

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 Northeast Summer School of Truth (July 28 -August 8)**

The registration details for the 2024 Northeast Summer School of Truth are as follows:

**Topic:** Lesson Book **Level 5: The Church - The Vision and Building up of the Church**

**Dates:**

High School (Grades: 9th to 12th grade in September 2024) - <b>July 28- August 4</b>
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Middle School (Grades: 7th to 8th grade in September 2024) - <b>August 4 - August 8</b>
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**LOCATION:** Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC) also known as Camp Penuel

**Cost:**

Rates	Adult	College	Young People
<b>High School</b>	\$460	\$390	\$320
<b>Middle School</b>	\$265	\$225	\$185

For registration and more information, please visit the website: [www.pursuewiththose.org](http://www.pursuewiththose.org) or fellowship with the young people's serving ones in your district.

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

1. **August 15 to 17:** The Family Bible Camp (KPCC)

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would enjoy daily personal fellowship with the Lord each morning ("take root downward") and allow the Lord to be expressed and to flow out in their daily living ("bear fruit upward")

**Isaiah 37:31** – And the remnant of those who have escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

**1 Peter 2:9** – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the Northeast College Training and prayer for the going on of all the college age saints in the churches throughout the Northeast, the Mid Atlantic and Eastern Canada
- The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training which runs from July 19-23 in Cerritos, CA and July 24-28 at Camp Penuel
- The Summer School of Truth (July 28-August 4 for high schoolers and August 4-8 for middle schoolers at Camp Penuel)
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings and all of the practical services this 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: Fighting the Good Fight, Finishing the Course, Keeping the Faith, and Loving the Lord's Appearing in Order to Receive the Reward of Christ as the Crown Of Righteousness**

**WEEK 1: *Fighting the Good Fight***

**Portions from Days 3 and 6:**

To fight for the faith [1 Tim. 6:12a] means to fight for God's New Testament economy. In particular, it is to fight for Christ as the embodiment of God and for the church as the Body of Christ. The eternal life [1 Tim. 6:12b] is the divine life, the uncreated life of God, which is eternal. Eternal denotes the nature more than the time element of the divine life. To fight the good fight of the faith in the Christian life, especially in the Christian ministry, we need to lay hold on this divine life and not trust in our human life. Hence, in 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus the eternal life is stressed again and again (1 Tim. 1:16; 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:1, 10; Titus 1:2; 3:7). To bring forth God's dispensation concerning the church in 1 Timothy, to confront the process of the church's decline in 2 Timothy, and to maintain good order in the church life in Titus, this life is a prerequisite. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 1862-1863)

Every worker of the Lord must uphold the absoluteness of the truth...Many brothers and sisters are not absolute to the truth; they are affected by people, things, and personal feelings...A basic requirement for being a servant of the Lord is to not sacrifice the truth.

The Bible contains many ordinances and commandments. These ordinances and commandments are from God, and God's servants need to preach and announce them. On the one hand, it is tiresome to consider those who are only speakers but not doers. On the other hand, we cannot be a servant of God if we cannot preach beyond what we can practice. This is because the truth is absolute. ....We cannot tamper with the truth in any way in order to justify our own deficiencies. This is what it means to be absolute to the truth. We have to transcend ourselves, our own feelings, and our own personal interest in our speaking. This is a high requirement for the servants of the Lord. We must beware of doing things one way as they affect other brothers and sisters but doing them another way as they are applied to our spouse or our children. The truth is always absolute. God wants us to uphold the absoluteness of the truth. If God's Word says something, it is so, no matter who is involved. We cannot make exceptions just because of some special relationships. If we do, we are lowering the standard of God's truth. I am not talking about speaking untruths; I am talking about sacrificing the absoluteness of the truth. ....We cannot forfeit its absoluteness just because someone

is our relative. We are here to follow the truth, not man, and we are here to maintain the absoluteness of the truth. (CWWN, vol. 52, "The Character of the Lord's Worker," pp. 151-153)

**Corporate Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 40-41*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **Needing to give up our concepts when we read the Word**

When I come to the Bible, I have learned to ask myself whether I am coming with my concepts or whether I am setting them aside. This is a very severe question. I pray, "Lord, I want to read Your Word in an uncluttered way and receive the true meaning in Your Word. I want to receive the unadulterated Word without my concepts as a veil and a covering. I do not want to subject Your Word to my views or my concepts. I want to place myself under Your Word and set aside my concepts and views."

### **The center of the Bible being God becoming man's life in the Son**

What is the basic and central thought in the Bible? The basic and central thought in the Bible is God becoming life to man in the Son. This means that God has come to us as our food. God becomes life to us in the form of food. The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, has only one center. There may be many other items in the Bible, but the basic, foundational, and central thought is that God desires to be life to man. God becomes life to man in the person of the Son through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He enters into man and is received by man through eating. In this way He is digested by man and fully mingled with man. This is the very center of the entire Bible.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 17: Practicing dropping our concepts to pick up the central thought of the Bible (part 3)*