

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – May 19, 2019

Announcements

- There is no Wednesday night ministry meeting this week
- Wednesday night there will be a dinner and fellowship for all parents here at the meeting hall from 6:00-8:30 pm with brother Ricky Acosta. Food will be catered, but saints are encouraged to bring side dishes.
- The Memorial Day conference will be held in Seattle at the Hyatt Regency (808 Howell St, Seattle, WA 98101) from Friday night, May 24th - Monday morning, May 27th. The meeting schedule is as follows:
 - 1st meeting: Friday, May 24 7:30 PM
 - 2nd meeting: Saturday, May 25 10:00 AM
 - 3rd meeting: Saturday, May 25 7:30 PM
 - 4th meeting: Lord's Day, May 26 9:30 AM
 - 5th meeting: Lord's Day, May 26 7:30 PM
 - 6th meeting: Monday, May 27 10:00 AM
- All the families need to plan for transportation to the conference meetings. A sign up is available on the table to ride the church van to the meetings. Free parking is available at the Amazon parking garages and maps are on the table.
- For the upcoming Memorial Day conference, all children from K to 6th grade must be registered for children services. Please go to the following website to sign the medical release form (one form per child): <https://form.jotform.com/91068471422152>
- We will continue our ministry reading from the Ministry Digest from section 3 "Maturing in Life" on the chapter "The Growth and Maturity in Life for the Building of God's Dwelling Place".
- If you would like to take the church van down to Anaheim for the training, please sign up with the bookroom.
- Registration for Bible Camp is due by June 9th. There are two registration links, one for children, the other for serving ones:
Children:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/Churchinbellevue1/BibleCampCBibleCa2019>
Serving ones:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/Churchinbellevue1/BibleCampServing2019>
- We are covering week 10 of the Holy Word for Morning Revival on Numbers. The next volume is 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 Collected Works of Witness Lee will be published in Chinese. A deposit of \$100 can be placed at www.twgbr.org.tw. The deadline to order is May 26, 2019.

Burdens for Prayer

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

This Week: May 20 – May 26		
Morning Revival: <i>Crystallization-study of Numbers</i> , week 10		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Central Bellevue Upstairs – Downtown		
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting
Saturday	8:30am	No Breakfast
Lord’s Day	9:30am	Lord’s Table at Conf in Seattle
May		
24-27	The Memorial Day conference	
July		
14-20	National College Training	

A PROPER CHRISTIAN LIVING BEING A LIFE IN WHICH WE LIVE BY THE LIVING PERSON WITHIN US

For this reason, the Lord Jesus in John 14 told His disciples, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, even the Spirit of reality;...He abides with you and shall be in you” (vv. 16-17). The disciples heard the word but were unable to understand the mystery of this word. Therefore, the Lord Jesus continued by explaining, “Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also

shall live. In that day you will know that...you [are] in Me, and I in you” (vv. 19-20). This means that after a short while the worldly people would not see the Lord any longer, because He was going to be crucified, but the disciples would see Him, because He was going to be resurrected. After His resurrection He entered into His disciples to live in them. Hence, “in that day,” He lived, and they also lived. Furthermore, they knew that they were in the Lord, and the Lord was in them.

The teachings of Confucius and Mencius can touch people in a way that their conscience is activated. Wang Yang-ming, a Chinese philosopher, said that man must develop his instinctive moral sense and innate ability to do good. He said that if man’s actions are only a response to outward teachings and ethical regulations but are not from his inner conscience, moral sense, and ability to do good, then those actions are trees without roots and water without a fountain. We see by this that Wang Yang-ming also taught the doctrines related to the inward aspect of man. But such teachings merely develop the potential ability in the God-created man. As Christians, we do not act according to the function of our conscience or according to the influence of any teaching. We have the living Lord Jesus living in us. We who are saved surely have this kind of experience and know that there is One who lives in us. There are some people who are not very clear about this truth; nevertheless, they can vaguely feel that there is another One who lives in them. When they want to do certain things, it seems He always disapproves and prohibits them.

The story of a Christian’s inward being is not a matter of being moved in the conscience by some teachings but a matter of having a real person living in him. Before we were saved, we did not have this kind of experience; we only had the struggle in our conscience between reason and lust. However, after we were saved, even though in the beginning we were not very clear that there is One living in us, gradually we became clearer that we truly have a person inside of us. Now, if we would live a normal Christian life, we must live by this One who is living in us. When we live by Him, we enjoy Him and spontaneously abide in Him. If we speak and act by Him, then we remain in Him, and that is our abiding in Him.

When the electrical appliances remain in the current of electricity to enjoy the supply of electricity, they abide in the electricity. In the same way, when we live by the Lord and experience Him, we abide in the Lord. If we neglect living by the Lord in our daily life but only try to pursue abiding in the Lord according to its literal meaning, our efforts will be in vain.

TO ABIDE IN THE LORD BEING TO LIVE BY THE LORD WITHIN US

We cannot understand this truth merely according to the literal, doctrinal meaning of the words; instead, we must understand it from our experience. According to the letter, it is “to abide in the Lord,” but according to experience, it is “to live by the Lord within us.” We must live by the Lord in both big things and small things. This is not easy. According to my experience, it is easy for us to be in the Lord when we encounter big or difficult things, but when we encounter small things or fine details in our living, we often neglect to abide in the Lord or live by Him. For example, when the elders fellowship about the affairs of the church, they are very watchful, in fear and trembling before the Lord and not daring to speak loosely. However, in their daily living with their spouses and children, they do not first inquire of the Lord. We often have this kind of old ailment, because we pay attention to abiding in the Lord only in big things but not in small things. This is where we fail.

May the Lord have mercy on us to show us that today we are one with the Lord, and we should live together with the Lord. We have already been married to the Lord, so we should live the marriage life with the Lord. If a husband and wife do not argue about big things but always quarrel about little things, their marriage life is not normal. In a genuine marriage life there should not be any arguments about big matters or even about little things. The husband should be the head in both the big things and the small things, so the wife should live by him. In the same way, we cannot pay attention to abiding in the Lord only in big things but not in little things. Instead, we should ask our Husband about all things, taking Him as our Head, living by Him.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, May 19 th	Col. 2:1-7
Monday, May 20 th	Col. 2:8-15
Tuesday, May 21 st	Col. 2:16-23
Wednesday, May 22 nd	Col. 3:1-4
Thursday, May 23 rd	Col. 3:5-15
Friday, May 24 th	Col. 3:16-25
Saturday, May 25 th	Col. 4:1-18