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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 December Semi-Annual Training (Cont.)**

The 2024 December Semi-Annual Video Training will be held online via Zoom. The subject of this training is: ***Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)***.

Schedule for Training Session (Cont.):

LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 29

Message 7, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 29
(Open Meeting)

Message 8, 4:00 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 1

Message 9, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 1

Message 10, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Jan. 2

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

Message 12, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 4

Schedule for Review/Study Session (open to all the saints):

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 3

Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 6

Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 8

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

Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 10

Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)

Key Statements

- I. Through incarnation God's only begotten Son put on humanity and became a God-man; then in resurrection Christ was born to be the firstborn Son, and at the same time His believers were born to be the many sons of God.
- II. The Triune God has been processed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a "scientific" law, an automatic principle; this is one of the biggest discoveries, even recoveries, in God's economy.

III. As the children of God, we are God-men, born of God, possessing the life and nature of God, and belonging to the species of God; now as children of God, we should walk in love and light, with love as the inner substance of God and with light as the expressed element of God.

IV. Christ is the constituents of God's armor, and prayer is the unique and practical way to apply Christ as the armor of God.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office Hour will be suspended for 3 weeks; We will resume on Jan. 13, 2025.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The semiannual training concluded yesterday in Anaheim and all the ongoing local video trainings—The general subject is Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2); let us pray for the Lord's 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 continued homecoming of many who have not been meeting regularly
- The strengthening of all the meetings and practical services in all nine halls of the church in NYC 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: 2024 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING:
Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)
WEEK 5: Enjoying Christ as the Reality of the New
Testament Jubilee**

Portions from Days 1, 5 & 6:

In the year of jubilee there are two main blessings: the returning of every man to his lost possession and the liberation from slavery. If we want to be truly free and able to enjoy God as our possession, we must receive the Lord Jesus as the real jubilee in us. If we have Him, our possession is recovered and our freedom is returned to us. The Lord Jesus has released us so that we may have God as our possession and be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan in order that we may have real freedom. Every one of us who has experienced the grace of the Lord can testify that before we were saved, we had no freedom and no control over ourselves. Now that we have been saved, the Lord has released us from within so that we are no longer slaves. Not only so, we have been brought back to God as our possession. The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest." We are no longer those who toil and are burdened; we are those who have freedom and enjoy rest. Furthermore, we are no longer poor; instead, we have God as our inheritance (Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:14; Col. 1:12). This is the meaning of the year of jubilee. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 4, "The Jubilee," p. 9)

Once we enjoy God as our possession, we are free. Only those who enjoy God do not commit sin and are really free. John 8:36 says, "If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed." If we want to be free, if we do not want to commit sin, then we must obtain the Son of God and enjoy Him. The Son of God today is the life-giving Spirit. This life-giving Spirit is the Spirit of life, who is in us as the law of the Spirit of life. Therefore, the law of the Spirit of life is just the Lord Himself, who passed through death and resurrection to become the life-giving Spirit, the Spirit of life. Every life has a law, so the Spirit of life also has a law. The law of the Spirit of life releases us from the law of sin. We enjoy the freedom of the jubilee not only at the moment we believe in the Lord, but beginning from that day we should enjoy this freedom all our life and for eternity. This freedom comes from our enjoyment of God. He

has become our possession for our enjoyment, and when we enjoy Him, we obtain freedom.

The living of the jubilee is a living in the enjoyment of Christ.Everything we have is in the Lord's sovereign hand, and whatever He arranges for us cannot be wrong.We may think that we are what we are today because of our endeavoring and struggling, but we must realize that without the Lord's sovereign arrangement, no matter how much we struggled and endeavored, we could not be what we are.Therefore, we should empty ourselves of everything and tell the Lord, "Fill me, gain me, and possess me. Lord, no matter what the outward situation is, I just want to enjoy You. If I am healthy, I thank You. If I am not healthy, I also thank You. If I have children, I thank You, and if I am childless, I also thank You." In this way poverty or wealth and peace or danger are all the same to us. That is why Paul said that "as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death" (Phil. 1:20b). To us, to live is Christ, and whether we live or die, He is magnified in us all the time. In this way we enjoy God and live the life of the jubilee. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 4, "The Jubilee," pp. 44-45)

SELECTED VERSES

Philippians 4:4-7

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

4:5 Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near.

4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.