

Announcements

- Morning revival this week, Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church, Week 2, “The Church in Ephesus”
- The weekly ministry webcast will be held on Wednesday in the following homes:
 - Andy Wu – Redmond 206 617 7767
 - Miyake – Central Bellevue 425 451 7294
 - Lancaster – Bothell 425 482 4499
 - Smith – South Bellevue 206 914 3447
 - Horace Wang – Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese Language)
- Main Hall cleaning (Central)
- Second floor/entry area cleaning - (Downtown)
- There will be no breakfast next Saturday (December 3).
- Fellowship with brothers Dennis Higashi and Rick Scatterday next Lord’s day (12/4) at 1:00pm at the Greenlake meeting hall for saints who have spent any amount of time at a full-time training center. Lunch will be provided.
- Deadline for Video training sign up is December 13th.

Schedule

- Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 pm
- Message 6 of the Thanksgiving Conference will be shown tonight at 6 pm

Burdens for Prayer

- Bellevue College
- Gospel to the nations in Europe

This Week: November 28 – December 4		
Morning Revival: <i>Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church, week 2</i>		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Central Upstairs – Downtown		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer at meeting hall
Wednesday	10:00 am 7:30pm	Sisters' prayer meeting Ministry webcast
Saturday		No Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

Ministry Reading Portion

Basic Lessons on Service

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

B. The Required Peace Offering

The required peace offering was either an ox from the herd (Lev. 3:1), a sheep from the flock (v. 6), a lamb (v. 7, KJV), or a goat (v. 12). Here we have to tell the saints that Christ in Himself is the same, but Christ in our experience becomes different. Some experience Him in a rich way as a great ox; some experience Him as a sheep; some experience Him in a little way as a little lamb; and some even experience Him in a lesser way as a goat. The differences in the peace offering are not in Christ Himself but in our experience of Him. We offer Christ according to the measure and depth of our experience of Christ.

C. The Peace Offering for Thanksgiving

The peace offering is for our thanksgiving to the Father (Lev. 7:12-13). Because we are grateful to God the Father, we offer something of Christ as the peace offering to Him. We offer Christ as either an ox, a sheep, a lamb, or a goat with unleavened cakes mingled with oil. This is very meaningful. These unleavened cakes were thin cakes with holes. This means that they were easy to partake of and enjoy. The peace offering was also offered with unleavened, hollow wafers anointed with oil and with cakes of fine

flour saturated and mingled with oil. The fine flour mingled with oil signifies Christ's humanity mingled with the Spirit. Christ's humanity mingled with divinity becomes a cake for our satisfaction.

When we offer the required peace offering for our thanksgiving, we need to add these cakes and wafers, which signify our experiences of Christ. This means we have to experience Christ in these three ways: Christ as the unleavened cakes mingled with oil, with the Spirit; Christ as the unleavened wafers anointed with oil, with the Spirit; and Christ as the cakes of fine flour saturated and mingled with oil, with the Spirit.

In addition to these cakes, the offerer also presented the peace offering to God with leavened bread. The leavened bread indicates that the presentation of Christ as the peace offering is initiated by us. Regardless of how spiritual we are, anything initiated by us has the element of sin, the element of leaven.

Leviticus 23 speaks of the Feast of Pentecost, in which two loaves of fine flour baked with leaven are offered to God (v. 17). These two loaves signify the two parts of the church as the Body of Christ, the Jewish part and the Gentile part, offered to God on the day of Pentecost. The two loaves are baked with leaven because both parts of the church are still sinful. In Christ Himself there is no leaven, but because we initiate this kind of thanksgiving offering, we bring in something unclean. This should help us to see that we should not have any trust in ourselves. Even in offering the peace offering for our thanksgiving toward God the Father, we are not clean because we are still in the flesh.

The focus of this lesson is as follows: when the problem of our trespass and sin is solved by Christ as the trespass offering and the sin offering, and when God and we are satisfied with Christ as the burnt offering and the meal offering, we can offer Christ to God the Father as the peace offering for our mutual enjoyment in peace.

The peace offering can be offered only after two things take place. First, on our side the problem of our trespass and sin should be solved by Christ as our trespass offering and as our sin offering. Second, God and we should be satisfied with Christ as the burnt offering and the meal offering. The burnt offering was fully for God, and the meal offering was for both God and man. When God and we are satisfied with Christ as the burnt offering and the meal offering, we can offer Christ as our peace offering for our mutual enjoyment in peace.

LESSON EIGHT
THE PRACTICE OF
THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING
(5)

**D. The Portions
of the Peace Offering**

1. To God

a. From the Ox

A portion of the peace offering is presented to God from the ox (Lev. 3:3-5). This portion is the fat upon the inwards, the inner parts, of the cattle. All the fat upon all the inwards must be for God. The two kidneys and the fat on them is for God, as well as the caul (net) above the liver. All this fat and these tender parts within the cattle must be burned to God as His food to satisfy Him and to please Him.

These items refer to the sweetness and the tenderness of the inward being of Christ. The inward being of Christ can be appreciated only by God. We do not have that much ability in our apprehension. In our apprehension we cannot perceive that deeply. Only God has such an appreciating ability. In Matthew 11:27 the Lord Jesus said that "no one fully knows the Son except the Father." When He said this, a number of people, including the disciples, were around Him. They saw Him, but they could not perceive what was within His inward being. No human being can fully perceive what is in the Lord's inward being. Only God can fully evaluate it, appreciate it, enjoy it, and apprehend it.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, November 27 th	1 Chron. 27:1-34
Monday, November 28 th	1 Chron. 28:1-29:30
Tuesday, November 29 th	2 Chron. 1:1-17
Wednesday, November 30 th	2 Chron. 2:1-3:17
Thursday, December 1 st	2 Chron. 4:1-5:14
Friday, December 2 nd	2 Chron. 6:1-42
Saturday, December 3 rd	2 Chron. 7:1-8:18