

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 25, 2021

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 meetings at Districts 1 & 2

7:30 pm – Chinese-speaking prayer meeting at District 2

7:00 pm - Spanish-speaking prayer meeting in the homes

Friday

6:30 pm – English-speaking College Meetings

7:00 pm – Chinese-speaking Student Meetings

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age – Week 2

Ministry Publication Reading

Truth Messages: Chapter Five

Scripture Reading

John 8:32; 17:17

Announcements

- ❖ **The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age, available for sale at two locations:**
 - District 1: please contact Marilyn Towle
 - District 2: at Ellen Arnold's front door
 - Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

- ❖ **Offerings**

- Please send your offerings through *Zelle* or *Popmoney* to the church's bank account using the following email address:
offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Persevere in Prayer

- ❖ **Intercessory Prayer in North America:**

- Sign up at <http://www.beseeking.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses and ministry portion.

- ❖ **Church Prayer Burdens:** <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

Riches from the Ministry

Truth occupies a prominent place in the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is not only a book of life but also a book of truth. [John 1:4](#) says, "In Him was life," and verse 14 says that He was "full of grace and truth" (KJV). Furthermore, [John 1:17](#) says, "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (KJV). In [John 14:6](#) the Lord Jesus declared, "I am...the truth" (KJV). This Gospel reveals that the compound Spirit, the Spirit which was "not yet" (7:39) before the Lord was crucified and resurrected, is the Spirit of truth (14:17, KJV). Regarding the Father's word, the Lord Jesus said, "Your word is truth" (17:17). Therefore, the Lord Jesus is the truth, the Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and the Father's word is truth.

The Gospel of John reveals two functions of the truth. The first is to set us free. [John 8:32](#) says, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." In [John 17:17](#) the Lord Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth." Therefore, according to the Gospel of John, the functions of the truth are to set us free and to sanctify us.

[John 17](#) indicates that truth, sanctification, and oneness are interrelated. Here we have the Father's word, which is the truth that sanctifies us. Hence, verse 17 puts together truth and sanctification, for sanctification issues from the truth. When the truth works within us, the result is sanctification. This sanctification through the truth is for oneness. Verses 17 through 23 of chapter 17 cover truth, sanctification, and oneness. Truth sanctifies, and sanctification issues in oneness.

The truth that sanctifies us for oneness involves the Lord Jesus, the Spirit of reality, and the word of the Father. Therefore, all three of the Triune God are related to the truth. The Lord Jesus, the Son, is the truth; the Spirit is the Spirit of truth; and the Father's word is truth. In the New Testament, especially in the Gospel of John, truth does not mean doctrine; it means the reality of the Triune God. We may have known that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are all related to life, but we may have never seen that all three of the Triune God are related also to the truth.

We cannot sanctify ourselves. The more we try to be sanctified, the more involved we become with things that are common. But when the word mingled with the essence of the Triune God is imparted into us as the truth, this truth sanctifies us. We have all experienced this. By contacting the written Word that is mingled with the living Word, something is transfused into us and works in us all day long.

By taking the Word in this way [touch the Word with the Spirit in morning watch], we have the clear conviction that something of the Lord has been wrought into us. This is not the mere knowledge of the Bible or of things concerning the Lord. It is the reality of the Triune God living, moving, working, and separating us. This makes us different from the worldly people. I can tell by the faces of the young people that they are graced by the Lord's presence. What a blessing! Every morning we can touch the living Word and have the divine reality infused into our being. In this way the Triune God is transfused into us.

This transfusion of the element of God frees us from such negative things as temper, jealousy, hatred, and pride. It sets us free from every kind of falsehood. This is real liberation, real freedom. As we are being set free, we are also sanctified, separated, made holy to God, not only positionally but also dispositionally. We become one with God because His very essence is being wrought into us. This is what it means to be sanctified by the word of truth.

Daily we need to practice coming to the Word in this way. Like breathing, we cannot do this once for all; rather, it must be a continual exercise. We need to be sanctified unceasingly every minute of the day. This is the reason we need to come to the Word every morning and, if possible, at other times as well. When the word is mingled with the living Spirit in our spirit, we are sanctified with the essence of God.

Throughout the years I have been in this country, I have not been burdened to teach you what to do or what not to do. I have no trust in mere teachings because, according to my own experience, they do not accomplish very much. Our crucial need is to have the Triune God infused into us through the Word. This infusion works to sanctify us and transform us. To take the Word in this way is not a religious practice or ordinance. It is to experience the living Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—being wrought into us through the living Word. By contacting the Word in this way, God is added into us day by day. As a result, we are permeated with God and made one with Him.

(Lee, Truth Messages, Chapter Five)