

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – June 18, 2017

Announcements

- This week we are reading *The Knowledge of Life*, chapter 9.
- Remember to register with the bookroom for the summer video training, the deadline is June 18, after which there is a late fee.
- Camp Canby registration due today, June 18.

Schedule

- 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 206 290 3787
 - Menezes - South Bellevue 425 499 5515
 - Lancaster - Bothell 425 482 4499
 - Horace Wang - Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese language)

Burdens for Prayer

- Present situation in Germany and Middle East
- The shepherding of all the saints

This Week: June 19 – June 25

Morning Revival: Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ, Week 4

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – East Bellevue
Upstairs – Eastgate & Redmond

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

July

Jul. 12 – Aug. 4	Immigration Training, Anaheim
16-22	College Training, Olympia
24 -28	Bible Camp

August

7-12	Summer School of Truth
10 -13	Camp Canby

Ministry Reading Portion

The Knowledge of Life

CHAPTER NINE

THREE LIVES AND FOUR LAWS

We now come to see the ninth main point in the knowledge of life—the three lives and four laws. This is a truth of extreme importance in the Bible. If we want to clearly know the condition of our inner spiritual life, or if we desire to lead an overcoming life free from sins, a thorough understanding of this basic truth is necessary.

CONCLUSIONS

At this point we can draw several conclusions: First, God's deliverance differs from man's reformation. First of all, the basis is different. Man's reformation is based on the original good of man, while God's deliverance is based on the life of God and the Spirit of God, that is, the Spirit of life. Next, the methods differ. Man's reformation is by way of exerting human strength, inflicting harsh treatment on our body, and subduing the passions, thus bringing forth the good in man. God's deliverance is by way of putting His Spirit and His life into our spirit, thus quickening our spirit; then a renewing work begins from our spirit, renewing firstly the various parts of our spirit, then the different parts of our soul, and finally our physical body. Lastly, the results are different. The result of man's reformation is but the highest human excellence; it cannot cause man to live out the divine standard of God's nature. The consequence of God's deliverance is that we become God-men, living out the divine life of God.

Second, God's deliverance does not make us good men but life-men. There are all together three classes of man in the universe: God-men, good men, and evil men. God's deliverance is not to make us evil men or good men, but life-men.

Third, we who have been delivered by God ought to live in God. God is life, and God's deliverance is for us to become life-men. Life is God; to be a life-man is to be a God-man. To be such men we ought to live in God. But to live in God is a vague doctrine. If we want to live in God, we must live in the law of the Spirit of life. This requires us to live in spirit, for the law of the Spirit of life is in the spirit. This also requires us to live in the sense of life, for the sense of life is the sense of the law of the Spirit of life. If we obey the sense of life, we mind the spirit and live in the spirit. If we mind the spirit, we live in the law of the Spirit of life. When we live in the law of the Spirit of life, we live in

God. Consequently, what we live out is God Himself. God is life; therefore, what we live out is life, and we become life-men.

Fourth, the goal of God's deliverance is the unity of God and man. When we obey the law of the Spirit of life and live in God, God lives also in us, and He and we mingle in a practical way until the two are completely united as one.

There are two more points on the subjective side. First, we must touch the inner sense, which means to obey the inner feeling. Second, we must live in fellowship. Fellowship is the flowing of life. To live in fellowship is to live in the flowing of life. These two points enable us to experience life in a practical way. The purpose of this chapter on the three lives and four laws is to bring us to this point. If we touch the inner sense in a practical way and live in fellowship, we will automatically be able: (1) to be freed from sin, (2) to do the good works which we are unable to do, (3) to fulfill the law of God, and (4) to live out the life of God. Eventually we can become God-men, manifesting the life of God. This is the goal of God's salvation, and this also includes all matters pertaining to life.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes

Lord's Day, June 18 th	Isa. 34:1-17
Monday, June 19 th	Isa. 35:1-10
Tuesday, June 20 th	Isa. 36:1-22
Wednesday, June 21 st	Isa. 37:1-38
Thursday, June 22 nd	Isa. 38:1 – 39:8
Friday, June 23 rd	Isa. 40:1-31
Saturday, June 24 th	Isa. 41:1-29