

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:

30 Nov – Wk 6: Entering into the Intrinsic Significance of the Reality of the Body of Christ- The Highest Peak in God's Economy and the Top Revelation of the Bible

Bible Reading Schedule

Mon	Hebrews 7	Heb. 10:25 Not abandoning our own assembling together, as the custom with some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day drawing near.
Tue	Hebrews 8-9	
Wed	Hebrews 10	
Thu	Hebrews 11	
Fri	Hebrews 12-13	
Sat	James 1-2	
LD	James 3-4	

Ministry Digest Reading Schedule

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Week beginning:

30 Nov – Christ as the Son of Man Cherishing Us and as the Son of God Nourishing Us.

Today's Radio Broadcast

Time of Broadcast: 2:30 pm on Free FM 89.0 MHz
Life-Study of Proverbs 1: An Introductory Word

International Prayer Burden

Mon	USA	Please pray for the Lord's second coming
Tue	Honduras	
Wed	Nicaragua	
Thu	Venezuela	
Fri	Israel	
Sat	Saudi Arabia	
LD	UAE	

Weekly Church Accounts, 14–20 Nov

Total general offerings	\$5,625.64
Average expenses	\$8,000.00
Deficit	\$2,374.36
Total building fund offerings ...	\$280.00
Total loan of the church	\$749,918.54

“ The *central thought of the Bible* is that God desires us to live Christ for the church as the Body of Christ, the one new man.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ● Eph. 2:15-16 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace, And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

Upcoming Events, December

12-13 Dec	Blending Conference with Brother Ron Kangas
18 Dec	Full-time Training Graduation
19-27 Dec	Summer Blending, Queenstown (www.summer.blendingtrip.org)
26 Dec-1 Jan	Church Video Training of the LSM Semi-annual Training
26 Dec-2 Jan	Summer School of Truth (www.summerschool.nz)

Monthly Lord's Day Lunch in the Homes

Our next opportunity to blend with the saints from different districts in the homes is next Lord's Day 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	“ Our inward motive for serving the Lord is our love for Him
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Morning tea	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Practical service	

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 8:00 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

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 4:00 PM) and will conclude after lunch and clean-up on Saturday 2 January (1:30 PM).

Registration and more Information: www.summerschool.nz

Deadline: Monday 14 December 2020

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This issue can be purchased at \$12.00 per copy from the NZTC reception, 33 Beale St or from the Church Office, 22B Gordonton Rd.

Cheques

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

THE DIVINE LIFE DISPENSED INTO THE THREE PARTS OF MAN

I. The divine life:

Rom. 8:2a For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus ...

- A. The Spirit of life.
- B. In Christ Jesus.

II. Dispensed into our spirit:

v.10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

- A. Christ in you.
- B. The spirit being life.

III. Dispensed into our mind:

v.6b ... the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

- A. The mind set on the spirit.
- B. The mind being life.

IV. Dispensed into our body:

v.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.

- A. Through God's indwelling Spirit.
- B. To give life to our mortal body.

V. The dispensing of the Triune God:

vv.9-10 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.

- A. God.
- B. The Spirit of God.
- C. The Spirit of Christ.
- D. Christ.

THE PRAYER of THE AGE

... In these days we need to learn something concerning prevailing prayer. As Christians, we may know something concerning prayer, but in the Scriptures, especially in the New Testament, there is one kind of prayer that is far beyond our human concept. To enter into this kind of prayer, we need a heavenly vision. We need to see something that is far beyond our natural concept.

The first aspect of this heavenly vision is the ascension of Christ.

