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## **EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN FAITH CHAPTER 15): TOWARDS THE WORLD**

We admit that there are many vices in our society. We cannot deny that our country has many needs. The system is basically unhealthy; there are numerous contradictions in our political framework. Tensions build up constantly on an international scale, and the future is gloomy. Modern youth are especially concerned about these issues. The more they ponder these matters, the more they are confused. What should our attitude be as Christians towards all these problems? In the midst of all these debates and arguments, where should Christians stand?

First, we have to see that God has already prepared the solution to all these problems. He has also set the schedule for the fulfillment of the solution. God is very clear about these problems. You can see from the Bible that no one is as clear as God towards these issues. For this reason you need not fret, worry, or hastily propose your own suggestions.

When Christ came the first time, He saved us individually. He did not deal with the world or its systems. He did not touch any social problems. His first coming was to settle the spiritual issues, not the material ones. But this does not mean that He ignores the latter. Christ will take up these problems; He will deal with each in a thorough way. But our work and responsibility as Christians are only to concentrate on that which God concentrates. We only do what Christ is doing. This is our basic principle.

Hence, the redeemed ones must first of all know God's work and concentrate on His concerns. What concerns God most is the problem of sin. We also must concern ourselves with the same. Since God cares for personal salvation and sanctification, we have no choice but to pay attention to the same. The solution to these problems is the work of God today. It ought to be the work of every one who belongs to Him. Today Christ is dispensing God's life to man. We also have to do the same. This is His work. It is also our work.

## **SAVE THE MEN, NOT THE SHIP**

The world is like a large old ship that is built of different materials. There is wood and metal. But none of them is whole; every piece is corrupted. The rudder is gone and the ship has run aground. There is a big hole, and it may sink at any moment. The time is running out. You have to decide whether you are going to save the ship or save the men on it. If there is enough time, you may be able to save both. But there is not time for both to be saved. Which one would you rescue?

Our Christian attitude is that the ship is useless. It is too old. Even if it is saved, it is nothing but junk. The engine is just a mess of scrap metal. No part can be salvaged. We give up the ship and save only the men. Get the people out and dispose of the container. Besides, our Shipowner is building a bigger ship, a brand new one. That is the one we look forward to. This is our attitude towards the world.

## **Announcement:**

1. 2020 June semi annual training is scheduled 6/29-7/8 and it is open for registration. There is no on-site training at Anaheim, CA, instead, it will be held online by video training. Registration due date is 6/15 and you may contact brothers Minjing or Kyle.
2. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 6/9 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
3. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 15 & 16.
4. 2020 North America College Training is scheduled for 7/9-19 online. We will make a further announcement with greater detail in the next few weeks.
5. 2020 Northeast Young People Summer School of Truth is open for registration now.

Topic: God's Full Salvation (Young People Lesson Book 1)

Dates: Same for both junior high and high schoolers.

Week 1: Monday, 7/27 - Friday, 7/31.

Week 2: Monday, 8/3 - Friday, 8/7. Conference: Saturday, 8/8

## **Meeting Attendance:**

Small Groups (5/29~30): 159

Lord's Table (5/31): 143

Prayer Meeting (6/2): 59

## **Prayer Burdens:**

### **2020 June Semi Annual Training -**

- A. Pray for more saints to register for the training.
- B. Pray for the release of God's timely word.

### **Conferences and Trainings in the Summer -**

College Training, YP Summer School of Truth, Summer Intern

- A. Pray for more saints to sign up and participate
- B. Pray for all the preparation and coordination
- C. Pray that the Lord would prepare each one's heart to receive the fresh and living word.

### **Sixth graders' salvation and baptism**

Praise the Lord for sixth grader Joyce Lin's baptism on 6/6. Pray for her growth in the divine life and her enjoyment of the church life. Please continue to pray for all other 6th graders salvation and baptism.



