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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast (Sept. 8-10)**

The Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast that will take place at Camp Penuel from **September 8 to 10, 2023**. We praise our beloved Lord that He has blessed us with this time. Translation into English and childcare will be provided during all the messages. For more details, please contact the serving brothers in your district.

- **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Sept. 22-24)**

The upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel on **September 22-24, 2023**. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/fall2023conference> before **September 4, 2023**.

Check-in will be open on Friday, September 22 between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. There will not be dinner provided or a formal meeting on Friday evening, but we encourage arrival on Friday so that the saints can settle in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts.

We look forward to a sweet and pleasant time for the young working saints and young families. Please pray for the Lord's speaking and blessing at this conference. If you have any questions, please email northeastyws@gmail.com.

- **Service Office Hours**

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

PRAYER BURDENS

- The burden for the gospel—That all the saints would have the burden for the gospel and that the church as the lampstand would shine brighter and brighter throughout the whole city; let us pray for any upcoming gospel meetings in the various halls of the church
- All the children and young people during the upcoming school year—Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children and all the middle school, high school and college age young people, and prayer for each one during the upcoming school year; let us pray that they all would be preserved and that they would all let their light shine before men
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 8-10
- The Lord's move in Europe—Prayer for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich; also pray for the strengthening of the new lampstand in Lisbon and the recovered lampstand in Zurich
- The Lord's move in Australia and New Zealand—On the past Friday there was a Teachers' Training in Sydney for all the churches in Australia in preparation for the summer school of truth (which will be held at the end of this year); then over the weekend there was a conference for the parents and serving ones of the children and young people; many saints in New Zealand participated in these events via Zoom

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: Romans

Week 4: Romans 13 – 16

Portions from Days 1, 2 & 3:

“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not

murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does not work evil to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” The commandment to love sums up all the other commandments. We need the Holy Spirit to work in us and to give us an amount of transformation in life that we may practice love toward all men. Love is the expression of life. It is not just an outward behavior, but an expression of the inward life. Simply trying to love without the supply of life does not work. In order to love people and spontaneously fulfill the commandments, we need the life supply and the transformation in life. Our natural life is not a life of God’s love. We need to be transformed in life that we may have God’s nature of love to love people. If we are careless in loving others, we do not need transformation in life. But if we are going to practice love toward all men, we need to be transformed in life.

In order to receive our fellow believers in the Lord, we need transformation. If we remain natural, we shall be unable to go along with others. In fact, according to our natural disposition, we cannot even agree with ourselves consistently. We all fight with ourselves. Thus, it is very difficult for any Christian remaining in his natural disposition to go along with others. Receiving the saints requires transformation. I believe that Paul’s word in Romans 12:2 concerning being transformed by the renewing of the mind not only governs the section on the practice of the Body life, but also all the other chapters relating to the church life. Transformation governs the items found in chapter thirteen as well as some of the aspects of chapters fourteen and fifteen. If we are not transformed to at least a certain degree, we shall be unable to be one with other believers. Although we may meet with them, we shall be unable to fellowship with them or to open ourselves to them. If we were to open ourselves to them, we would end up fighting with them because we are untransformed and so natural in our concept, behavior, and all that we are and do. Thus, in order to receive our fellow believers, we need transformation.

Paul says in verse 19, “So let us pursue the things of peace, and things which build one another.” The things of peace are the things that keep the unity of the Body. The things that build up one another are the things that minister life to the members of the

Body for the mutual building. We must pursue both categories of things. We have to seek after the things that keep the unity of the Body with peace and the things that minister life to others. In order to do this, we have to leave all the doctrinal concepts behind and overcome all the frustrations that originate from mental knowledge. Satan is subtle. Through all the centuries, he has used and is still using doctrinal concepts and mental knowledge to frustrate the ministry of life and to divide the Body of Christ. Therefore, we must overcome his subtlety by pursuing the things of peace for keeping unity, and the things that minister life to others for the building of the Body.

Corporate Reading: *“The Life-study of Romans”, messages 39*

MINISTRY READINGS

Praying with Reading Issuing in Enjoying the Glory of God

This way of praying and reading is the mingling of God and man. This is glorious yet mysterious. The God of glory mingles Himself with us in our practical human living. He does this as the Spirit and the Word. The Spirit is in our spirit, and the Word is in our hand. The Spirit prays with our spirit and leads us to read and understand the Word. The Spirit within and the Word without correspond and mingle as one. ...The issue of this reading, praying, and interceding is the enjoyment and digestion of God’s riches. We receive God’s will, His desire, and His eternal purpose, and we become a channel for His expression. Our intercession affords Him the way to accomplish His will on earth. It seems as if He is answering our prayer, but He is carrying out His will. The result is that man is blessed through the preaching of the gospel to save sinners, through the release of life to nourish the believers, and through the building up of the church.

In this way God becomes everything we need. If we need patience, He is our patience. If we need light, He is our light. If we need power, He is our power. If we need humility, He is our humility. He is our magnanimity and circumspection. He is our power in the gospel and our eloquence. He is also wisdom for us to build up the church and love for us to shepherd His children.

Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 14: HOW TO ENJOY GOD BY MATCHING READING WITH PRAYING (part 4)