

Announcements

- The church in Bothell is having a meeting tonight to celebrate the establishment of the church in Bothell at 5:30 pm at the Northshore Senior Center, 10201 East Riverside Drive, Bothell, WA 98011.
- We will continue our ministry reading from the Ministry Digest from section 1 The History and Revelation of the Lord's Recovery, "Introduction- Introduction—an Overview of the Lord's Recovery".
- You can subscribe to the Ministry Digest at:
<https://www.lsm.org/ministry-digest/index.html>
- Final registration for the webcast training is due today. Any registration after this date will incur a late fee. The webcast training will begin July 2nd - 10th.
- Registration for the Bellevue/Renton Summer School of Truth is due June 30th. You can register at:
https://www.cognitofrms.com/Churchinbellevue1/_2019SummerSchoolOfTruth.
- We are continuing with week 2 in the Holy Word for Morning Revival on The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life. Please pick up copies in the bookroom.
- The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be published in Chinese has been extended until the end of June. A deposit of \$100 can be placed at www.twgbr.org.tw
- The upcoming national college training is planning to receive up to 2800 saints. Financial support is needed to bear the needs of the training. You can donate at
<https://donate.collegetraining.org/>. You can sign up to pray for the college training at
<https://collegetraining.org/2019/pray.php>
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast continues this week and starts at 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Chang - Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
 - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
 - Miyake - Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English
 - Lu - Kirkland, (206) 696-2543, in English/Chinese

Burdens for Prayer

- London Training Center
- National College Training (July 14-20)
- Germany
- Meeting hall in Vancouver BC, CA
- Meeting hall modifications (parking permit)

This Week: June 17 – June 23		
Morning Revival: <i>The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life, week2</i>		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Young People Upstairs – Kirkland		
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting
Saturday	8:30am	Breakfast
Lord’s Day	9:30am	Lord’s Table
July		
2-10	Webcast training	
14-20	National College Training	
August		
10-12, 17-19	Bellevue Summer School of Truth	

ABIDING IN THE LORD TO ENJOY HIS LIFE

CHAPTER 7

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AND THE HOLY OINTMENT

The Precious Blood Cleansing Us from Sin

The main items in the first two chapters of 1 John are the Lord's blood and the holy ointment. The Lord's blood is for cleansing us from sin, and our sin is of two aspects: the inward sin, the sin within us, in our heart; and the outward sins, the sins in our actions. The inward sin is our sinful nature that we have from birth. Adam fell, and sin entered into him. As the descendants of Adam, we were born with a sinful nature (Rom. 5:12). No one needs to go through a training after birth to learn how to commit sin; everyone sins naturally.

Sinning comes from human nature, from the fall. Just as a bad tree does not need to bear bad fruit to become a bad tree, so man does not need to commit sin intentionally to become a sinner. In God's eyes, human beings sin every day. Man's entire being is altogether a lie, and every part of him is a lie. The eyes can lie, the nose can lie, and even the hair can lie; sometimes even his gestures are lies. This is because the human life is a lying life. A bad tree automatically bears bad fruit without being taught, and a good tree naturally bears good fruit also without being taught. In the same way, because our nature is sinful, whatever we do, without any special intention, is naturally sinful. Inwardly we have the sinful nature, and outwardly we have the sinful actions, which are the sinful deeds. The precious blood cleanses us from our sinful nature inwardly and our sinful deeds outwardly. This is the efficacy of the precious blood.

The Efficacy of the Holy Ointment

The other item is the holy ointment. The holy ointment here does not refer to the ointment itself or to its essence; it refers to the anointing of the ointment. The English word anointing here refers to the action of the ointment. According to our understanding of the Chinese word for ointment, it can be a noun referring to the ointment itself or a verb referring to the action of the ointment. In Greek this word is used not as a noun or as a verb but as a gerund; it does not refer to the ointment but to the function of the ointment. This is a function of grace, and this function is the anointing of grace. Thus, it is not bad that the Chinese Union Version uses an expression here that means unction of grace. The New Testament Recovery Version in Chinese directly uses an expression that literally means "ointment-anointing."

We must understand the thought of 1 John. First the blood cleanses us; then the ointment anoints us. It is as if we were treating a wound on our physical body; first we cleanse it; then we rub on some medicinal ointment. In the same way the blood first cleanses us, and then the ointment of God, which is the Spirit of God and God Himself, comes to anoint the place that has just been cleansed by the blood. In this way we obtain not only forgiveness through the blood but also God Himself by the anointing.

Now this ointment remains in us constantly, anointing us continuously. In other words, God Himself functions within us to anoint us with His substance. This is like painting; you apply and spread the substance of the paint onto a surface. In the same way God operates and functions within us to anoint His own substance and element into us. This causes us to subjectively know God Himself.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, June 16 th	1 Tim 1:15-20
Monday, June 17 th	1 Tim 2:1-7
Tuesday, June 18 th	1 Tim 2:8-15
Wednesday, June 19 th	1 Tim 3:1-13
Thursday, June 20 th	1 Tim 3:14 - 4:5
Friday, June 21 st	1 Tim 4:6-16
Saturday, June 22 nd	1 Tim 5:1-25