

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available at churchinnyc.org/bible-study.

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

Week 9

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 9
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 17-18

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Garden of Eden
Scripture: Gen. 2:8-17
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg. 12
Supplemental Reading: The Divine Economy, ch. 3; The Believer's Experience of Transformation, ch. 2; The Central Thought of God, ch. 5
Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **Regional Conference in Franklin, NJ (Apr. 11-13)**

A regional conference with Brother Ed Marks will be taking place from **April 11 to 13, 2025** in the meeting hall of **the Church in Franklin** located at 24 Evelyn Ave, Franklin Park, NJ 08823. Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Korean, and Chinese.

Conference Schedule:

Session 1: Friday, April 11 7:30 PM

Session 2: Saturday, April 12 10:00 AM
Session 3: Saturday, April 12 4:00 PM
Session 4: Lord's Day, April 13 10:00 AM

Details will be posted on the church website: www.churchinnyc.org and on the church app.

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (Apr. 18-20)**

There will be a conference for the Northeast young people in grades 9-12 from **April 18-20 in Camp Penuel**. Registration form and more details can be found at <http://pursuewiththose.org>. The deadline for registration is **Lord's Day, April 13, 2025**.

- **Registration for 2025 July Semiannual Training**

Registration for the 2025 July Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the Live Training in Anaheim, CA and the Video Training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2025**.

- **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

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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

- The follow-up prayers for the Citywide Senior Saints' Conference which was held last Saturday in Hall 1

- The salvation of the children in grade 5 –Let us pray for the preparation of the hearts of the children, for the attendance of the children over the next several weeks, for the families of all these children, and for the serving ones
- The burden for the gospel–That all the saints would have the burden for the gospel and seize every opportunity for the speaking of the gospel to their relatives, friends, neighbors, colleagues and classmates
- The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) will be held in Anaheim, CA over the weekend of April 4-6
- The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks which will be held in Franklin, NJ over the weekend of April 11-13
- 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 THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHURCH LIFE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD FOR THE ECONOMY OF GOD

WEEK 5: Grace in Peter's Letters

Portion from Days 1, 3 and 6:

With the thought of multiplied grace as the base, Peter goes on to speak in 1 Peter 4:10 of varied grace: "Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God." We all should be good stewards of what Peter calls varied grace, grace in different aspects and of different categories. Peter mentions grace again in 5:10, where he speaks of the God of all grace. Therefore, in 1 Peter we have four unique expressions concerning grace: grace of life, multiplied grace, varied grace, and all grace. The grace of life is being multiplied in us. Then it becomes the varied grace and eventually, the all grace. As a result, we do not have grace just from one direction but from many directions.

Grace is God's provision in life given to us so that we may live out His purpose [2 Tim. 1:9-10]...God's grace was given to us in eternity, but it was manifested and applied to us through our Lord's first coming, in which He nullified death and brought life to us (Heb. 9:26)...The grace destined to be given to us came with the appearing of the Lord Jesus. This grace is not merely a blessing; it is a person, the

Triune God Himself given to us to be our enjoyment. This grace came when the Lord Jesus appeared, and now it is with us today. (Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 3675-3676)

Second Peter 3:18 says that we need to grow in grace. Grace is God Himself with divinity processed through incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension. All these elements of grace are within us to be one with us. Grace is God Himself as our life to be one with us, to save us, to make His home in us, and to be formed in us. We need to grow in such a grace for His glory today and unto the day of eternity. Second Peter 3:18 is the concluding word of the apostle Peter's writings, indicating that whatever he has written is of, in, by, and through the grace of God. (CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 1, "Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans," p. 460)

MINISTRY READINGS

INTERCESSION

A brother once said that he had been praying for a long time according to the Lord's promise in John 15:7 of giving us whatever we ask. However, his prayer to graduate from the university, marry a college graduate, and have a wonderful family had not been answered. He could not understand what was wrong and wondered whether the Lord's word had failed. I asked him to read the verse again. He read, "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you." I responded, "We cannot delete the first two clauses from the sentence. First we abide in Him and His words abide in us. Then we ask, and it is done for us. You would not have such desires if you learned to abide in Him, and His words were in you. Rather, you would know God's heart. His will would be your will, and His desire would be your desire. Then whatever you asked would be done for you."

Many of our prayers are not the issue of abiding in Him. We pray according to our concepts and desires. These prayers do not touch God and are not answered. In order for our prayers to touch God and receive answers, they cannot be initiated by us. We must first be mingled with God and allow Him to initiate and motivate our prayers. Only these kinds of prayers are worthwhile and receive answers.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 21: The Practice of Intercession, Beholding, Waiting, and Musing (part 4)