

# THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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## Morning Revival Schedule

*The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age and the Coming of the Lord*

**Week beginning:**

23 Nov – Wk 5: The Prayer of the Age Offered to God through the Church, the Body of Christ, as a House of Prayer

## Bible Reading Schedule

Mon	1 Timothy 4-5	Heb. 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
Tue	1 Tim 6 – 2 Tim 1	
Wed	2 Timothy 2-3	
Thu	2 Tim 4 – Titus 2	
Fri	Titus 3 – Hebrews 1	
Sat	Hebrews 2-3	
LD	Hebrews 4-6	

## Ministry Digest Reading Schedule

*Ministry Digest Vol. 2, No. 9*

**Week beginning:**

23 Nov – Love Prevails (from CWWN 1994-97 Vol 5, Vital Groups)

## Today's Radio Broadcast

Time of Broadcast: 2:30 pm on Free FM 89.0 MHz

**Life-Study of Colossians 48:** Persevering in Prayer (last message in this Life Study)

## International Prayer Burden

Mon	USA	Please pray for the Lord's second coming
Tue	Moldova	
Wed	Philippines	
Thu	India	
Fri	Pakistan	
Sat	Thailand	
LD	China	

## Weekly Church Accounts, 7 Nov – 13 Nov

Total general offerings .....	\$7,641.15
Average expenses .....	\$8,000.00
<b>Deficit</b> .....	\$358.85
Total building fund offerings ...	\$480.00
Total loan of the church .....	\$749,918.54

## Cheques

Westpac Bank is phasing out cheques by June 2021. Therefore, the church in Hamilton will no longer accept cheques.

## Ministry Digest Volume 2, No.9

This issue can be purchased at \$12 per copy from the NZTC reception, 33 Beale St or from the Church Office, 22B Gordonton Rd.

## Upcoming Events, November–December

26-29 Nov	Church Conference of LSM Int. Thanksgiving Conference
12-13 Dec	Blending Conference with Brother Ron Kangas
18 Dec	Full-time Training Graduation
19-27 Dec	Summer Blending, Queenstown ( <a href="http://www.summer.blendingtrip.org">www.summer.blendingtrip.org</a> )
26 Dec-1 Jan	Church Video Training of the LSM Semi-annual Training
26 Dec-2 Jan	Summer School of Truth ( <a href="http://www.summerschool.nz">www.summerschool.nz</a> )

## Monthly Lord's Day Lunch in the Homes

Our next opportunity to blend with the saints from different districts in the homes is on **6 December**. May the Lord continue to pour His blessing through such time!

## Saturday Church Practical Service at 22B Gordonton Rd

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Ministry of the Word	<b>"Just by the coming forth of the one-talented ones, ... , the whole world will be conquered"</b>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Morning tea	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Practical service	

## International Thanksgiving Conference

The church in Hamilton will hold a physical gathering to watch messages from the online LSM 2020 International Thanksgiving Conference. The messages will be shown in English, Chinese and Korean at three different locations at the New Zealand Training Centre, 33 Beale Street.

The schedule will be:

- Message 1: 6:45 PM Thursday 26 November
- Message 2: 6:45 PM Friday 27 November
- Message 3: 9:45 AM Saturday 28 November
- Message 4: 6:45 PM Saturday 28 November
- Message 5: 3:00 PM Lord's Day 29 November
- Message 6: 6:45 PM Lord's Day 29 November

Please arrive promptly for the meetings. Registration is not required and there is no fee to attend this conference.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon this conference. May it turn out to be a real memorial among us to the shame of God's enemy and to the glory of God's grace!

For saints who are not able to join the church to watch these messages at the Training Centre, can watch them online by visiting [www.conf.lsmwebcast.com](http://www.conf.lsmwebcast.com). There is a slightly different meeting schedule which can also be viewed at the same web address.

**The church will still meet according to districts for the Lord's table and prophesying meetings on the 29 November. We will still have a love feast.**

## Summer Conference Replaced by Church Video Training

**Dates:** Saturday 26 December to Friday 1 January  
**Registration details:** To be announced closer to the time

## Summer School of Truth

All those of high school age who attended high school in 2020 are eligible to attend.

**Venue:** Christian Youth Camps, Ngaruawahia **Cost:** \$340

**Dates:** The Summer School will begin with 6:00 PM dinner on Saturday 26 December (registration from 4 p.m.) and will conclude after lunch and clean-up On Saturday 2 January (1:30 PM).

