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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2023 December Semiannual Training Registration**

The 2023 December Semiannual Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **2023 December Semi-Annual Training**

The 2023 December Semi-Annual Video Training will be held online via Zoom. The subject of this training is: *Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming.*

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 7:00 PM, Monday, Dec. 25
(Open Meeting, Live Webcast)
Message 2, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Dec. 27
Message 3, 7:00 PM, Thursday, Dec. 28
Message 4, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 29
Message 5, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Dec. 30
Message 6, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 30
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 31
Message 7, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 31
(Open Meeting)
Message 8, 10:00 AM, Monday, Jan. 1
Message 9, 7:00 PM, Thursday, Jan. 4
Message 10, 7:00 PM, Friday, Jan. 5
Message 11, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 6
Message 12, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 6

Schedule for Review/Study Session (open to all the saints):

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 3
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 8
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 10
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Jan. 11

Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 12

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

1. **Jan. 28:** Citywide Church Gathering in Hall 1 – Jamaica Estates, Queens
2. **Feb. 10-11:** International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei, Taiwan
3. **Feb. 18-20:** NYC Young People Winter Retreat in KPCC

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours will be suspended for three weeks (from December 25, 2023 to January 8, 2024) and will be resumed on **January 15, 2024.**

PRAYER BURDENS

- The heart is the entrance and exit of life (Prov. 4:23) and all spiritual experiences start with love in the heart (Eph. 6:24); let us pray that all the saints will exercise their heart to love the Lord with the first love (Rev. 2:4) and deal with their heart for the growth in life unto their maturity in life
Proverbs 4:23 *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it are the issues of life.*
Ephesians 6:24 *Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.*
- The semiannual training in Anaheim (December 25-30) and the local video trainings—The general subject is Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming. Let us pray for the Lord's anointing on the speaking of the messages, the speaking brothers, the health, travel and protection of all the saints, and the services supporting the training, particularly the audio and visual service, both in Anaheim and in all of the localities carrying out a video training

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the young people, college age saints and young adults—Let us pray that each one would “flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Tim. 2:22) and that they may be “blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation” and “shine as luminaries in the world” (Phil. 2:15) as they face the attack of the enemy in this dark age
- The strengthening of all the meetings and practical services in the church this week
- The Lord’s move in India—Let us pray for the saints and the churches in Tamil Nadu in Southern India; this area has experienced heavy rain and devastating flooding; saints have had to evacuate their homes and there are some saints whom no one can reach and with whom no one has been able to communicate
- 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 10: The God-men’s Divine Right to Participate in God’s Divinity

Portions from Days 1 to 4:

We human beings were created by God for this purpose. Man was created in God’s image and according to His likeness (Gen. 1:26). We were created not in man’s image and according to man’s likeness but in God’s image and according to God’s likeness. Thus, human beings have the image and likeness of God. However, at the time of creation, man did not have God’s life. But now as God-men, those who have been born of God to be children of God, we have the right to participate in what God is and even to become God in life, in nature, and in expression but not in the Godhead. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 4, “Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification,” p. 214)

To be holy is to participate in God’s holy nature. Having chosen us to be holy, God makes us holy by

imparting Himself, the Holy One, into our being, so that our whole being may be saturated and permeated with His holy nature. For us, God’s chosen ones, to be holy is to partake of God’s divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). Thus, we may participate not only in God’s life but also in God’s nature. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 4, “Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification,” p. 215)

Ephesians 4:23 says, “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.” The spirit here is the regenerated spirit of the believers, which is mingled with the indwelling Spirit of God. Such a mingled spirit spreads into our mind, thus becoming the spirit of our mind. The more the mingled spirit penetrates our mind, saturates our mind, and possesses our mind, the more our mind becomes like God’s mind. This is to make His mind our mind, and this is to participate in God’s mind. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 4, “Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification,” p. 215)

We have been ordained for God’s glory and called to it (1 Cor. 2:7; 1 Thes. 2:12). As believers, we are being transformed into this glory (2 Cor. 3:18) and shall be brought into it (Heb. 2:10). Eventually, we shall be glorified with Christ (Rom. 8:17, 30) to bear the glory of God for God’s expression in the New Jerusalem.

Corporate Reading: *“The All-inclusive Christ”, chs. 1-2*