

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 December Semi-Annual Training Review/Study Session (Cont.)**

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

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

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.

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

Jan. 26: Citywide Church Gathering in Hall 1--Jamaica Estates, Queens

## PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithful care for the church in NYC throughout this year and prayer for the church's further going on in the new year
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the prayer of the sisters and prayer for the strengthening of the prayer of the sisters in 2s & 3s or in larger weekly groups for the saints, for the church and for the Lord's work all over the earth
- The continuation of the semiannual video training this week in NYC and in all the local churches all over the globe, and that the word released in the training would be a blessing to all the saints in the church and in all the churches
- That in the new year, the gospel would be spread all over NYC through the saints personally and through the church corporately
- The strengthening of all the believers throughout the nation and that many seeking believers will be drawn to the church life
- 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 SEMI-ANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)**

**WEEK 6: Christ as the Word of God**

**Portions from Days 1 & 6:**

The Word of God, the first crystal in the Gospel of John, refers to Christ, the only begotten Son of God (1:18), as the definition, explanation, and expression of God. John unveils Christ as the great I Am, self-existing and ever-existing (Exo. 3:14-15; John 8:24, 28, 58). Everything other than Christ is vanity of vanities. Only He is the reality, the I Am, the One who is...Christ is the One who is eternal, without beginning or ending (Heb. 7:3).

John 1 is the introduction to the whole Gospel of John, and the main stress of this introduction is that Christ is the Word of God—the definition, explanation, and expression of the mysterious and invisible God. It refers to Christ in the five greatest events in the history of the universe. (CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 4, “Crystallization-study of the Gospel of John,” pp. 335-336)

In all these five universal, historical events, Christ, the Word of God—as (1) the Creator in creation, (2) the man in incarnation, (3) the Lamb in redemption, (4) the Spirit in transformation, (5) the ladder in joining earth to heaven—defines, explains, and expresses the invisible God. (CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 4, “Crystallization-study of the Gospel of John,” pp. 337-338)

We all are under the process of transformation...God has destined us to be transformed for His building. After creation, incarnation, redemption, and anointing, we have building. This building is for the house of God. God is building a dwelling place for Himself, and He is using transformed people as the stones (John 1:42). Praise the Lord that we are not only undergoing the work of transformation but are also in the process of building. What God needs is not a great number of stones but a house. For eternity God needs a builded house, a Bethel, as His habitation.

In order for the Lord to come back, He needs the nation of Israel to be prepared and the church to be built. Look at Israel: she is nearly ready. But Israel needs the church to match her. The Lord’s coming back needs a solid building of His seekers. This building will be a steppingstone, a beachhead, for Him to take the earth, and it will be a mutual abode for both God and man. It will be the mingling of divinity with humanity and of humanity with divinity forever...This is the mutual abode of God’s building. This building will be the ultimate fulfillment not only of Jacob’s dream but also of God’s eternal plan. It will terminate the bridge of time and usher in the blessed eternity in the future. We must be for that building,

and we must be that building! (Life-study of John, 2nd ed., pp. 62-65))

## SELECTED VERSES

### John 1:32, 42

**1:32** And John testified saying, I beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He abode upon Him.

**1:42** He led him to Jesus. Looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon, the son of John; you shall be called Cephas (which is interpreted, Peter).

### 1 Cor. 15:45

**14:45** So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

### 1 John 2:20, 27

**2:20** And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.

**2:27** And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

### Phil. 4:4, 6-7

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

**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.