**AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF**

 **Morning Watch THE LORD'S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING–WEEK 9 Dec. 18-24, 2023**

**The Full Ministry of Christ in**

**Three Stages**

**Monday 12/18**

**John 1:14**

**14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**Luke 1:35**

**35** And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

**Luke 2:40**

**40** And the little child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

**1 Tim. 1:3-4**

**3** Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things

**4** Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

**Micah 5:2**

**2** (But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, So little to be among the thousands of Judah, From you there will come forth to Me He who is to be Ruler in Israel; And His goings forth are from ancient times, From the days of eternity.)

**Isa. 9:6**

**6** For a child is born to us, A son is given to us; And the government Is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**2 Cor. 6:1**

**1** And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

**Further Reading:** *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 9, Day 1*

**Tuesday 12/19**

**Luke 7:47-48, 50**

**47** For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.

**48** And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven.

**50** But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

**Luke 10:30, 33-35**

**30** Jesus, taking up the question, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beat him, went away, leaving him half dead.

**33** But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion;

**34** And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

**35** And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, Take care of him; and whatever you spend in addition to this, when I return, I will repay you.

**Rom. 5:10, 17, 21**

**10** For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

**17** For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

**21** In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 9, Day 2*

**Wednesday 12/20**

**Rom. 1:3-4**

**3** Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,

**4** Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

**Rom. 8:28-29**

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

**29** Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

**Acts 13:33**

**33** That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

**1 Pet. 1:3**

***See Thursday***

**Col. 1:18**

**18** And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

**John 11:25**

**25** Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

**1 Tim. 3:16**

**16** And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 9, Day 3*

**Thursday 12/21**

**1 Cor. 15:45**

**45** So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

**Rom. 8:2, 6**

**2** For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

**6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

**John 6:63**

**63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

**Phil. 1:19**

**19** For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

**1 Pet. 1:3-5 (4-5)**

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**4** Unto an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, kept in the heavens for you,

**5** Who are being guarded by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time;

**1 Cor. 12:13**

**13** For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

**Further Reading:***HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 9, Day 4*

**Friday 12/22**

**Rev. 1:4-5**

**4** John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

**5** And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood

**Rev. 2:4-5**

**4** But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.

**5** Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

**Col. 1:18b**

**18b** that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

**Eph. 3:17**

**17** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**Eph. 4:15-16**

**15** But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

**16** Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

**Eph. 6:24**

**24** Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 9, Day 5*

**Saturday 12/23**

**Rev. 5:6**

**6** And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

**Rev. 19:7-9**

**7** Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

**8** And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

**9** And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

**Rev. 21:2**

**2** And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev. 22:17, 20-21**

**17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

**20** He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**21** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR An Overview of the Central Burden... – Week 9, Day 6*

**Lord’s Day 12/24**

**Phil. 3:8-14**

**8** But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

**9** And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

**10** To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

**11** If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

**12** Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

**13** Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

**14** I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

**Hymn,** *#1122*

**Further Reading:**

*The Vital Groups, ch. 8*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

**Scripture:** *Rom. 16:1-27*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msgs. 68-69*

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *Christ as All and in All in the Gospel of God*

**Scripture:** Rom.*1:1-4; 10:1-21; 16:25*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans,* msgs. 31-32; *Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11*, “What are We?”

**Supplemental Reading:** *Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, chs. 25-26; The Satanic Chaos in the Old Creation and the Divine Economy for the New Creation, chs. 4-5,*

**Hymns:**  *#538,#981*

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