

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Sept. 03, 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 5

Riches from the Ministry

The Importance of Living Christ by Walking According to the Spirit – Chapter 2

Announcements

❖ Blending Lord's Day Meeting

- Date: September 10, 2023
- Place: 1619 S Hardy Tempe, AZ 85281

❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Date: September 16, 2023
- Time & Place: 8:30 am; CIP Meeting Hall

❖ 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 Friday, November 10, 2023, 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

❖ Mountain States College Conference

- Date: Sept 29 – Oct 1, 2023
- Location: Glorieta Adventure Camp, New Mexico
- Registration: \$120 due on Friday, 9/22, locally
- Please direct any questions to Derrick, Kenneth, Shaun, or Hermon
- Registration form:
<https://tinyurl.com/2023FallCollegeConf>

❖ Offerings

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

Riches from the Ministry

In the past few years we have seen the matter of living Christ (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20). Recently, based on Romans 8:4, we have seen the matter of walking according to the spirit, which is the practical way to live Christ. We are often distracted from walking according to the spirit. We may be distracted even by apparently positive things, such as preaching the gospel. We need to pay our full attention to walking according to the spirit in order to live Christ.

The Lord has revealed much to us today, but we need to be those who earnestly desire to walk according to the spirit...We all need to consider our own situation. If we are honest, we will humble ourselves before the Lord and repent to Him for our lack of walking according to the spirit in our daily life.

When we face serious problems, we often pray desperately to seek the Lord's leading...However, walking according to the spirit is different from praying in difficult situations or before spiritual activities. To walk according to the spirit is to do everything in our daily life according to the spirit. We need to walk according to the spirit moment by moment not only in big things but also in small things, such as writing a letter or talking with our family at the dinner table. If we cannot do or say something according to the spirit, we should not do or say it. We must admit that we are short of such a living. To pray only during the meetings or when we face a great problem is not to walk according to the spirit. Our walking according to the spirit in our daily living should be like our breathing. If we do not live Christ or walk according to the spirit, our spiritual activities may be a performance. We should not act one way in the meetings and another way in our daily life.

When we are not walking according to the spirit in our daily life, we are walking according to the flesh. According to Romans 8:4-9, anything that is not according to the spirit is according to the flesh. There are only two sources and two conditions of our living — the spirit and the flesh. Outward behavior, such as whether we are loving or hating others or praising or criticizing others, does not determine whether we are living according to the spirit or the flesh. Even our love is according to the flesh if it is not according to the spirit. We may rarely speak negatively, but even our positive speech that is not according to the spirit is still according to the flesh.

Perhaps it is difficult to know the spirit, but it is easy to know what is not the spirit. For instance, we know when our speaking is not according to the spirit, even when it is positive. In order to be able to live according to the spirit, it is sufficient for us to know when our speech and actions are not according to the spirit. However, we do not practice such a life. During the meetings we may conduct ourselves according to the spirit, but after the meetings we often feel free to speak and do things according to the flesh. It is not sufficient merely to live morally or ethically or even to decide what to do based on the Spirit's leading, for we may be led by the Spirit to do something but then do it according to the flesh. We need to do everything according to the spirit, thinking, speaking, and acting moment by moment according to the spirit.

Our primary concern should not be how to do things such as preaching the gospel and shepherding the new believers. Instead, we need to see that God wants a people who live Christ by walking according to the spirit. If we practice to continually walk according to the spirit throughout the day, everything else will spontaneously issue forth from such a living. The real impact of the Lord's recovery comes from our living. Our gospel preaching and shepherding should not be activities but should be the issue of a daily life of walking according to the spirit.

We do not need to worry about the result or practical issue of a daily life of walking according to the spirit, because genuine life spontaneously bears fruit. Life means everything. Genesis 1:27-28 says, "God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." Man filled the earth not by doing but simply by living. The way for man to fulfill God's purpose is through a proper living. However, because God's enemy Satan knows this, he uses many things to distract the Lord's people from a proper living. Therefore, we need to come back to a daily life of living Christ and walking according to the spirit.

When we walk according to the spirit daily and moment by moment, the Triune God as the Spirit will have the opportunity to make His home in our entire being. This is our greatest need. We need a living to match the vision we have seen.

(Lee, *The Importance of Living Christ by Walking According to the Spirit*, Chapter 2).