

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 12, 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 meetings at Districts 1 & 2

7:30 pm – Chinese-speaking prayer meeting at District 2

7:00 pm - Spanish-speaking prayer meeting in the homes

Friday

6:30 pm – English-speaking College Meetings

7:00 pm – Chinese-speaking Student Meetings

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

The Divine Dispensing of The Divine Trinity for The Divine Economy – Week 1

Ministry Publication Reading

The Genuine Ground of Oneness, Chapter 1

Scripture Reading:

Eph. 1:10

Announcements

❖ Annual Business Meeting of the Church in Phoenix

- Date: March 19
- Place: Hall 1 @ 17803 N 27th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85281

❖ 2023 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference

- The website for streaming the conference messages on February 18-19 is **conf.lsmwebcast.com**.
- This site will be accessible to all the saints to view the messages and download the conference outlines. The site will interactively guide each saint to the correct language.
- Messages will be streamed promptly in Phoenix time zone according to the schedule listed below.
Message 1: 10:00 AM Saturday, February 18, 2023
Message 2: 4:00 PM Saturday, February 18, 2023
Message 3: 7:30 PM Saturday, February 18, 2023
Lord's Table Meeting: 9:30 AM
Message 4: 10:00 AM Lord's Day, February 19, 2023
Message 5: 4:00 PM Lord's Day, February 19, 2023

❖ 2023 Blending Conference in Phoenix

- Dates: Friday, Feb. 24 through Lord's Day, Feb. 26.
- In-Person meeting at the church in Phoenix meeting hall at 17803 N. 27th Ave.
- Form to sign up to provide hospitality: tinyurl.com/2023MTNBCHospitality
- Planned meeting schedule:
Message 1: Friday evening: 7:30 – 9:30 PM
Message 2: Saturday morning: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Message 3: Saturday evening: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Lord's Table: Lord's Day morning: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Message 4: Lord's Day morning: 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

❖ Holy Word for Morning Revival - The Divine Dispensing of The Divine Trinity for The Divine Economy

- Available for sale at the Church bookroom
- Cost: \$7.00

❖ 2022 Contribution Letter

- Saints who need a 2022 Contribution Letter from The Church in Phoenix can request it from Won Huang via email at: wzhcpa@outlook.com.

The ground of the church is the oneness of the church. When we have oneness, we have the ground. But if we lose the genuine oneness, we also lose the ground. Hence, to speak of the ground of the church, it is necessary for us to see the oneness of the church. This oneness is a great truth in the Scriptures.

The Bible reveals four great acts, or activities, of God: creation, selection, the new creation, and the New Jerusalem. In each of these four acts we see the matter of oneness. The first three actions — the creation, the selection of the nation of Israel, and the formation of the church as the new creation — have already taken place. The coming of the New Jerusalem, God's new city, of course, will take place in the future. After the age of the millennium, this new city will be manifested in full.

God's creation was uniquely one. He did not create more than one universe. Furthermore, in this unique universe, man is the focal point of God's creation. The Bible clearly reveals that God created just one man.

Genesis 1:26 says, "God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion." According to this verse, God first said, "Let Us make man." Then He went on to say, "Let them have dominion." In referring to the man created in His image, God used a plural pronoun. This indicates that the one man created by God was a corporate man. God's intention is not to have many men; it is to have one corporate man. This is for the keeping of the oneness.

This principle applies to the church today...[I]n referring to the church, we may speak either of the church in singular number or of us, the believers in Christ, in plural number. This means that the church is a corporate entity and that we are the church.

However, due to the repeated falls of man, the corporate man created by God became fallen. Step by step the man created for God's purpose fell lower and lower until, with the lowest stage of his fall at Babel, he was divided into nations. The one man was of God, but the many nations had their source in the devil. The nations were devilish because they were divisions of the corporate man created by God for the fulfillment of His purpose. When this corporate man became the nations, it was no longer possible for him to carry out God's purpose. At that point, God was forced to give up fallen mankind. Therefore, for the sake of His eternal purpose, God came in to call out one man, Abraham, to be the father of the called race. He selected one person from among fallen mankind to be the father of the called race. Just as God had created one man, so He called only one man...it would have been against God's nature to call more than one person. God's nature is oneness. Hence, both in creation and in selection He was true to His nature. When Paul speaks of the oneness of the church in Ephesians 4, he speaks of one Spirit, one Lord, and one God. Because God is uniquely one, He is bound by His nature to create one man and also to call one man. To act otherwise would be contrary to His nature.

When the descendants of Abraham were about to enter into the good land, God charged them not to worship at the place of their choice (Deut. 12:8). Rather, they were required to go to the place of God's choice, to the place He had chosen to put His name for His habitation (v. 5). No matter how many Israelites there might have been, they were required to come to this unique place three times a year. According to the natural concept, such a requirement is not reasonable. Nevertheless, God required this of His people in order to keep the oneness...[D]ue to the degradation of the nation of Israel, the oneness of God's chosen people was also destroyed. Some were carried off to Assyria, others to Egypt, and still more to Babylon. Such a division of God's people was a frustration to the fulfillment of His purpose.

In producing the church as the new creation, God also acted according to His nature of oneness. How many churches were produced on the day of Pentecost? The answer, as we all know, is that at Pentecost just one church came into existence.

Once again we see that God's way is the way of oneness. For this reason, only one church was produced on the day of Pentecost, the day that marked the beginning of the church life. This indicates that the beginning of the church was in the unique oneness that is according to the nature of God.

As the new man, the church is a corporate man, just as Adam was a corporate man. Furthermore, as the corporate man of God's creation was divided into nations, so the corporate man of God's new creation has been divided into denominations. This is the work of Satan. The nations damaged the one man of God's creation, and the denominations have damaged the corporate man of God's new creation.

Ultimately, God's purpose will be fulfilled through the new city, New Jerusalem... God's principle in His creation was to create one man and place him in front of a unique tree. This principle applies also to the New Jerusalem. In this unique city we see one throne, one street, one river, and one tree of life on either side of the river.

According to Ephesians 1:10, Christ, who is the center of God's economy, will ultimately head up all things through the church. Ephesians 1:10 will be fulfilled at the time of the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth. The city of New Jerusalem will be used by God to head up all things in oneness. This means that for eternity there will be no division, only oneness.

In each of the four great acts of God, therefore, we see the principle of oneness. This should cause us to realize that the church today must be in oneness and must be built on the ground of oneness. Oneness is the very ground of the church. May the Lord grant us more light concerning this precious oneness. (*Lee, The Genuine Ground of Oneness, Chapter One*)