

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Aug. 27, 2023

The church in Phoenix

## Meeting Schedule

### Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

### Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

### Thursday

7:00 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

*Knowing, Experiencing, and  
Living the All-Inclusive Christ  
for the Genuine Church Life –  
Week 4*

### Riches from the Ministry

*Life and Building as Portrayed  
in the Song of Songs –  
Chapters 1&2*

## Announcements

### ❖ 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- Dates: November 23 through November 26
- Place: Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201
- Special Group Rate: \$119.00 USD/per night plus tax for single, double, triple, and quadruple occupancy rooms and \$129.00 USD/per night plus tax for deluxe single, double, triple, and quadruple occupancy rooms.
- Reservation: please call 1-800-228-9290 and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate.
- To make online reservations at the special group rate, please go to:  
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50571223>
- Reservations must be made on or before 5:00 PM local time (CST) on Friday, November 10, 2023, in order to get this reduced rate.

### ❖ SCYP Fall Conference

- Junior High Conference:  
October 13-15, 2023  
Registration due date: October 1, 2023  
Cost: \$80
- High School Conference:  
October 27-29, 2023  
Registration due date: October 15, 2023  
Cost: \$80

### ❖ Offerings

- Please send your offerings through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org)

## Riches from the Ministry

[W]hat is life? Life is God Himself. Life is Jesus! In John 11:25 and 14:6 Jesus said, "I am...the life." Colossians 3:4 speaks of "Christ our life." Life is a wonderful person! Simply to say that life is a person is quite easy, but it takes time for us to get into the experience. The very life that we received when we believed in the Lord Jesus is a person!...With a person there is a personality with a will, desires, intentions, and emotions...[T]he life that we have received of the Lord Jesus is not a mere life; it is a person! It is a person with a divine and a human personality. This person has a will, an intention, and a desire. This is the life that we have received of the Lord.

Life is a person, and there is no other way to apply and enjoy this person but by love. We need to love Him. Some of the saints in past centuries used to pray, "Lord, show me Your love that I may love You." We need to pray the same prayer. Once we see the love of Jesus, we will be so constrained, so captured, and so attracted. We will spontaneously love Him. Then by loving Him, we will enjoy Him. This is life, and since this life is a person, there is no other way for us to experience Him but by love. Only by loving Jesus can we enjoy Him.

Since Jesus as our life is a person, we must contact Him. Do not tell others that you have known Jesus for twenty years. That means very little. You may have known Jesus for over twenty years and yet today miss His presence. Perhaps I came to know Him just five minutes ago, but I am in His presence. Thus, I get Him, and you miss Him. We must forget about our knowledge and past experiences. We even need to forget all that we know about Jesus. It means little. We need the present presence of Jesus. We need His presence at this very moment and day by day. We need the present person all the time, no matter how much we have known Him and experienced Him in the past. We need a new contact with Christ all day, moment by moment. He is a living person within us, so we must contact Him. We must tell Him, "Lord Jesus, I love You! O Lord Jesus, I love You! I hate and repudiate myself. I put myself aside so that I may take You as my life, moment by moment and day by day."

We may have many teachings with all the gifts and power, and yet we would not take the personality of Christ. The Lord Jesus does not need someone who has teachings, gifts, and power. He needs someone like Peter to love Him, someone to tell Him, "O Lord Jesus, I love You! I follow You. I take You as my person. I take Your personality as my personality. I take Your will as my will. I take Your desire as my desire. I do not care for teachings, gifts, and power. I just care for You. I love You, and I follow You, taking You as my person."

Brother John Nelson Darby lived to be over eighty-four years of age. One day when he was quite old, he was traveling and stayed overnight in a hotel. Before going to sleep, he said to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, I still love You." ...By that time he was quite old, yet he could still speak such a word to the Lord. It was many years ago when I read this. I immediately told the Lord, "Lord, keep me loving You all the time. I just ask You to do this one thing."

Give yourself to love the Lord. No other way is so prevailing, and no other way is so safe, so rich, and so full of enjoyment. Just love Him. Do not care for anything else. Teachings, doctrines, gifts, and power do not mean much. We must continually tell the Lord, "Lord, keep me in Your love! Attract me with Yourself! Keep me all the time in Your loving presence!" If we will pray in this way, we will see what love we will have toward the Lord and what kind of life we will live. We will simply live by the Lord Himself. As long as we love Him from the deepest part of our being, everything will be all right. If we need wisdom, He will be the wisdom to us. If we need power, He will be the power. If we need the proper and adequate knowledge, He will even be that to us. Whatever we need, He is.

In Revelation 2 the degradation of the church began with the loss of the first love toward the Lord Jesus. The church in Ephesus had many good works and was even strong in faith, but the Lord rebuked her by saying, "I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love" (v. 4). They had lost the fresh and best love toward the Lord. This started the degradation of the churches. When we lose our love for the Lord, we start to backslide. We must go to the Lord and make a deal with Him: "Lord, be merciful to me! I do not need anything or anyone else but Your loving self. Simply show me Yourself! Draw me that we may run after You. O Lord, show me Your love that I might be constrained by Your love! I do not want to do anything for You, Lord. I just want to love You. I just want to take You as my person. I want Your personality as my personality, Your will as my will, Your desires as my desires. I want Your everything as my everything."

(Lee, *Life and Building as Portrayed in the Song of Songs*, Chapters 1&2).