**Registration and more information:** [www.summerschool.nz](http://www.summerschool.nz)

**Deadline:** Monday, 14 December 2020



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# THE DISPENSING FUNCTION OF THE TRIUNE GOD

## I. God the Father:

### A. Being the source.

**John 15:1b** My Father is the husbandman.

**Eph. 3:14, 16** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

### B. Abiding in us.

**Eph. 4:6** One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## II. God the Son:

### A. Being the embodiment of the Father.

**John 15:1a** I am the true vine,

**14:10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

### B. Abiding in us and making His home in our hearts.

**John 15:4a** Abide in Me and I in you.

**Eph. 3:17a** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith,

## III. God the Spirit:

### A. The reality of the Son.

**John 14:17-20** Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

### B. Dwelling in us.

**Rom. 8:11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead

will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

## IV. The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—dispensing Himself into our being.

**Eph. 3:14, 16-17a, 19b** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ... that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

## V. The dispensing function of the Triune God issuing in the sense of life:

### A. Through the law of life.

**Heb. 8:10-11** For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me. And they shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them.

### B. By the teaching of the anointing.

**1 John 2:27** And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

### C. In our spirit mingled with the life-giving Spirit.

**Rom. 8:16, 14** The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

“**God can dwell in us only through His Trinity.** Without being the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—God cannot dwell in us. Eventually, the New Testament strongly tells us that it is **the Spirit who dwells in us, who inhabits us**. The sense of life actually is the issue of the dispensing function of the Triune God. Because the Triune God is dispensing Himself into our being, we have the sense of life within us.

**Rom. 8:7-8** Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be. And those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**8:9-11** But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Romans 8:10 says that **our spirit is life**; verse 6 says that **our mind can be life**; verse 11 goes on to say **that this very life can be dispensed into our mortal body**. This is the Triune God dispensing Himself as life into our whole being—the spirit, the mind, and the body. He gives life to our mortal body through His Spirit who indwells us. The entire Divine Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—functions together to dispense Himself as life into our being. This is the dispensing function of the Triune God to dispense Himself as life into His believers. (*Basic Lessons on Life*, Lesson 12)

## BLENDING CONFERENCE

with

BROTHER RON KANGAS

There will be a blending conference with brother Ron Kangas on 12 and 13 December 2020. We strongly encourage all saints to attend this time.

This conference will be conducted in both a physical format and an online format. We encourage as many saints as possible to attend the physical conference, which will take place in all 3 languages (English, Chinese and Korean) at the New Zealand Training Centre.

The meeting schedule will be:

Message 1: 10 AM -12 PM Saturday 12 December

Message 2: 3 PM-5 PM Saturday 12 December

Message 3: 10 AM-12 PM Lord's Day 13 December

Message 4: 3 PM-5 PM Lord's Day 13 December

In addition to the blending conference, there will be meetings during which brother Ron will fellowship with the responsible brothers between 8 AM and 9:30 AM on both Saturday 12 December and the Lord's Day 13 December.

Visit <https://nztc.ac.nz/blending-conference/> to register

# BEING FAITHFUL IN SERVICE

**The Lord likened Himself to a man going abroad (into the heavens) and delivering to his slaves his possessions—Matt. 25:14:**

*Slaves* signify believers viewed from the aspect of service. *His possessions* signify the church (Eph. 1:18) with all the believers, who constitute God's household (Matt. 24:45).

**To one of his slaves he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one—to each according to his own ability—25:15:**

A talent, the largest unit of weight, was worth 6,000 denarii; the denarius was the chief silver coin of the Romans; it was considered good pay for a day's labor. *Talents* signify spiritual gifts (spiritual skills and abilities). All the members of the Body of Christ are gifted, and all are gifts (Rom. 12:6; Eph. 4:7-8).

The filling of the Spirit in life enables us to use the spiritual gift in service (work), and the spiritual gift in service matches the filling of the Spirit in life, that we may be a perfect member of Christ (cf. John 7:38; 1 Pet. 4:10). *Own ability* signifies our natural ability, which is constituted of God's creation and our learning (cf. Acts 7:22).

Verse 14 says that the man gave his slaves his possessions, but verse 15 says that he gave them talents. This indicates that the talents in verse 15 are the possessions in verse 14. [When the Lord's possessions are in His hand, they remain His possessions. But when they are delivered to us, they become our talents.]...Today the Lord's possessions primarily are the gospel, the truth, the believers, and the church. If you do not care for these things, you will not have any talents.

We should not wait in an indifferent way for the Lord to give us something. No, we must diligently seek the gospel and the truth....We need to experience the truth

concerning the church....Furthermore, we need to pray, "Lord, I want to take care of the saints and bear their burdens. My heart is for them." (Life-study of Matthew, chp. 65 sec.2)

**The five-talented one traded with his talents to gain another five talents, and the two-talented one traded with his talents to gain another two talents—Matt. 25:16-17:**

Trading with talents signifies using the gift the Lord has given us (cf. 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6). Gaining other talents signifies that the gift we received from the Lord has been used to the fullest extent, without any loss or waste (cf. 2 Tim. 4:5b).

