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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2025 December Semi-Annual Training (Cont.)**

The 2025 December Semi-Annual Video Training will continue to be held online via Zoom. The subject of this training is: ***Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (4)***.

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 6, 10:00 AM, LORD'S TABLE, 11:00 AM (Open meeting) Dec. 28

Message 7, 7:30 PM, Monday, Dec. 29

Message 8, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Dec. 31

Message 9, 4:00 PM, Thursday, Jan. 1

Message 10, 7:00 PM, Thursday, Jan. 1

Message 11, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 3

Message 12, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 3

Schedule for Review/Study Session (In English, provide Chinese translation):

Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 2 (Open Session)

Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 5

Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 7

Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Jan. 8

**Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (4)
Key Statements**

- I. Christ as Jehovah and also as man is the King who is supplying, caring for, and covering God's people; He is the King for ruling and a man who is like a refuge from the wind and a covering from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, and like the shadow of a massive rock in a wasted land.
- II. In order for us to eat Christ as the tree of life, we must give Him the first place in all things, which is to love Him with the first love, being constrained by His love to regard and take Him as everything in our life.
- III. They overcame the accuser because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of

their testimony, and they did not love their soul-life even unto death.

- IV. In the kingdom the Lord will appear publicly to the people as the sun, but before the great tribulation He will appear privately to the overcomers as the morning star to rapture them.

- **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 on the church website 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 41

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 34

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 81-82

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Jacob and Laban

Scripture: Gen 29-31

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 70-71, 73-74

Supplemental Reading: *The History of God in His Union with Man*, ch. 9; CWWN, Set 2, Vol. 46, "Conferences, Messages, and Fellowship (6)", ch. 193 "Four Kinds of Discipline"

Study Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

PRAYER BURDENS

- The semiannual training was held in Anaheim last week (December 22-27) and all the ongoing local video trainings—Let us thank the Lord for His

anointing on the speaking of the messages, the speaking brothers, the preparation of the hearts of the saints to receive the word, 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

- The health and wellbeing of all the elderly saints and the strengthening of their church life
- The mutual shepherding of the saints of all ages through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings
- The burden for the gospel:
 - a. The follow up of all those who attended the recent gospel meetings and that, as a result, there will be remaining fruit for the church in 2026
 - b. The upcoming FTTA gospel trips throughout the country, beginning at the end of January, particularly the team of trainees who will be laboring in NYC and in New Jersey
- The strengthening of all the church meetings, small group meetings, and practical services in the church last week
- 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: 2025 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3)

WEEK 6: The Church in the Triune God

Portion from Days 3 & 4:

It is a rather simple matter to say that the church is of God or of Christ. But it is deeper and more profound to declare that the church is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ. For example, it is one thing to say that we are of a particular person. However, it is altogether another matter to claim to be in that person. Humanly speaking, it is possible to be of someone, but it is not possible to be literally in that one. Only in a way that is organic and of life can the church be in the Triune God. We do not adequately

understand the way of life, but God does understand it in full. Furthermore, only God can do something in the way of life. In a way that is organic and of life, God has made it possible for the church to be in the Triune God.

When we were regenerated, born of God, our life relationship with God began. This rebirth brought us into the organic union with the Triune God. At the time of our regeneration, our rebirth, we obtained God's life. Now God is not merely our Creator, our God; He is our Father, the One who has begotten us. God is no longer merely our Creator—He is also our Begetter, for He has begotten us with His life. Therefore, He is God our Father.

Through regeneration the Thessalonian believers had become sons of God. According to the book of Romans, the church is a composition of sons of God...Sinners can be members of a secular organization, but they cannot be components of the church of the living God. Such a church is composed only of sons of God.

We have been predestinated by the Father to be His sons.We have been predestinated unto sonship [Eph. 1:5]. At a certain time, God called us and moved us inwardly. Then we repented, believed in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and received Him. By receiving Christ, we were reborn and became sons of God. Now that we are sons of God, we are the components of the church, the Body of Christ. Because we, as sons of God, are the members of Christ, 1 Thessalonians 1:1 says not only that the church is in God the Father but also that the church is in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, pp. 3-4).