Nearly all believers know something about the ascension of Christ, but I wish to point out two very important matters concerning its meaning. First, the ascension of Christ indicates that the Lord's redemptive work is fully complete. After the Lord ascended to the heavens, He sat down at the right hand of God (Heb. 1:3; 10:12). Here, to sit down means to rest. When someone sits down, it means that everything that he had to do has been finished and accomplished. When someone has nothing more to do, he sits down to rest. The fact that the Lord is in the heavens sitting down at the right hand of God means that He has done everything that He had to do. ... Second, the ascension of Christ indicates that the lordship of Christ has been established. The lordship of Christ was established by the ascension of Christ. ... We need to realize that today the Lord Christ is not merely the Lord who created the universe. The Lord Christ today is also God who was incarnated to be a man. Today there is a man in the heavens who has been exalted and established to be the Lord of the universe. ... On the day of Pentecost Peter declared, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified" (Acts 2:36). The apostle Paul also tells us that God "subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things" (Eph. 1:22). This is very different from our natural concept. Moreover, Ephesians 1:22 tells us that Christ was given to be Head over all things "to the church." ... All things are under His feet, and everything that He has obtained and attained is being transmitted to the church, which is His Body (v. 23). ...

The second main point is the position of the church as the Body of Christ.

Because the church is the Body of Christ, the position of the church is exactly the same as that of Christ. Wherever the Head is, the Body also must be. Whatever the Head has, the Body also must have. In addition, we need to realize that we are members of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30). Since the Body is identified with the Head, the position of the Body is exactly the same as that of the Head.

The third main point ... concerns the authority of the Body.

... The authority of the Body is the authority of the Head exercised by the Body. Thus, the authority of the Body is the authority of the Head. ... As the church, the Body of Christ, we need to assume the authority of Christ.

After His resurrection the Lord told the disciples that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Him. Then He commanded them to preach the glad tidings to all the nations. ... (Matt. 28:18b-19a). Having received all authority, the Lord commanded us to go with this authority and preach the gospel. ... The Lord also told us clearly that He has given us the authority to overcome the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). The enemy has power, but the Body has authority. Authority is much stronger than power. Christ as the Head has the authority, and as His Body, we automatically have this authority also. This is not a small matter, but unfortunately, we do not realize this fact enough. We do not realize that we have been committed with the holy, heavenly authority. We have this authority, but whether or not we exercise it is up to us.

The fourth main point ... is the prayer of the church as the Body of Christ.

This kind of prayer is not the prayer of individual believers but the prayer of the church as the Body of Christ. ... This is prayer that is based on the fact that we have the position and authority of Christ. ... The lordship and the headship are the most important aspects of what the Lord has obtained.

In these days we need to learn to pray by claiming what the Lord has obtained. We also need to learn how to exercise what the Lord has attained, because the Lord has not only

obtained to the highest extent; He has also attained to the highest height. Suppose, for example, that you become ill. If you have the vision of what the Lord has obtained and attained, when you are in this situation, you will pray, "Lord, You are the transcendent One. You have been exalted to the heaven of heavens. Lord, we are Your Body. We are sitting with You in the heavenlies. All things have been subjected under Your feet, and therefore all things are also under our feet. This little sickness is included in 'all things,' so this little sickness also must be under my feet. I am now transcendent with You." ... Nearly every time we become sick, we go to the Lord and beg, "Lord, heal me. Lord, be merciful to me. Lord, be gracious to me." This is to pray like a beggar. If we have the vision that we are the Body of the Head and that the Head has ascended to the heavens and is now transcendent, we will take the ground and claim what the Lord has attained. We will simply claim, proclaim, and declare to the sickness, "Do not trouble me; you are under my feet!" We can deal with sins, weakness, and worldliness in the same way. ... Whenever the devil hears this kind of prayer, he runs away. ...

Since the Body shares the authority of the Head, the Lord told His disciples that whatever they bound on earth would have been bound in heaven, and whatever they loosed on earth would have been loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19; 18:18). ... Because the Body is one with the Head in the heavens, the Body has the authority to bind or loose what has already been bound or loosed in the heavens. ... (16:18).

To fully enter into this kind of prayer, there are **two additional things that we must realize.** First, we must realize that we are members of the Body, and we must live, act, and move in the Body. Second, in our daily life we must always put on the new man (Eph. 4:24). The new man is composed of the Head with the Body, Christ with the church (2:15-16). On the negative side, we need to put off the old man, and on the positive side, we need to put on the new man. By living in the Body and putting on the new man, we will be able to exercise the authority given to the Body by the Head.

(The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1963, vol. 1, pp. 159-166)