

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – April 14, 2019

### Announcements

- The Memorial Day conference will be held in Seattle. Much service is needed (children, ushering, hospitality, transportation, etc.). The sign up for the services is on the table.
- A new phone list has been published and is available on the table.
- The church in Vancouver (Canada) is nearing the completion of their new meeting hall, but still has a sizable financial shortage. We would like to give a substantial offering to help meet their need. Please designate an offering for Vancouver meeting hall.
- The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be published in Chinese. A deposit of \$100 can be placed at [www.twgbr.org.tw](http://www.twgbr.org.tw). The deadline to order is May 26, 2019.
- Registration for the summer training is due 5/1 (no late registration for the live training will be received after this date).
- If you would like to take the church van down to Anaheim for summer training, please sign up with the bookroom.
- We are covering week 5 of the Holy Word for Morning Revival on Numbers. Copies are available in the bookroom.
- The upcoming national college training is planning to receive up to 2800 saints. Financial support is needed to bear the needs of the training. You can donate at <https://donate.collegetraining.org/>. Please pray for the college training.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast continues this week and starts at 7:30 pm at the following locations:
  - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
  - Chang - Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
  - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
  - Miyake - Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English
  - Lu - Kirkland, (206) 696-2543, in English/Chinese
- We will continue our ministry reading with the *Practical Lessons on the Experience of Life*, please pick up a copy even if you are not signed up for the training. This week we will read chapter 6.

### Burdens for Prayer

- London Training Center
- Germany
- Meeting hall modifications (parking permit)
- Meeting hall in Vancouver, BC.
- Memorial Day Conference
- National College Training (July 14-20)

<b>This Week: April 15-21</b>		
<b>Morning Revival:</b> <i>Crystallization-study of Numbers</i> , week 5		
<b>Hall Cleaning:</b> Downstairs – Kirkland Bellevue College Upstairs – Overlake		
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30am	Breakfast
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30am	Lord's Table
<b>July</b>		
<b>14-20</b>	National College Training	

**PRACTICAL LESSONS ON THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE  
THE LAW OF LIFE (1)**

**Scripture Reading: Heb. 8:10-11**

After we receive the Lord Jesus as our life, we have three main things: the fellowship of life, the sense of life, and the law of life. In order to know the inner life, that is, to know and experience Christ as our life in a very practical way, we need to know these three related matters. According to the teaching of the New Testament, the law of life is even more important than the other two. Hebrews 8:10 and 11 say, "This is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me. And they shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them." Verse 10 is a quotation of Jeremiah 31:33, but in Jeremiah law is single in number, but in Hebrews it is not one law but laws. In addition, Jeremiah 31 says that God will put His law "in their inward parts," but Hebrews says that God puts His laws "into their mind." The inward parts spoken of in Jeremiah must refer to all the parts of the soul—the mind, emotion, and will.

**THE LAW BEING THE TESTIMONY OF GOD  
AS THE REGULATION OF THE LIFE OF HIS PEOPLE**

When Christians today speak of the law, we mostly have a bad impression. We may say of a certain matter, "That is just the law!" It

seems that the law is something bad. This is wrong. Here we are speaking of the law not according to the human way, thought, and understanding but according to the scriptural meaning. It is hard to define what the law is in the Bible. To say that the law is simply the commandments from Moses is too common. This is what a child in Sunday school would say. In the ancient time God had Israel as His people. As a people, there was the need for regulation in their life and walk. If there is no law, there is no regulation for living. The law, therefore, is the regulation of the life of God's people. This is the basic definition of the law.

Today, just as the people of Israel in the ancient time, the believers, who are the people of God, need to be regulated. By what are we regulated? It is not by Moses but by God Himself. As the people of God, we must be regulated by God in our life, our walk, and our daily living. God must be our law. Do not think that the law in the Scriptures is something bad. According to the proper understanding, the law is God Himself, or using the scriptural term, the law is the testimony of God. In the Old Testament the Ark was called the Ark of the Testimony, and the tabernacle was called the Tabernacle of the Testimony (Exo. 25:21-22; Num. 1:50, 53). The Ark was the testimony because within it were the two tablets of the law. As a Christian, for many years I tried to find out why the law is the testimony of God, but no one could tell me. I was not able to understand this until one day God Himself opened my eyes. According to human words, the testimony of God is the description of God. The purpose of the law is to testify, define, and describe God. As the people of God, our walk, living, conduct, and entire being must correspond to this very God.

What kind of God do we have, and what are His attributes? This is the purpose of the law. The law was given to tell us what kind of God we have. We may compare it to a document that describes a certain person, telling us his size, hair color, and other features. Such a document would be the testimony of this person. In the same way, the law is the description and definition of God, so it is His testimony. We as His people must be regulated in our walk and living by this description, this testimony. We may also compare the law to a photograph. If I take a picture of a young man, the picture becomes his testimony. We may say that it is the photograph of the man, or we may even say that the photograph is the man. Because the law is the testimony, description, and "photograph" of God, we can say that the law is God Himself.

The Ten Commandments described God to the people of Israel (Exo.

20:3-17). Many of us can recite the Ten Commandments, but we still may not know what kind of God the commandments describe. First, God is a jealous God. It seems that jealous is not a good word, but God is jealous because He is holy, separate, and not common. If He were common, He would not be jealous. He is the holy God. Therefore, the first attribute described by the Ten Commandments of the law is the holiness of God. Second, God is righteous. Of course, we do not have the words holy and righteous in the Ten Commandments, but if we know the spirit of the commandments, we realize that they describe the holiness and righteousness of God. The Ten Commandments also describe God as a God of love, which includes mercy and grace. Fourth, the Ten Commandments show us that God is a God in light. He is a God of holiness, righteousness, love, and light. We should write these four words as a heading over Exodus 20. Then as we read these commandments again and again, we will see their true meaning. The Ten Commandments describe the very God who is holy, righteous, of love, and in light.

God is also omnipresent, transcendent, and great, but these attributes are not the regulation of the walk of God’s people. There is no need to be regulated by God’s transcendence or greatness, so these attributes are not found in the Ten Commandments. Rather, the walk of God’s people must be regulated by four attributes of God—holiness, righteousness, love, and light. These are the very elements that regulate the walk of God’s people.

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<b>Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes</b>	
Lord’s Day, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 2:19-22
Monday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 3:1-7
Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 3:8-13
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 3:14-18
Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 3:19-21
Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 4:1-4
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Eph. 4:5-10