**The one-talented one went off, dug in the earth, and hid his master's money—Matt. 25:18:**

The main emphasis in this parable is on the one-talented one, who received the smallest gift; it is very easy for the least gifted ones to mistreat or ignore their gift. The earth signifies the world; thus, *dug in the earth* signifies becoming involved in the world to bury the gift we have received from the Lord.

*Hid his master's money* signifies rendering the Lord's gift useless, letting it lie waste under the cloak of certain earthly excuses; to make any excuse for not using the Lord's gift is to hide the gift.

**When the master returned to settle accounts with his slaves, the five-talented one and the two-talented one both received a reward—vv. 19-23:**

**Matt 25:20-21** And he who had received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; behold, I have gained another five talents. His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

**22-23** And he who had received the two talents also came and said, Master, you delivered to me two talents; behold, I have gained another two talents. His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

The Lord will settle accounts with us at His judgment seat, where our living, conduct, and work will be judged for reward or punishment (1 Cor. 4:5; Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12; 1 Cor. 3:13-15). Although the gift given to the two-talented one is smaller than that given to the five-talented one, the Lord's appraisal and reward to both are the

same— "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matt. 25:21, 23). *A few things* signifies the Lord's work in this age (cf. Mark 14:8; Rev. 3:8). To be set over many things signifies the ruling authority and the responsibilities in the coming kingdom (Rev. 2:26; Luke 19:17-19.) *The joy of your master* signifies the enjoyment of the Lord in the coming kingdom (cf. Phil. 3:14).

**The one-talented one was rebuked by his master and was punished—Matt. 25:24-30:**

The one-talented one said that he was afraid and went off and hid his master's talent in the earth, telling his master that he kept his gift: To be afraid is negative; we should be positive and aggressive in using the Lord's gift (cf. 1 Thes. 2:2; Col. 1:29). To go away and hide the Lord's gift is to be too passive; we should be active in the Lord's work (1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10).

From generation to generation, all the difficulties lie with the one-talented ones, and as a result there is the weight of death in the church. The master told the evil and slothful slave, "You should have deposited my money with the money changers; and when I came, I would have recovered what is mine with interest" (Matt. 25:26-27). To deposit the master's money with the money changers, the bankers, signifies the use of the Lord's gift to save people and to minister His riches to them. Interest signifies the profitable result we gain for the Lord's work by using His gift. In the coming kingdom the Lord's gift will be taken away from the slothful believers, and they will be cast into the outer darkness, but the faithful believers' gift will be increased, and they will enter into the uttermost enjoyment of Christ (vv. 28-30).

**"All the problems in the church today issue from the one-talented ones. The Lord has shown us that there is not one whose gift exceeds five talents. For a span of twenty years the church may have only one with five talents, but every day the church can have five persons, each with one talent. Any one of the children of God, even the one in the poorest condition, still has one talent; and when you put five of the one-talented ones together, it equals one who has five talents. If all the one-talented ones in the church today would bring forth their talents, there would be no need of so many great gifts among us. Just by the coming forth of the one-talented ones, let me tell you, the whole world will be conquered"— W. Nee, Further Talks on the Church Life, p. 143.**

# SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE MINISTRY:

## THE LORD COMING BACK TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH US

The Lord's word tells us that He will come back, and He even warns us to get ready to meet Him. He will come back to settle accounts with us (Matt. 25:19). We will have to tell Him what we have been doing and what we have been gaining for Him. This is why I say that Matthew is a heavy book. If you do not feel that Matthew 24 and 25 are heavy, it may be that you are deeply stupefied. A sensitive person will have the deep sensation of how heavy these chapters really are.

George Whitefield, who was more powerful than John Wesley, was once preaching the gospel, telling people about the lake of fire. One of the listeners stood up and ran to embrace a big column in the hall and cried out that he was afraid of falling into the lake of fire. George Whitefield preached the lake of fire in such a prevailing way that his listeners were warned to the uttermost. He did not merely talk about the lake of fire, but he showed that the unbelievers would go there. In this chapter we are talking about the Lord's judgment seat and His settling accounts with you and with me. This is more than serious. I hope that we would all wake up. The Lord is coming, and He will settle accounts with us.

According to the complete revelation of the Bible, the dead sinners have not yet been fully dealt with. Luke 16 tells us that they are still in Hades in a section of torment where all the perished sinners are (vv. 23a, 26, 28, and footnote 261, Recovery Version). Eventually, all the sinners will come out of that section of torment to stand before the great white throne (Rev. 20:11-12). On the white throne, the Lord will be the Judge of the dead (2 Tim. 4:1) to make a final decision for all the sinners to go to the lake of fire. Do not think that any dead sinner's problems are over. In like manner, do not consider that once a believer dies, his problems are over. We will stand at His judgment seat to receive something from Him according to what we have been and what we have been doing since we were saved (2 Cor. 5:10). The Lord will settle accounts with all of us.

