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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 July Semi-Annual Training (Concludes today)**

The July 2023 Semi-Annual Video Training, which will be on **An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing**, will continue being held online via Zoom.

Schedule for Video Training Session:

Lord's Table, 10:00 AM, Sun, Jul 16
Message 12, 11:00AM, Sun, Jul 16 (Open Meeting)

Semiannual Training Key Statements

- I. The "diamond" in the "box" of the Bible is the revelation that in Christ God has become man in order that man might become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem.
- II. The divine and mystical realm into which we may enter today and in which we may live is actually not simply the divine and mystical realm of the Triune God; it is the diving and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit and the pneumatic Christ.
- III. To abide in Christ, taking Him as our dwelling place, and to allow Him to abide in us, taking us as His dwelling place, are to live in the reality of the universal incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with the redeemed and regenerated believers.
- IV. The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity mingled, blended, and built up together as one entity; all the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person – the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

- **2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth (July 30 -August 10)**

The details for the 2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth are as follows:

TOPIC: Lesson Book **Level 4: Knowing and Experiencing Life**

Dates:

High School (Grades: 9th to 12th grade in September 2023) - July 30 - August 6
Middle School (Grades: 7th to 8th grade in September 2023) - August 6 - August 10

LOCATION: Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC) also known as Camp Penuel

Cost:

Rates	Adult	College	Young People
High School	\$460	\$390	\$320
Middle School	\$330	\$280	\$230

For more information, please visit the website: www.pursuewiththose.org or fellowship with the young people's serving ones in your district.

- **2023 Church in NYC's Family Bible Camp**

The dates for the 2023 Family Bible Camp are as follows:

1. **July 22, Sat.** – A day-camp in hall 1 locally
2. **August 17-19, Thur. to Sat.** - In-person camp in KPCC, 288 Hickory Bush Rd, Kingston, NY 12401

This time will be open to rising Kindergartners to 5th graders (rising 6th graders and young people

can be helpers). Please save the dates and stay tuned for details and a registration link.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The video training—Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the semiannual training and prayer for the operation of the word that was released and for the receiving of the word during the remainder of the video training
- The North America College Training—The two main lines of fellowship in the training will be Love Prevails and Holding to Truth; the total registration for the training is over 2800, including about 30 from NYC
- All the other summer activities:
 - a. The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training
 - b. The Summer School of Truth
 - c. The Family Bible Camp
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His constant and all-inclusive care for the church in NYC and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. The burden for the gospel among all the saints
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints and new ones
 - c. The strengthening of the practical services in all nine halls of the church
 - d. 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: 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE - MAKING OURSELVES READY FOR THE LORD'S COMING

Week 2: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming by Growing in Life unto Maturity

Portions from Days 4:

We all know that the purpose of God's salvation is to work in us so that we may have His image (Rom. 8:29)...To be mature is to have the Lord fully formed in us. It also means that we, those who have been saved, have been fully transformed into the Lord's image. Originally, we were men who were merely natural—not having the life of the Lord, the nature of the Lord, or the image of the Lord within us. However, through the salvation of the Lord, the Lord has added Himself into us. Since the time of our regeneration and salvation, the Lord has been adding Himself into us, causing us to have His life and nature. In other words, from the time of our salvation, the Lord has been working in us so that we may have His image. When the Lord has fully worked His image into us and is fully expressed out from within us, then we will be mature in life. (CWWL, 1955, vol. 3, "The Way for a Christian to Mature in Life," pp. 295-296)

How does God accomplish such a salvation? First, He sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins. Then in Christ and as the Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b), He enters into us to live in us as our life. Christ is not only living in us (Gal. 2:20) but also growing in us. He intends to grow, to be formed, and to mature in us (Eph. 4:13). This is God's saving way...To grow unto maturity means that Christ lives in us as our life and that He continually grows in us to the extent that He is formed in us. When Christ is fully formed in us, we will be mature in His life. (CWWL, 1955, vol. 3, "The Way for a Christian to Mature in Life," pp. 143-145)

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", message 27-28*