

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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](http://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 5

##### Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 5  
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 9-10

##### Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Sixth Day  
Scripture: Gen. 1:24-31  
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 6-7, 10  
Supplemental Reading: CWWN, Set 1, Vol. 3, "The Christian, Meditations on Genesis", chs. 5-6; Truth Lessons, Level One, Vol. 1, ch. 3  
Questions: See the church website at [churchinnyc.org/bible-study](http://churchinnyc.org/bible-study)

- **Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Cont.)**

The Spanish-speaking Conference concludes today at **Camp Penuel** (KPCC). English translation is 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

- The strengthening of all the meetings unto the building up of the church—Let us pray for the prayer meeting, the Lord's table meeting, the prophesying meeting and all the small group meetings

**1 Corinthians 14:26** — *What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.*

- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast concludes today at Camp Penuel (KPCC).
- The salvation of the children in grade 5—The children's meeting serving ones will be presenting lessons regarding salvation to the children in grade 5 over the next few months; let us pray for the preparation of the hearts of the children, for the attendance of the children, for the families of all these children, and for the serving ones; there are over 30 fifth graders among all the nine halls of the church and the church in Rosendale
- The corporate truth pursuit—Let us pray for the participation of many saints in the truth pursuit this year in the book of Genesis and that the truth pursuit would result in the saints coming to the full knowledge of the truth personally (**1 Tim.**

**2:4)** and the church being the pillar and base of the truth corporately (**1 Tim. 3:15**)

- The spring term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) and the training extension in Boston (FTTA-XB)—There are currently 5 trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Esther Chai, Lily Fang, Michelle Quin, Miguel Carbajal, Michelle Wang
- The Lord’s move in the United States—The strengthening of all the genuine believers in this nation and of all the local churches, and the spread of the gospel throughout the nation
- 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 THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHURCH LIFE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD FOR THE ECONOMY OF GOD**

#### **WEEK 1: The Government of God for the Economy of God**

##### **Portion from Days 3:**

Although the subject of 1 and 2 Peter is God’s government, especially His government shown in His judgment, this is not the central focus of these books. Neither is the divine government the basic structure of the Epistles of Peter. What is the focus of these Epistles? What is their basic structure?

In chapter 1 of 1 Peter we see the operation of the Triune God for His full salvation. In verse 2 we see the foreknowledge of God the Father, the sanctification of the Spirit, and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. This verse reveals the Father’s foreknowledge, the Son’s redemption, and the Spirit’s application. This is the operation of the Triune God to carry out God’s full salvation. In verse 3 Peter says that the Father has regenerated us unto a living hope. The full salvation of God is composed of three elements: the Father’s regeneration, the Son’s redemption, and the Spirit’s application. When we experience this salvation, we have a life that is characterized by holiness and love. We are holy in our manner of life, and we love the brothers. Therefore, holiness and love are the issue of God’s full salvation. Furthermore, in this salvation there is a seed, the incorruptible seed, which is the living and

abiding word of God. This is a simple sketch of chapter 1 of 1 Peter.

Let us now go on to consider 1 Peter 2:1-11. Having been regenerated, we are now newborn babes longing for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it we may grow unto salvation (v. 2). In chapter 1 we see that we have been regenerated and that the full salvation of God is our portion. Now we need to partake of and enjoy this salvation. For this, we need to feed on the milk of the word.

By feeding on the guileless milk of the word and by growing unto salvation, we will be transformed into precious stones. Therefore, Peter refers to the believers as living stones (v. 5). These stones are for the building up of a spiritual house, and this house is a holy priesthood: “You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (v. 5).

This spiritual house, of course, is a corporate matter. We are being built up together in a corporate way to afford God a dwelling place and to tell out God’s virtues, that is, to express Him.

## **MINISTRY READINGS**

### **ALL PRAYERS NEEDING TO BE ACCORDING TO THE FEELING OF THE SPIRIT**

I hope that we would all see that when we turn to our spirit, are calm, and pray according to the feeling in our spirit, God will entrust many important matters to us for supplication. All we need to do is to follow the feeling in our spirit and pray the prayers that He initiates one by one. We will fulfill a great ministry of supplication in this way. Not only do we need to touch God in the morning when we eat, drink, and enjoy Him through reading and prayer; we need to touch God, pass through God, and allow Him to pass through us in our ministry-fulfilling prayers, our supplicating prayers. In our prayers, God and we, we and God, should be mingled together. Whenever we pray, our prayers should be inward prayers that come from touching God. All normal prayers are prayers according to the sense of the spirit. Such prayers come from our enjoyment of God and are actually an enjoyment of God. The more we pray this way, the more we will absorb God and enjoy Him.

*Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 20: Practicing to pray according to the Sense of the Spirit (part 3)*