## THE WAY TO BE FAITHFUL

The way to be faithful is to scatter the Lord's word, which is food to every hungry one. The Lord's household is composed not only of believers but also of sinners. Who will go to feed the hungry, sinful people? We all have to say, "Me!" We have to go. It is good if we have many full-timers in the gospel, but many of us have to make a living by working in the world. If we all go full time in the gospel, no one could support anyone. We should not put our burden upon the church or upon anyone else to support us. Paul went full time and was supported by the churches, but quite often no church and no saints took care of him. He was forced to make tents (Acts 18:3; 20:34). When he was making tents, he was very busy in writing the Epistles and very busy in caring for the hungry ones. We have to follow his example. He was not a professional preacher. Because he made tents, he had a trade, the same trade as Aquila and Priscilla. This shows us that we need to do a job to sustain our family, to make a living, but this should not be something to occupy us and give us an excuse. We must do everything that we can to spread the Word of God.

Many Christians are nearly void of the truth; they have the Word of God, but they do not care for it, nor do they realize how much is in it. In this age of apostasy the Lord, by His mercy, has opened up His Word to us. Many of the divine riches have been printed and published. The more the riches are put out, the more we should be condemned and burdened. Why do we not go out with these riches? Our edition of the Recovery Version is not as expensive as some other Bibles. It would be wonderful if we could distribute some copies of this version to the Lord's seekers. We all should have the

spirit and the burden to spare some money to get some copies of the Recovery Version into others' hands. This is one of the ways to feed the Lord's people.

Some of us may not be able to afford to purchase extra copies of the Recovery Version, but all of us can distribute the rainbow booklets. We have many thousands of these inexpensive booklets stored away, and we are still publishing them. If we would practice this, this will be a base for us to stand before the Lord when He comes back. None of us will care for money when we are standing before His judgment seat. To save some money and spend it on the Lord's work is to use the mammon of unrighteousness to make friends (Luke 16:9). When you feed others with these spiritual publications, you will surely make friends. The Lord will reward you, and those who get saved and edified will receive you into the eternal tabernacles. Furthermore, we can go to others with our Bible and read Matthew 24 and 25 to them. Many Christians need these chapters to wake them up from their stupor.

My burden is not merely for a particular area of the United States. My burden is for the whole earth. The entire island of Taiwan is ready to be fully evangelized. The church in Taipei recently sent out sixteen gospel teams to surrounding towns, and they baptized nineteen hundred seventy-five people within three weeks. A number of these towns are ready for established churches. Everywhere the saints went, there was absolutely no opposition to Christ. Nearly everyone is open, especially the educated ones. The island of Taiwan is full of highly educated people. All over this earth people are not content to remain in ignorance or blindness. The more knowledge and education that people get, the more they find out that human life is just vanity. They have a desire to know the truth, the reality, the "real philosophy." The real truth, the real philosophy, no doubt is in the Word we have in our hands. We should go out. If we would not go out, who would? It is not adequate to raise up, fund, and establish seminaries to teach seminary students. This is not up to the standard of the Bible.

The Lord has given talents to all His slaves. To one He gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent. Everyone was required to trade, to do business, to make money for the Lord's kingdom. In order to do this, we have to feed His people at the proper time. Every day is a proper time, a meal time. Every office hour is a meal time. There is someone ready to eat everywhere, so we need to be those using the Lord's talent in full. The five-talented slave made a profit of five talents, and the two-talented slave made a profit of two talents. This indicates that they used the Lord's talent in full, without any loss or waste, so they both received the same reward.

Also, by His mercy and through His grace we must do the best not to beat the fellow slaves, the fellow believers. Do not criticize or murmur about them. Do not speak anything negative about them, because you do not have the time to do it. Your mouth was not made for criticizing but for speaking forth Christ. To criticize the brothers is to beat the fellow slaves. This will cause us to be punished. We should also not go into the world to enjoy ourselves with the stupefied, drugged, and worldly people. We have to be the sober ones. We should not dig into the earth to bury or hide our talent. We should have a job to maintain our living, but we should not dig into it. We are different from the worldly people. I encourage all my grandchildren to do their best to get the highest education, but I do not agree that any one of them would "dig into" their education just to become an expert. I also encouraged all the young people in the churches to get the highest education, but do not dig a hole that buries the talent the Lord gave you. We all need to be faithful in the Lord's service.