

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – July 2, 2017

### Announcements

- This week we are reading *The Knowledge of Life*, chapter 11.
- The summer video training starts July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. There are three open meetings.

### Schedule

- No breakfast Saturday morning due to video training.
- No webcast during summer break until August.

### Burdens for Prayer

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

<b>This Week: July 3 – July 9</b>		
<b>Morning Revival:</b> <i>Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ</i> , Week 6		
<b>Hall Cleaning:</b> Downstairs – Central Bellevue Upstairs – Hall Team		
<b>Tuesday</b>	---	<b>No Sisters' Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	---	<b>No Corporate Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	---	<b>No Breakfast</b>
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30 am	Lord's Table
<b>July</b>		
<b>Jul. 12 – Aug. 4</b>	Immigration Training, Anaheim	
<b>16-22</b>	College Training, Olympia	
<b>24-28</b>	Bible Camp	
<b>August</b>		
<b>7-12</b>	Summer School of Truth	
<b>10 -13</b>	Camp Canby	

## **Ministry Reading Portion**

### **The Knowledge of Life**

#### CHAPTER ELEVEN

### **THE INWARD KNOWLEDGE**

We shall now see the eleventh main point concerning life, which is the inward knowledge, or the knowing of God by the inward law of life and the teaching of the anointing. The degree to which we know God from within determines how much we have of God and how much we experience Him as our life. Thus, the inward knowledge and the growth of life are fully related. If we want to know life so that life may grow, we must examine in detail the inward knowledge.

#### **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING GOD**

God delights in man knowing Him; therefore, He wants man to “follow on to know” Him (Hosea 6:6, 3). All that He does in the New Testament is in order that we may know Him (Heb. 8:10-11). When we are regenerated, His Spirit, containing His life, enters into us that we may have the capability of knowing Him from within. This knowing of Him, on the one hand, gradually increases with our inward growth of life, and, on the other hand, it also causes the life within us to grow. Because God has given us His life, we can know Him. The more His life grows within us, the more we know Him. The more we know Him, the more we will experience Him as our life, enjoy Him, and allow Him to live out through us. Thus, we may say that all the growth of our spiritual life depends on our knowledge of God. Let us pray that God may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may really know Him (Eph. 1:17) and be “growing by the full knowledge of God” (Col. 1:10).

#### **XI. CONCLUSION**

Because God delights that man should know Him, He has given man many ways and means so that he may know Him. In Old Testament times, He manifested His doings and declared His ways to men so that they might know Him. But the knowledge man had of Him by those doings and ways was only outward, objective, shallow, and incomplete. Therefore, at the time of the New Testament, though He still uses His doings and ways to make Himself known to us, the most important and glorious thing is that He Himself as the Spirit has entered into us to be our life. This enables us to have an inward, subjective, deep, and full knowledge of Him.

When God is in us as life, He causes us to have a law of divine life within, which regulates us from within continuously, causing us to know the nature of His life. The law of this life, because it is a law, is

not a person; it is fixed and unchangeable. It regulates us within unchangeably according to the nature of the life of God. The result is that it causes the manner, nature, and taste of our living to be in accord with the nature of God.

The Spirit of God dwelling in us is as the ointment, anointing and teaching us to know Himself. Since this ointment is God Himself, it is a person, and it is unlimited and flexible. This ointment in us continuously anoints into us the infinite God Himself. The result is that it causes our whole person, behavior, and conduct to be filled with the essence of God and agree with the will of God.

God, as the law of life and the anointing, begins first in our spirit and expands then to our soul that our mind might comprehend and understand. Therefore, we need to exercise the spirit that the intuition of the spirit might be alert. We also need to have our mind renewed so that the understanding of our mind can be clear. In addition, we need to deal with our heart that it might be soft and pure, loving God, wanting God, and submissive to God. In this way, as soon as the law of life and the anointing move within us, the intuition in our spirit will immediately know, the understanding of our mind will also immediately comprehend, and we can have the inward knowledge of God at any time.

For such an inward knowledge, God has also given us the teaching and principles of the Bible from without to check and prove us that we may not be mistaken or deceived. In addition, through His many servants from without, God teaches or repeats the consciousnesses we feel from within. He may teach our mind to comprehend the consciousness we have in the spirit, or He may make clear to us the deep things of God and the fundamental knowledge of the spiritual life.

Since from within and without we have so many ways and means to know God, we can “be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col. 1:9-10). When we know God in this way, we not only can fully know the will of God, but we can also grow and mature in the life of God. The more we increase in the knowledge of God, the more we will grow in the life of God until He completely occupies us. Then the essence of God will be fully wrought into us, thus fulfilling that glorious goal of God’s desire to be mingled with us as one.

## 2017 Summer Training Webcast

Tuesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 1 Msg. 2	9:30 am 11:00 am
Wednesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 3	7:00 pm
Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 4	7:00 pm
Friday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 5	7:00 pm (open meeting)
Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 6 Msg. 7	9:30 am 11:00 am
Lord's Day, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 8 Msg. 9	Following Lord's Table (open meeting) 6:00 pm (open meeting)
Monday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 10	7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 11	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 12	7:00 pm

## Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes

Lord's Day, July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isa. 49:1-13
Monday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isa. 49:14-26
Tuesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 50:1 – 51:23
Wednesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 52:1-15
Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 53:1-12
Friday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 54:1-17
Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 55:1-13