

Announcements

- The Bible distribution at Bellevue College will be Tuesday (January 28) and Wednesday (January 29). Please sign up to help with Bible distribution.
- We will also have a few full-time trainees visiting Bellevue and Seattle from 1/25 to 2/10 joining us on campus.
- The International Chinese Speaking Conference will be February 14-16 in Anaheim. January 30th is the deadline to request hospitality and child care. If you need child care, please fill out the form on the counter.
- On Saturday, February 8th, we will meet together at 10:00 am for special fellowship regarding the reading of the Ministry Digest.
- There is a regional blending conference in the Tri-Cities from Saturday (2/1) to Lord's day (2/2). Hospitality is limited, please make your own lodging arrangements. If you would like more information, please contact Dale Hoekema (dalehoekema@gmail.com)
- Brother Ricky Acosta will be in Spokane for a conference from February 7-9. The saints coming should make their own hospitality arrangements.
- The registration due date for the high school retreat is February 9th.
- The annual business meeting of the church in Bellevue will be February 9th.
- Parking in the fire lanes is not permitted, please only park in designated stalls.
- If you would like a tax report for 2019, please email bellevuefinanceservice@googlegroups.com.
- We will read the third chapter of the section "Maturing in Life" from Volume 1, Number 4 of the Ministry Digest.
- We will continue with the Holy Word for Morning Revival on "The One New Man Fulfilling God's Purpose in Creating Man", Week 8.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting will resume again in February.

Burdens for Prayer

- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Meeting hall modifications
- District meeting
- Children and YP meetings
- College work coordination
- Material offerings
- Coronavirus epidemic in China

This Week: January 27 – February 1		
Morning Revival: <i>The One New Man Fulfilling God's Purpose in Creating Man</i> , week 8		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Redmond Upstairs – Downtown		
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer meeting
Saturday	8:30am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30am	Lord's Table
February		
7-9	Conference in Spokane with Ricky Acosta	
March		
6-8	High School Retreat	

MESSAGES FOR BUILDING UP NEW BELIEVERS

Chapter 3, Section 5

The Believers Being Spontaneously Renewed in Their Spiritual Life When They Are Sanctified by the Holy Spirit

Now we will go on to see the renewing in the organic aspect of God's salvation. In the preceding chapter we saw that regeneration is to have God as our life. It is a matter in the life of God. After regeneration we pass through shepherding, and then we have the dispositional sanctification, which is a matter in the nature of God. Not only do we need to be regenerated in life, but we also need to be sanctified in our disposition. No human disposition is good; only the nature of God is holy. When we are saved, the element of God's holy nature comes into us; this holy nature begins to work in us to sanctify us dispositionally. Ephesians 1:4 says that God chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy. This shows us that to be holy is the purpose of God's choosing. To be holy is to have God's nature,

whereas to have the sonship, in verse 5, is to have God's life. Through regeneration we have the life of God, and through sanctification our disposition is changed. When the believers are sanctified dispositionally, they are spontaneously renewed in their spiritual life.

Not Being Fashioned according to This Age but Being Transformed by the Renewing of the Mind

Romans 12:2a says, "Do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind." We should not be fashioned according to this age. This means that we should not be fashionable. Rather, we should be transformed by the renewing of the mind. Some say that this kind of renewing is the so-called teaching by Confucius and Mencius that "the principle of the *Great Learning* is to develop the bright virtue and to renew the people" and that "if you can renew yourself for one day, then let there be daily renewing." However, the renewing taught in the Bible is not the same as the renewing taught in the books of Confucius and Mencius. The renewing taught by Confucius and Mencius is merely to improve oneself or adjust oneself daily. In contrast, the renewing taught by the Scriptures is the renewing of the mind; it is altogether a matter related to the mind. The mind is our mentality, our philosophy, our religious concepts, our views concerning people and things, etc. We need to be renewed mainly in our mind.

Ephesians 4:23 says, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." The preceding verse says to put off the old man (v. 22), the succeeding verse says to put on the new man (v. 24), and the verse in the middle says to be renewed in the spirit of our mind. The spirit of our mind is the regenerated spirit mingled with the Spirit of God spreading into our mind to exercise control over it. In this way our mind is renewed. Furthermore, Romans 8:6 says, "The mind set on the spirit is life and peace." This also shows us the importance of our mind. Our mind can be renewed only by our setting it on the spirit.

Not only so, the New Testament teaches us to have the mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5). This is equivalent to taking the mind of Christ Jesus as our mind. By regeneration we have the life of God, by sanctification we partake of the nature of God, and by renewing we have a change in our mind.

We who have been separated, sanctified, unto God should not be assimilated by the world. Rather, we should care for the transformation by the renewing of our mind, which the Lord Spirit is carrying out by moving and working in us through the divine life and the divine nature. I saw a brother wearing a pair of shoes adorned with tassels, but now I notice that he is wearing another pair of shoes without any adornment. This is because his mind has been renewed; he is no longer fashioned according to this age. I am happy because we are not those who daily speak about living Christ yet who wear

shoes with tassels. Likewise, the sisters should not, on the one hand, speak about loving the Lord, and on the other hand, apply lipstick heavily. I do know that if the sisters will say more, “O Lord, I love You,” the lipstick they apply will become daily less and less and will eventually disappear. This is because their mind will be renewed and transformed.

To Be Renewed in the Mind Being to Get Rid of All the Old Concepts concerning the Things of the Human Life and Be Made New Again by the Teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the Enlightening of the Holy Spirit

How can our mind be renewed so that our whole being may be renewed? The way of renewing lies in prayer and in reading the Scriptures, because for us to be renewed in our mind is for us to get rid of all our old concepts concerning the things of the human life and be made new again by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit. When you read the Bible and become familiar with it, the Holy Spirit will enlighten you and guide you. When the Holy Spirit comes to enlighten you while you thus pray and read the Word day by day, the mind in you is being changed from the old to the new. Your view is different, and your being is renewed.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, January 26 th	Gen 11:1-32
Monday, January 27 th	Gen 12:1-20
Tuesday, January 28 st	Gen 13:1-18
Wednesday, January 29 th	Gen 14:1-24
Thursday, January 30 th	Gen 15:1-21
Friday, January 31 st	Gen 16:1-16
Saturday, February 1 st	Gen 17:1-27