

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Dec 19, 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

The Intrinsic and Organic
Building Up of the Church as
the Body of Christ – Week 5

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter 16

Scriptural Reading

Heb. 13:15; John 5:39-40

Announcements

❖ December 2021 Semiannual Training will be held by video training only

- Late Registration due date – Dec. 19, 2021
- Registration Fee of \$150 per trainee (non-refundable) can be sent through Zelle or Popmoney to the church's bank account using the following email address: register@churchinphoenix.org. Please indicate on the memo line "2021 Winter Training". Shared seating is not an option for this video training.
- Video Training Schedule: 12/20/21 – 12/25/21
- Completed Registration means payment of \$125 has been made AND online registration has been submitted.
- Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2021WinterTraining>

❖ 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

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

Riches from the Ministry

The best way to meet,...is to praise with Christ singing in our praising. The Lord has shown us that after such a long book as the book of Hebrews, the last counsel we are given is that we all must praise. But the word is not so simple: it says, "Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God" (13:15). "Through Him then..." Then here is not a small word. Many things have been mentioned, many things concerning the riches of Christ have been unveiled; "then..." Since we have been made partakers of Christ, since we have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and since we have enjoyed Christ so much, then, let us offer up a sacrifice of our praise. It does not say, "Let us offer up praise," but, "Let us offer up a sacrifice of praise." There is something within our praise as a sacrifice to God. It is so strong; it is Christ-filled praise after Christ-filled praise unto God, confessing His name.

What is the meaning of, "Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God"? It means that we must pass through Christ, we must experience Him, we must partake of Him and enjoy Him in order to have the adequate praises of Him. Then what we will have as praise to the Father will not be according to our nature or any religious concept, but something composed from the subjective experiences of Christ.

Psalms and hymns are like the cream of the milk. If you do not have milk, you can never have cream. The cream comes from the milk, the milk comes from the cattle, the cattle feed on the grass, and the grass grows on the ranges. So we need the range to grow the grass, the grass to feed the cattle, the cattle to produce the milk, and then from the milk we get the cream — the psalms, hymns, and songs. Do not think that to write a hymn is so easy. A proper hymn can never be composed by mental knowledge; it is the cream of the experiences of Christ. The church is the ranch: much grass is growing there, and we have many cattle feeding all the day. The cattle produce the milk, and out of the milk we have the cream, the praises. If we would have adequate praises, we need the adequate experiences of Christ. We need the ranch, we need the grass, and we need so many living cattle feeding on the grass to produce the milk. Then we will have an abundance of praise. If you are void of Christ in your experiences, it is impossible to offer praise when you come to the meetings; you are simply flat and empty. If you experience Him daily, if you are filled with the subjective experiences of the sweet enjoyment of Christ, you will have the milk, and out of the milk it is so easy to obtain the cream. When you come to the meeting, and even while you are coming, you will be singing, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

The proper way for us to meet is with the cream of praises which issue from the adequate experiences and enjoyment of Christ. It is not a matter of learning, knowledge, sound teachings, or scriptural doctrines.

The Lord Jesus said to the Jewish leaders in [John 5](#), "You search the Scriptures...Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life" (vv. 39-40). Undoubtedly there is no teaching better than the Bible. But even the Bible can be just the written code which kills. Who crucified the Lord Jesus? The Jewish leaders who knew the Old Testament so well. They knew all the doctrines; they not only searched but researched the Scriptures; yet they would not come to the living Christ for life. The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. What we need today is the Spirit, the life-giving Spirit.

I do not say that we have no need whatever of proper teachings. But I do say that we need to be balanced: we need a sound mind and a strong spirit. The mind needs to be taught, but more than that, the spirit needs to be strengthened. We need the strengthening in our inner man, our spirit. This is the urgent, desperate need today. We are not today in the age of doctrine, but the age of the Spirit. What the church needs today is the living Spirit, the life-giving Spirit, and the best way to enjoy this Spirit is to praise. Learn to praise, learn to sing the praises; then you will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and we will have the proper meetings with the rich enjoyment of Christ. *Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Sixteen)*