## Teachers' Training (May 30th)

What is truth? In the Teachers Training we saw that truth is the Triune God Himself conveyed through the Word of the Scriptures into the believers. The reality conveyed comes into us to become our reality. As followers of the Lord we need to be ones who love the truth. We can see in 2 Thessalonians 2, that those who are perishing did not receive a love of the truth. The Lord, whose name is the Word of God, will come to destroy antichrist by the breath of His mouth. Leading up to His return, the followers' relationship with the Word of God is of crucial importance. The Lord needs such a testimony in the final days. In the end times the truth is wrapped up with the testimony of the Lord. We believe this is a very serious matter. Our young people are surrounded in an environment where the truth is held down. We want a generation of young people that have a love of the truth. The church is the pillar and base of the truth (2 Tim 3:15). It is our responsibility to equip our young people with the truth because God's desire is for all men to be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4). When serving the young people we need to help them convert doctrine into experience. When they are equipped with the truth, this enables them to enter into the experience of the truth and help others to be saved. The truth school is like a restaurant in which we prepare the best dishes. If we help our young people to develop a love for the truth, they would not be deceived.

During the last session of the teachers' training, there was a particular fellowship to the parents of the young people. As parents, we were reminded that we have the primary responsibility in the raising up of our children so that they would walk in the truth (2 John 4, 3 John 4). For this, it is necessary for them to see patterns of believers who are walking in the truth. Even as we are preparing for the summer school of truth, we need to have the realization that this aspect of the young people's service is here to assist the parents in their raising up of their children as the next generation. We need to have a concept change - the parents are not joining the young people's service. Rather it is the young people's service that is joining the parents. Ultimately, we realize that we are all co-laboring together, in this stream with our heavenly team, to produce overcomers to end this age.

To prepare for this year's truth school, the parents are encouraged to first of all pray. Then they can sign up to participate in the meetings of the summer school. We feel we should take advantage of this unique situation where the young people can be in the summer school at home with their parents. For example, meal conversations can include the enjoyment from the meetings. At the end of the day, families can have "virtual snack times" and have some fellowship with one another. We hope all the parents would consider before the Lord on how they can seize this opportunity to their favor. May the Lord strengthen the human and spiritual relationship between our young people and their parents.

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## Basking Ridge Children Meeting: Let The Children Meet God (Part 1)

***Matt 19:14 But Jesus said, Allow the little children and do not prevent them from coming to Me, for of such is the kingdom of the heavens.***

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in New Jersey, all schools have been closed since March 16, and public places such as libraries are also closed. In order to continue children's gathering, several sisters have accepted the burden from the Lord. Starting from March 23rd, every Sunday to Thursday at 8 pm, there are daily online children's meetings, normally it's 50 minutes. It has been two months till today. Although two months are not very long, we deeply feel the importance of the children's meeting of the church to the children. Therefore, we are willing to give a testimony and share about the graces experienced in these two months.

Generally, each time the children's meeting there are about 5 to 8 children participating, ranging in age from 5 to 9 years old. Most of the children come from families whose parents were saved. But recently, two children of a gospel friend began to participate regularly, hoping that their family would gradually enjoy the church life. Although a family recently moved to other state, they still participated in each online gathering.

Each gathering will begin with singing hymns, each child will take turn to sing his/her hymn, and each child has accumulated more than 40 songs. Before May 6, children watched TheBibleTellsMeSo.com videos and share their thoughts after watching. Every time they gather, there will be memorized verses and prayers. Starting from May 6, we started to design the content of each children's gathering. Every Monday and Thursday we will play games with the children. Every Tuesday is a Bible story. Every Wednesday is sometimes handcrafting and sometimes a Bible-themed video program. Each gathering will have a topic and related verses, and the teacher will explain to the children and communicate the burden of this topic.

We deeply feel that every gathering must have a solid burden and spiritual supply, not just to let the children get together. We also feel that children's gatherings should not be restricted to our concepts. Children's interest and ability to understand Bible exceeds our expectations. (To be continued)