

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

March 20, 2022

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

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Living in and with the Divine Trinity

- District 1: contact Marilyn Towle
- District 2: Books are available on the Lord's Day at Ellen Arnold front door. On other days, please call ahead before going over.
- Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ College Conference

- March 25 - 27
- Saints can help in preparing meals for the students and saints who will attend the local watch gatherings.
- District 1: contact Hermon Mak
- District 2: contact Grace Liang

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

❖ Offerings

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

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Living in and with the Divine
Trinity – Week 3

Ministry Publication Reading

The Law and Grace of God in
His Economy – Chapter 4

Scripture Reading:

1 Cor. 3:12; Rev. 21:18-21

Riches from the Ministry

If we experience the grace in God's economy, there will be a consummation — the organic Body of Christ. Christ to us is grace; as such, He comes into us to be our life and person. He not only lives in us but also lives with us. Moreover, He wants us to live along with Him. This is to enjoy grace as our inner supply. Such an enjoyment of grace spontaneously produces a result. This result is not merely that we do good. Rather, it is that Christ lives with us and we with Him. When we live Christ and magnify Christ, we become the living members, organic members, of Christ, and we all are organically joined as an organism, which is the church. This organism grows continually, and ultimately there will be a consummation — the New Jerusalem.

The Body of Christ is the ultimate goal of God's creation of man in His image and His intention for man to take Him as life. This was the ultimate goal in Genesis 2. Genesis 2 shows us that after man was created in the image of God, God put man in front of the tree of life that man might take in God's life, signified by the tree of life. Thus, man would have God's image and God's life to live out God and become His organism. However, six thousand years have gone by, and to this day God has not obtained His ultimate goal.

The Body of Christ is the final purpose of the law of God in His economy in guarding God's chosen people and bringing them to Christ. Even the law of God in His economy was in expectation of the final purpose — the Body of Christ. Although God used the law to expose people, it was with the expectation that the law would give way to grace and attain the final purpose through grace...The law has a positive function before God, and that is to bring us to Christ, to grace.

The Body of Christ is also the accomplishment of man's experience of the grace in the economy of God, which is Himself as the processed Triune God, ultimately consummating in the New Jerusalem...For the last two thousand years ordinary Bible readers and even Bible scholars have been puzzled by the New Jerusalem, wondering whether it is a material city or whether it refers to something else. Because of man's natural concept according to human understanding, most consider the New Jerusalem a material city.

...[T]he entire holy city, the New Jerusalem, is not a physical city; rather, it is the ultimate sign, the greatest sign in the Bible, signifying the aggregate, the totality, of the redeemed saints throughout the generations, who have been regenerated, transformed, and glorified, as the consummation of man's experience of the Triune God, which is the organic Body of Christ.

The organic Body of Christ has absolutely neither man's natural element nor man's work by his own effort. Originally, we were men of clay; however, in the New Jerusalem there is no clay but gold, pearls, and precious stones. Since gold signifies God's divine nature, the New Jerusalem's being of pure gold signifies that the New Jerusalem is altogether of God's divine nature and takes God's divine nature as its element. Pearls are produced by oysters in the waters of death. This signifies that Christ came into the death waters, was wounded by us, and secreted His life over us to make us into precious pearls. Precious stones are not created but are produced by the transforming of things created. We were created as clay, but after we have passed through the intense heat and pressure of the work of the Holy Spirit in us and in our environment, we are transformed into precious stones good for God's eternal building.

We all need to pass through regeneration and transformation, and then we can become a part of the New Jerusalem. In His economy God arranges the persons, things, and events around us in a wonderful way that we may learn the lessons of being burned and pressed and thereby transformed in life...If we have not been burned and pressed, we remain natural wood, grass, and stubble and cannot be precious stones for building. In order to become precious stones, we need to be transformed. Whether at home or in the church, once we begin to quarrel, the fire is extinguished and the pressure is gone. Then, we are all natural materials, not transformed materials for the building.

If we are not willing to be transformed by being burned or pressed today, we will not be able to enter the New Jerusalem. In His economy God sets aside the millennial kingdom as a reward to the transformed and overcoming believers. If we are transformed in life by receiving the Spirit's exercise and God's discipline today, we will be rewarded by the Lord at His coming back — we will receive the reward of the kingdom and enter into its glory...Today's burning and pressing are, at most, for one hundred years, but in the future, the burning and pressing will be ten times greater, lasting a thousand years. This is the clear revelation of the Bible. Heaven and earth will pass away, but every iota and every serif of the words in the Scriptures shall by no means pass away (Matt. 5:18). The overcomers will reign with Christ in the millennial kingdom and receive the sonship. Furthermore, they will serve God and Christ as royal priests in the glory of Christ's appearing.

Now that we have seen the things covered in these four chapters, I would ask you to examine and consider our condition today. May the Lord be merciful to us. Where are we? What is grace to us? To the apostle Paul, all things were like refuse, and grace was God in Christ...Like Paul, we should take the processed and consummated Triune God as grace in our living and work today. Our total living should be like this, not just doing some proper things or good things. In such a total living, it is altogether not a matter of being right or wrong or of doing good or evil; it is altogether in the sphere of the processed Triune God. In such a living we take only life as the principle...This life is the rich grace with God the Father as the substance, God the Son as the element, and God the Spirit as the essence; this life is God coming to be our grace. This is the living that we should have. May the Lord be merciful to us and bless us that we may live such a life so that eventually we can experience the consummation of the grace of God in His economy. (Lee, *The Law and Grace of God in His Economy*, chapter 4)