

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – April 23, 2017

### Announcements

- Immigration Training, Anaheim, July 12 – August 4
- Registration for the summer training is now open; the deadline to sign up is May 1.
- We will have an overflow from our enjoyment of *The Economy of God* on April 30.
- This week we are reading *The Glorious Church*, chapter 2
- We have received an invitation to the conference in Spokane with brother Ed Marks, April 28-30; all saints are encouraged to attend.
- The care package box for the full-time trainees is in the back. Please sign the cards and bring gift items to send.

### Schedule

- Morning revival this week, *The Direction of the Lord's Move Today*, week 2
- Sisters prayer meeting, Tuesday, 10:00 am
- Prayer meeting, Tuesday 7:30 pm
- Breakfast Saturday morning 8:30 am
- Main Hall cleaning (East Bellevue)
- Second floor cleaning (Kirkland)
- Wednesday night ministry webcast 7:30 pm at the following locations:
  - Andy Wu - Redmond 206 617 7767
  - Lu - Kirkland 206 696 2543 (Chinese language)
  - Miyake - Central Bellevue 425 451 7294
  - Menezes - South Bellevue 425 499 5515
  - Lancaster - Bothell 425 482 4499
  - Horace Wang - Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese language)
- 6th grade retreat, May 6-7
- Puget Sound conference with brothers Ed Marks and Albert Lim, May 12-14
- Memorial Day conference, New York City, May 26-29
- Bible Camp, July 24-28
- Summer School of Truth, August 7-12
- Camp Canby, August 10-13

### Burdens for Prayer

- Building up an atmosphere of reading the ministry
- Prayer and petition for all who are in a high position in this country (1 Tim. 2:1-3)
- Gospel to the nations in Europe and North America
- The shepherding of all the saints
- Present situation in Germany and Middle East

**This Week: April 24 – April 30****Morning Revival:** *The Direction of the Lord's Move Today*, Week 2Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – East Bellevue  
Upstairs – Kirkland**Tuesday**      10:00 am      Sisters' prayer meeting**Tuesday**      7:30 pm      Corporate prayer at meeting hall**Saturday**      8:30 am      Breakfast**Lord's Day**      9:30 am      Lord's Table**April****28-30**      Conference in Spokane**May****6-7**      6th grade retreat**12-14**      Puget Sound conference**26-29**      Memorial Day Conference, New York City**July****3-8**      Summer Training**Jul. 12 – Aug. 4**      Immigration Training**24-28**      Bible Camp**August****7-12**      Summer School of Truth**10-13**      Camp Canby**Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes**Lord's Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup>      Prov. 18:1-24Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>      Prov. 19:1 – 20:30Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>      Prov. 21:1 – 22:29Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>      Prov. 23:1-35Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>      Prov. 24:1 – 25:28Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>      Prov. 26:1 – 27:27Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>      Prov. 28:1 – 29:27

## **Ministry Reading Portion**

### **THE ECONOMY OF GOD**

#### **CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR**

#### **THE VISION OF THE MARK OF GOD'S ECONOMY**

The economy of God with its mark was given at the beginning of this book, but after reading all these chapters, it is still possible to miss it. In simple words, God's economy is to work Himself into us, and in order to accomplish this He must do it in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. From the beginning of this book we have spent much time in this economy of the Triune God. God never intended to give us the doctrine of the Trinity in the Scriptures. The doctrine only involves us in many different concepts. But the Scriptures do reveal how God accomplished His divine economy in three distinct persons.

#### **THE MARK BUILDING UP THE CHURCH**

If you ask me what is troubling me these days, I will tell you that there are only two things: One is that although so many dear brothers and sisters have really seen the negative things of Christianity and something about the Lord's way with His church, I am afraid that they will practice the church life by outward methods. You say, "Formerly I pastored a church in a certain way, but now I see that that way is wrong. So I will drop that way and use another way." This is still a religious activity, not the building up of the Body of Christ. The building up of the Body of Christ is something from within. You must feed on Christ, eat Christ, and drink Christ so that you will be nourished with Christ. When you are full of Christ, you will minister something of Him as food to others. Then the Body of Christ will be built up.

It is not a matter of method. If you read the whole New Testament, you cannot discover one method. If I have any method at all it is this: first, you must be put on the cross; second, you must feed on Christ in the spirit day by day; third, when you are nourished and full of Christ, you need to nourish others with Christ. Then the church will come into being. The only method is to go to the cross, feed on Christ, and nourish others with Christ.

The other thing that troubles me is this: Although we have been talking so much about Christ as our life, I fear that we know this only as a message, as a term, as a subject; we do not have the daily and hourly experiences. We need to be continually regulated and anointed by Him. Daily and hourly we must feed on Him and have intimate fellowship with Him. We need to forget about ourselves and contact

Him, enjoy Him, be regulated by Him, and anointed by Him all the time. This is the inner life, the inward experience of the indwelling Christ. I would recommend to you a book written by Andrew Murray entitled *The Spirit of Christ*. It will be a great help—not to gain knowledge but to experience the indwelling Christ in your daily life. As you let Christ be your daily food, you can testify to the whole universe: “I am tasting Christ day by day. I am having such an intimate, living fellowship with Him hour by hour. I am under His regulating and His anointing all the time.” We all need to pay full attention to this matter. This is the mark of God’s economy. If we miss this mark of God’s economy in our spirit, how can His economy be worked out in the church? When you drive your car, you know where to put the gasoline and how to start it; that is the mark of running your car. If you lose that mark, although you may have a very beautiful car, it will not run.

This is why the book of Hebrews gives us such a verse like 4:12. The Word of God is living and penetrating so that it divides our spirit from the soul. All the experiences taught in the book of Hebrews must be realized by discerning the spirit. The all-inclusive Christ as the good land is in the spirit, and His dwelling in the Holy of Holies is also in our spirit. If you do not know how to discern the spirit from the soul, you will miss the mark and cannot enjoy Christ. Every day you must deal with the living Christ, who is subjective to you. Christ is within you, and He is living, real, and practical. When you eat Him, drink Him, and feast on Him as your daily nourishment, you will live by Him and with Him and be under His constant regulating and anointing. This is what we need to experience all the time if we are going to impart Christ as food to others. If people are fed with Christ, He will become the material in them, and then the Body of Christ will gradually grow and be built up. I do look to the Lord that our eyes will be opened to see the heavenly vision and the inner revelation of this living, indwelling, subjective Christ in our spirit as the mark of God’s economy.