

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 at 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 4

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 4
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 7-8

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Third Day, the Fourth Day, and the Fifth Day
Scripture: Gen. 1:9-23
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 4-5
Supplemental Reading: CWWN, Set 1, Vol. 3, "The Christian, Meditations on Genesis", ch. 4; The Glorious Church, ch. 1
Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Feb. 28 - Mar. 2)**

The Spanish-speaking Conference will be held in **Camp Penuel** (KPCC) from **February 28 to March 2**. English translation will be provided for all messages.

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

Mar. 21-23: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)
Mar 29: Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office Hours are for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 **Passcode:** 3131
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The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

PRAYER BURDENS

- **Maturing in life (Col. 1:28-29)**—That we all would grow in life daily unto maturity
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) held over the past two weekends; let us pray that the burden of the word on Chapters 5 through 8 of Romans—The Kernel of the Bible would impact all the saints in the recovery
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing and speaking in the Young People's Winter Retreat; let us pray for the continued growth of all the young people, that each one will develop an intimate, firsthand relationship with the Lord; let us also pray for the follow-up of the monthly citywide young people's meeting which was held this past Saturday at Hall 1
- The Lord's move in France:
 - a. That a number of saints will receive the Lord's burden to serve in French-speaking Europe for one to three months to meet the urgent need for continued shepherding of

the new ones contacted over the past several months

- b. That by summer 2025 there will be a team of 20 full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's needs throughout France and French-speaking Europe
- c. That many students, families, and mature saints will migrate to France within the next several years for the Lord's interest
- Meeting Hall in Riga, Latvia—Let us pray that the funds needed to remodel a newly acquired property in Riga would be provided through the Body (Latvia is the central of the three Baltic States and because of its strategic location, the church in Riga serves as a blending center between the Russian-speaking world, Eastern Europe and the Nordic countries)
- 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 12: The Divine Trinity, the Spirit of Jesus, and the Kingdom of God

Portions from Days 1, 3 & 5:

The Bible tells us that Christ ascended into heaven (Eph. 4:8-9; Heb. 9:24), but it also says that He was taken up and exalted by God (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Phil. 2:9). After God exalted Him, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. The Son ascended, the Father exalted Him, and the Spirit was poured out. The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—was fully involved with the ascension and the pouring out of the Spirit. In the Son's death the Triune God was involved, in the Son's resurrection the Triune God was involved, and in the Son's ascension and exaltation the Triune God was also involved. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit were wrapped up with the Son's ascension and the pouring out of the Spirit. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," pp. 192-193)

Paul and Silas were forbidden to speak the word in Asia not by the Spirit of God or by the Spirit of Jehovah but by the Holy Spirit, who carried out the conception of the Savior. When they tried to go into Bithynia, it was not the Spirit of God or the Spirit of

Jehovah who did not allow them—it was the Spirit of Jesus who did not allow them to go there. The Spirit of Jesus is the Spirit of the One with humanity, who lived a human life on earth for thirty-three and a half years, who died an all-inclusive death, who resurrected from the dead to propagate the divine life by imparting it into all His believers, and who ascended to the heavens to be made Lord and Christ...This Spirit is the totality and the full realization of the all-inclusive Jesus...The apostles were moving under the direction and guidance of such an all-inclusive Spirit. (Life-study of Acts, 2nd ed., pp. 371-373)

Knowing the kingdom of God requires spiritual perception, spiritual insight...In John 20 they [the disciples] received the wonderful person of the resurrected Christ into them as the life-giving Spirit. As a result, in Acts 1 they were very different. On the one hand, they were the same people; on the other hand, they were different because Christ, the life-giving Spirit, was now within them as their life and person. Because they had the life-giving Spirit within them, they were able to understand the Lord's speaking concerning the kingdom of God.

What is the kingdom of God? The kingdom of God is not a material kingdom visible to human sight; the kingdom of God is a kingdom of the divine life. The kingdom of God is the spreading of Christ as life into His believers to form a realm in which God rules in His life. The fact that the kingdom is mentioned in 1:3 indicates that it would be the main subject of the apostles' preaching in their commission that was to come after Pentecost (8:12; 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

All the believers in Christ can share the kingdom in the church age for their enjoyment of God in His righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17). It will become the kingdom of Christ and of God for the overcoming believers to inherit and enjoy in the coming kingdom age (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5) that they may reign with Christ one thousand years (Rev. 20:4, 6). Then, as the eternal kingdom, it will be an eternal blessing of God's eternal life for all of God's redeemed to enjoy in the new heaven and new earth for eternity (21:1-4; 22:1-5, 14, 17).