Revelation 19:7 and 8 we see that the bride is clothed in "fine linen, bright and clean." Then in verse 14 we see that the armies which follow the Lord into battle are "dressed in fine linen, white and clean." (Life-study of Ephesians, p. 814)

As the church, we are not only the Body, the dwelling place of God, the kingdom of God, the family of God, and the new man; we are also the bride and the warrior. As the bride, we must be beautiful, without spot or wrinkle, and be clothed in fine linen. As the warrior, we must be equipped to fight against God's enemy [cf. Eph. 5—6; Rev. 19]

With God's move, as the divine history, in man's history, there is the new creation—the new man with a new heart, a new spirit, a new life, a new nature, a new history, and a new consummation; we praise the Lord that we are in the divine history, experiencing and enjoying the mysterious, divine things for our organic salvation, so that we may make ourselves ready to become His overcoming bride to bring Him back.

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", message 7-8*

MINISTRY READINGS

Christ being Our Life by Becoming Our Food

A living organism moves and acts because it has life. If it loses its life, it is dead and ceases from all movements and activities. Every kind of life has a certain kind of living and does certain particular things. Because a fish has a fish's life, it swims. Because a bird has a bird's life, it flies. In the same way, we Christians need Christ's life because every move of a Christian depends on the life of Christ. The life we possess from birth is incapable of living the Christian life.

Christ comes into us to be our life in the form of food. He becomes our life by becoming our food. When we eat Him, drink Him, receive Him, and digest Him, He becomes our constitution, nourishment, and supply. This is how He becomes our life. When we eat and drink Christ, He becomes our life, and we can live a genuine Christian life.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 11: How God Becomes Man's Enjoyment (part 4)