

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – November 20, 2016

Announcements

- We are starting a new morning revival this week, “Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church”.
- There will be no ministry webcast this week due to the Thanksgiving conference.
- Main Hall cleaning (volunteers)
- Second floor/entry area cleaning - (Eastgate)
- There will be no breakfast next Saturday (November 26).
- Deadline for Video training sign up is December 13th.

Schedule

- Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving conference video schedule at Bellevue meeting hall
 - Message 1 Friday Nov 25 10 am
 - Message 2 Friday Nov 25 7 pm
 - Message 3 Saturday Nov 26 10 am
 - Message 4 Saturday Nov 26 7 pm
 - Message 5 Lord's Day Nov 27 10:30 am
 - Message 6 Lord's Day Nov 27 6 pm
- Thanksgiving Day conference in San Jose Nov 24-27.
- Thanksgiving Day gospel meeting in Chinese language at the Bellevue meeting hall, 4:30 pm

Burdens for Prayer

- Thanksgiving Conference
- Thanksgiving Gospel meeting
- Bellevue College
- Gospel to the nations in Europe

This Week: November 20 – November 26

Morning Revival: *Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church*

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Volunteers
Upstairs – Eastgate & Redmond

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer at meeting hall
Wednesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Saturday		No Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

Ministry Reading Portion

Basic Lessons on Service

LESSON SIX THE PRACTICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING (3)

III. THE WORSHIP IN THE DISPENSING OF GOD

D. In the Dispensing of the Triune God

Our worship to the Father in the Lord's table meeting is in the dispensing of the Triune God. We have been baptized into the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). We also enjoy the Father's love, the Son's grace, and the Spirit's fellowship (2 Cor. 13:14). We must be in the dispensing of the Triune God. Then we can have the proper and true worship in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity.

The focus of this message is as follows: the worship in the dispensing of the Triune God is the worship to the Father by His many sons with His firstborn Son as the offerings and in His Spirit who mingles Himself with our spirit as the unique place for our worship.

This fellowship should help us in the worship of the Father in the Lord's table meeting. This is the worship which the Lord revealed in John 4. John's Gospel tells us in chapter one that we have the right to be God's children. He gave as many as received Him the right, the authority, to be His children (v. 12). These children are born of God Himself. Then chapter three tells us how to be born of God. We must be born of water and the Spirit to be reborn of the Spirit (vv. 5-6). Chapter four goes on to reveal how to worship God as the Father in our spirit as the unique place

of our worship and with the Son as the real offerings (vv. 23-24). We have to experience the dispensing of the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Then we can have the kind of worship the Father seeks.

LESSON SEVEN
THE PRACTICE OF
THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING
(4)

The presentation of Christ as the peace offering to God the Father as seen in Leviticus can be fulfilled in reality at the Lord's table meeting. In this presentation there are four main parties: God, the offerer, the serving priest, and the congregation of cleansed people. The peace offering is for the satisfaction of all four parties. The fat and the inward parts of the offering were God's portion (Lev. 3:3-5). The flesh, the meat, of the offering along with four kinds of cakes were the portion of the offerer (Lev. 7:12-13, 15-18). The four kinds of cakes and the right thigh as a heave offering were the portion of the serving priest (Lev. 7:14, 32-34), and the wave breast, typifying Christ as love in resurrection, were for all the priests (7:30-31, 34). Finally, the congregation's portion was the flesh of the cattle under the condition of cleanness (vv. 19-21).

This shows that as long as you come to the meeting, you still enjoy Christ as the portion common to all the saints. But if you offer Christ in the meeting and function as a serving priest, you enjoy a special portion. When we open up our mouth and function in the meeting, we are the serving priests presenting Christ to God the Father for His enjoyment and our enjoyment. Without this worship of the Father in the Lord's table meeting, the presentation of the peace offering to God cannot be fulfilled.

IV. PRESENTING CHRIST
AS THE PEACE OFFERING TO THE FATHER

We have to stress one point which all the saints at the Lord's table should know. This point is that there is no place other than the Lord's table meeting where the fulfillment of the peace offering can be accomplished. The fulfillment of the peace offering must be in the Lord's table meeting. After we eat the bread and drink the cup, the Lord takes the lead to come to the Father with all of us. He declares the Father's name to us and sings hymns of praise to the Father through us and with us (Heb. 2:12). At the same time, we offer Him as the peace offering to the Father. Then we and the Father, including all the serving ones, the offerers, and the congregation, enjoy Christ as the peace offering in a mutual way, not only in the presence of God the Father but also with God the Father.

A. The Peace Offering Being the Center of the Basic Offerings

There are five basic offerings in the book of Leviticus: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering. The peace offering is in the middle, with two offerings before it and after it. Thus, it is the center of the basic offerings. It would be helpful to read the book entitled *Christ as the Reality* to see in more detail the significance of the five basic offerings in the book of Leviticus and the relation of the peace offering to the other four offerings.

1. From God's Side Based upon the Burnt Offering and the Meal Offering

From God's side the peace offering is based upon the burnt offering (Lev. 1) and the meal offering (Lev. 2).

2. From Our Side Based upon the Trespass Offering and the Sin Offering

From our side the peace offering is based upon the trespass offering (Lev. 5) and the sin offering (Lev. 4). The peace offering is the center of the basic offerings. From God's side, you have the burnt offering and the meal offering for the satisfaction both to God and to man. The experience of the peace offering is based mainly upon the burnt offering and the meal offering. Then from our side, the peace offering is based upon the trespass offering and the sin offering. On our side, there is the need of the trespass offering and the sin offering to take care of our trespasses and our sin. Then we can have peace with God.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, November 20 th	1 Chron. 15:1 – 16:43
Monday, November 21 st	1 Chron. 17:1 – 27
Tuesday, November 22 nd	1 Chron. 18:1 – 19:19
Wednesday, November 23 rd	1 Chron. 20:1 – 21:30
Thursday, November 24 th	1 Chron. 22:1 – 23:32
Friday, November 25 th	1 Chron. 24:1 – 25:31
Saturday, November 26 th	1 Chron. 26:1 – 32