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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Cont.)**

The conference concludes today in Atlanta, GA. We will provide zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, or Chinese. The general subject is “**Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God**”.

Viewing Schedule:

Message 6: 4:00 PM Lord's Day, Dec. 1, 2024

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84105535198?pwd=sZQvadDNSBiAGQ3PDU4cBSEH48jaRt.1>

Meeting ID: 841 0553 5198 **Passcode:** 2024

One tap mobile:+19294362866,,84105535198#

Alternatively, you can watch the conference at LSM Webcast site, www.lsmwebcast.com. Login credentials are not required to access the site. The videos of the messages will be available for free for a period of 30 days after the conference.

KEY STATEMENTS FOR THE 2024 THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

I Although the subject of 1 and 2 Peter is God’s government, we need to see that everything concerning God’s government, we need to see that everything concerning God’s government should bring us back to the central focus and basic structure of these Epistles—the Triune God as our full enjoyment to carry out the economy of God.

II The preciousness of Peter’s writing is that he combines the Christian life and God’s government, revealing that the Christian life and the government of God go together as a pair.

III “The God of all grace” — who has called the believers into His eternal glory — perfects, establishes, strengthens, and grounds them

through their sufferings; this “all grace” is the “true grace of God,” into which the believers should enter and in which they stand.

IV As believers in Christ, we may become a reproduction of Christ as our model, and we can experience and enjoy Christ as the Shepherd of our souls.

- **The 2024 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Registration for the 2024 December Semiannual Video Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form:

<http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are 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

- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference concludes today in Atlanta, GA (and being viewed locally); the general subject of the conference is *Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God*; 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, the practical services

supporting the conference, and the binding of the enemy and of all his activity

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for our next generation and prayer for their preservation and for their being raised up by the Lord so that each one would be a “man of God...complete, fully equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His care for the church as our “great High Priest” (Heb. 4:14) and “the great Shepherd of the sheep” (13:20) and prayer for the church’s further going on:
 - a. Prayer for the saints of all ages
 - b. The mutual shepherding among all the saints, that not one would be overlooked
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The Lord’s move in Europe:
 - a. The first Lord’s table meeting in the city of Urk, The Netherlands today
 - b. That a number of saints will receive the Lord’s burden to serve in French-speaking Europe for one to three months to meet the urgent need for continued shepherding of the new ones contacted over the past several months
 - c. The migration of burdened saints to nine cities throughout Europe in 2025 and 2026 — Paris, Geneva, Brussels, Belfast, Dublin, Vienna, Prague, Rome, and Athens
- 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: 2024 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)

WEEK 1: Christ as the Great Light, the One Who Has Authority, the Physician, the Bridegroom, the Unfulled Cloth, and the New Wine

Portions from Days 5 & 6:

The Lord Jesus likened Himself to a piece of unfulled cloth. This points to what He was between His incarnation and His crucifixion. During this period of time He was unfulled cloth, new cloth that had never been fulled or dealt with. Through His death and resurrection this “new cloth” was dealt with and was made a “new garment.” The Lord’s intention was to give Himself to us not as a piece of unfulled

cloth but as a complete, finished garment that we might put on as our righteousness to be justified before God. After His death and resurrection He was made the finished garment for us to put on so that we may attend His wedding. Thus, He is not only the Bridegroom but also our wedding garment that qualifies us to attend His wedding feast. We as sinners and tax collectors need to be clothed in a new garment so that we may be worthy of the Bridegroom’s presence. (Life-study of Matthew, 2nd ed., pp. 320-322)

We see then that the new wineskin is the church life. The church is actually the enlargement of Christ. The individual Christ is our wine within us. When this individual Christ is enlarged into a corporate Christ, that is the church. This corporate Christ is the wineskin, the container, to contain the individual Christ as our wine. We read in 1 Corinthians 12:12 not only that the members composed together are the one Body but that this Body is Christ...How, speaking in a practical way, is Christ the Body? He is the Body because the Body is composed of so many members who are filled with Christ. Christ is in you, Christ is in me, and Christ is in every one of us. We all have Christ within. In 1 Corinthians 1 Paul says that Christ is not divided. The Christ in you is one with the Christ in me, and the Christ in us is one with the Christ in all other Christians. Therefore, Christ is the Body composed of so many members who are filled with Him. This is the new wineskin, which is the church life to contain Christ as the new wine.

The church is filled with Christ and constituted with Christ...Those who enjoy the church life are the church people. Among the church people the new garment, the new wine, and the new wineskin have all been recovered. We have Christ in a corporate way as our church life...The church is God’s ultimate goal. When we arrive at the church, we are in the ultimate consummation of God’s purpose. (Life-study of Matthew, 2nd ed., pp. 324-329)