

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Sept. 24, 2023

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

Friday

7:00 pm – Small Group Meetings

Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life – Week 8

Riches from the Ministry

The Importance of Living Christ by Walking According to the Spirit – Chapter 3

Scripture Reading

Rom. 8:4-16; John 15:4; Gal. 2:20

Announcements

❖ 2023 December Semiannual Training

- o Date: December 25 through December 30
- o Location: Living Stream Ministry Campus, MCC
- o Registration Donation: Live \$205; Video \$130 due on **October 29**.

❖ 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- o Dates: November 23 through November 26
- o Location: Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201
- o Special Group Rate: \$119.00 USD/per night plus tax for sgl, dbl, trpl, & qdrple occupancy rooms.
- o Reservation: please call 1-800-228-9290 and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate.
- o For online reservations at the special group rate: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50571223>

❖ HWMR - Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philippians

- o Cost: \$6.00
- o Available for sale in the bookroom

❖ SCYP Fall Conference

- o Junior High Conference: October 13-15, 2023
Registration due date: October 1, 2023; Cost: \$80
- o High School Conference: October 27-29, 2023
Registration due date: October 15, 2023; Cost: \$80

❖ 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei, Taiwan

- o Dates: February 10-11, 2024
- o Saints attending the conference should be registered corporately by church, region, or country only. Registration donation is \$150.00 USD, which covers hospitality during the conference.

❖ Offerings

- o Due to the current banking regulations, additional required information is needed to provide to Chase Bank. We ask the saints to please suspend all offerings to The church in Phoenix bank account until further notice.

Riches from the Ministry

We need to set aside what we think we know about Romans 8 and approach it as a new chapter...[T]he focus of these verses is the focus of the entire Bible. Understanding the central teaching of the Bible has been a problem for centuries. Paul completed the divine revelation, and John mended, confirmed, and strengthened it more than nineteen centuries ago.

The Lord said, "Abide in Me and I in you" (John 15:4). The apostle Paul wrote, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). The focus of the entire Bible can be seen in these simple words. We need to see the fact that the Triune God lives in each of us. This fact should be not only a doctrine, revelation, or vision but also our daily experience. Because the Triune God lives in us, we can live Him. This needs to be our daily experience. Thus, the focus and central teaching of the Bible is that the Triune God desires to live in His redeemed and regenerated people so that they may live Him. This simple expression annuls all philosophy and religion...Activities such as preaching the gospel and establishing churches should be the issues of our living the Triune God.

According to [Rom. 8:9], God indwells us as the Spirit in order to make His home in us. The goal of God being the Spirit and the Spirit indwelling us is God living in us so that we may live Him. In other words, the Bible teaches us that God wants to be one with us in life and living — He lives in us, and we live Him.

The thought that God wants to live in us so that we may live Him may seem strange to us, even if we have studied the Bible, because this thought is new to our mind. We understand anything that we read mainly according to our preexisting vocabulary and concepts...Often when we read the Bible, we do not receive revelation but instead insert the thoughts and occupations of the self into our understanding of the Bible.

Once the thought enters into our mind that God wants to live in us so that we may live Him, we will be able to see and apply this focus in every portion of the Bible. For instance, we can apply this focus to Ephesians 5. A husband is able to love his wife because God, who is love, lives in him and becomes his love as he lives God. Thus, a husband's love for his wife should be not his own ethical virtue but the issue of God living in him. Similarly, a wife's submission should not be merely an ethical virtue but the issue of God living in her and her living God. We can apply this focus to every virtue mentioned in the Bible, such as humility, kindness, long-suffering, and forbearance. These should not be ethical virtues like those taught by Confucius but the expression and issue of God living in us and our living Him.

Romans 8 reveals that the Triune God as the Spirit lives in us so that we may live Him. When we live Him, He becomes everything to us: our gospel preaching, our shepherding, and our virtues, such as lowliness, meekness, long-suffering, love, truthfulness, kindness, tenderheartedness, forgiveness, compassion, bearing one another, thankfulness, subjection, and obedience, which are mentioned in Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3. Every virtue in the Bible is the issue of the indwelling God.

...The virtues taught by Confucius are the development of our natural God-created humanity, but the virtues taught in the New Testament are the issue of God living in us and our living God. When God lives in us and we live Him, He comes forth as our virtues. Our patience and humility toward others should be God. Although we have known and taught for years that Christ is the reality of every virtue, we need to realize that this is a matter of God living in us and our living Him. This is the focal point of the Bible's teaching.

...[M]y concern is not primarily in what the saints are doing but in whom they are living. What matters is not what we are doing but who is living...We simply need to consider whether we are living ourselves or living God. If the leading brothers see this focus of the Bible and begin to live God, many other saints will be brought into this kind of living, and there will be a wonderful and spontaneous issue.

We should not allow anything to be a distraction from the Triune God living in us so that we may live Him...Matthew 7:21-23 says, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power? And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness."...If we do not live God as we are working today, the Lord will not approve our work.

We need to live the Triune God by allowing Him to indwell us, make His home in us, and take full possession of our being and by walking according to the mingled spirit. When we see, appreciate, and practice this, the law of the Spirit of life will operate within us, our mind will spontaneously be set on the things of Christ, and our natural being with its strengths, habits, and practices will spontaneously be put to death. This is Romans 8—the Triune God living in us and our living the Triune God. (Lee, *The Importance of Living Christ by Walking According to the Spirit*, Chapter 3).