

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2023 December Semiannual Training Registration**

Registration for the 2023 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference Application (the church in New York City)**

Living Stream Ministry will host the 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei in February 2024. According to the organizer, brothers and sisters need to register for the conference through their local churches (no individual application is accepted). Below is the registration form for the church in New York City: <https://tinyurl.com/3y8myu9w>. **The deadline for registration is November 30.** For any questions, please contact the serving brothers who are collecting the registration fees in the corresponding meeting hall.

- **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

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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 blessing the regional conference two weekends ago and prayer that the word released concerning "The Enjoyment of the All-inclusive Christ as the Unique Solution to All the Problems in the Church" and "A Good Minister of Christ" would operate in all the saints unto the building up of the church
- Truth constitution--That all the saints, from the youngest to the oldest, would receive "the love of the truth" (2 Thes. 2:10), contact and enjoy the Word of God daily, and be constituted with the truth so that the church would be the pillar and base of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15) and shine forth as the Lord's testimony in the midst of this dark age
- The Chinese-speaking conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of November 10-12
- The Lord's move in South America--Let us pray for the truth school teachers' training which concludes today in São Paulo, Brazil (November 2-5); approximately 500 saints from all over South America gathered together for this training (the truth schools will be carried out in eight countries throughout South America in the early part of 2024)
- The Gospel to All the Nations Conference which concludes today in Washington, DC
- 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 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING**

***Week 3: God Building Himself in Christ into Our Being***

### Portions from Days 1, 5 & 6:

God does not need us to build anything for Him. We are nothing, we have nothing, and we can do nothing. Therefore, we need Christ to be wrought into our being. At this point we need to consider once again what God's economy is. God's economy is to work Himself into us in Christ as His embodiment. Through death and resurrection Christ has become the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). Now we need to let God work Christ as the Spirit into every part of our being. The more God does this, the more we will be able to declare, "To me, to live is Christ," and "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20). (*Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 160-161*)

God's building Himself into our being is altogether an organic matter. In order for such a building to take place, we need to receive, digest, and assimilate an organic element. Our spiritual food and drink is the organic, pneumatic Christ (John 6:51, 57; 7:37-39), the Christ who is the life-giving Spirit...Today as the Spirit He is real, genuine, living, and present. When we enjoy...Christ by eating, drinking, and breathing Him, a metabolic process, a spiritual digestion and metabolism, takes place within us. Through this metabolic process Christ is constituted into our being. This constitution is the building. Christ, therefore, is building Himself into us as our inner constitution. The issue of such a building is that we become a very particular class of people—the members of the Body of Christ.

God in Christ is constituting Himself into man, making Himself the element of man. Thus, we human beings are constituted with a divine element. This means that a divine element is built into our human element, and the two elements are mingled with each other. Not only is God's divine element constituted into us—the human element is constituted into God. As the divine element is constituted into our humanity, we become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. As the human element is constituted into God, God becomes man. This is the building revealed in the New Testament.

The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity blended and mingled together as one entity. All the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person...These two, God and man, man and God, are built up together by being blended and mingled

together. This is the completion, the consummation, of God's building. We all need to see this vision. (*Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 199*)

**Corporate Reading:** "*The Life-study of Romans*", messages 56-57

### MINISTRY READINGS

#### RESTRICTING OUR MIND AND EXERCISING OUR SPIRIT IN READING THE BIBLE

It may seem difficult to exercise our spirit and not our mind when reading the Bible. This may bother some of us. We may wonder how we can read something without exercising our mind. Nevertheless, we are saying that we should not exercise our mind in reading the Bible. Exercising our spirit and not our mind does not mean that we should absolutely forget about our mind. Rather, it means that we should touch this book with the deepest part of our being and not merely understand or ponder over it with our mind. Even though we use our eyes to read and our mind to memorize, these are not the main organs that we use. The main organ is our spirit; we read the Bible mainly with our spirit. If we exercise only our eyes and our mind but not our spirit, the words of the Bible will not become spirit. They will not be initiated by the Spirit. The Bible then becomes a book of letters in our hand. It is something dead. This is the meaning of reading with our mind. However, if we touch the words of the Bible with our spirit and not merely read it with our eyes, we will contact the Word with our spirit. Our reading, listening, and memorizing should merely cooperate with our spirit. The main thing is to exercise the spirit. Then the Bible will be spirit and life to us.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 15: RESTRICTING THE MIND AND EXERCISING THE SPIRIT IN READING THE BIBLE (part 4)*