

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Apr. 16, 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

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

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

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther – Week 4

Ministry Publication Reading

The Genuine Ground of Oneness, Chapter 10

Scripture Reading:

Rev. 1:4-5a; 22:17a

Announcements

❖ 2023 July Semiannual Training

- Place: Ministry Conference Center; LSM Campus
- Registration Donation (including outline): Live - \$205 per trainee; Video - \$130 per trainee
- Registration Due Date for Both Live and Video: April 30, 2023
- Live Training Dates: Monday, July 3; 4:00 pm – Saturday, July 8; 9:30 pm
- Video Training Dates: Wednesday, July 5; 7:00 pm – Lord's Day, July 16; 4:00 pm
- Registration Fee can be sent through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: register@churchinphoenix.org. Please indicate on the memo line "2023 July Training".
- Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/cipregisterjuly23>

❖ 2023 International Memorial Day Conference

- Dates: Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29
- Place: Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, 540 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611
- Rooms sold out at the LSM discounted rate.
- LSM has made arrangements with two nearby hotels, for the same discounted room rate, for any who would like to attend the conference.
 1. W Chicago-Lakeshore Hotel: Please use the following link to reserve rooms at this hotel: [W Chicago Lakeshore Room Reservations](#)
 2. The Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago Hotel: Please use the following link to reserve rooms at this hotel: [Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago Room Reservations](#)
 3. The cutoff date to make reservations at the discounted rate for these two nearby hotels is May 1, 2023.

❖ 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

The church is not only universally one but also expressed locally in many cities. In the whole universe there is only one Christ, one Spirit, and one church. There are the seven churches because of the need for an expression. For existence, one is sufficient, but for expression, many are needed. If we would know the church, we must know its substance, existence, and expression. Substantially, the church, and even all the churches, are one. In expression, the many churches are the many lampstands. What is the church? The church is the expression of the Triune God, and this expression is seen in many localities on earth. The church is signified not by just one lampstand but by seven lampstands. In Revelation 1 there are seven lampstands with forty-nine lamps shining in the universe. This is the testimony of Jesus.

The church is the testimony of Jesus. This means that the church is the expression of the Triune God substantially and expressively. Substantially, it is of one substance in the whole universe; expressively, it is many lampstands with the lamps shining in the darkness to express the Triune God. The Father as the substance is embodied in the Son, the Son as the embodiment is expressed through the Spirit, the Spirit is fully realized and reproduced as the churches, and the churches are the testimony of Jesus. If we see this vision, it will govern us, and we will never be divisive.

We have seen that the lampstand is the divine gold embodied in a substantial form to fulfill God's purpose in His move. The expression of the stand is in the shining of the light. As the expression shines, the shining fulfills God's eternal purpose. Thus, the lampstand signifies not only the Triune God but also the move of the Triune God in His embodiment and expression. We have also seen that the local churches are the reproduction of the embodiment and expression of the Triune God. We should not be satisfied with saying that the local churches are the lampstands shining in the dark night. Although this is correct, it is rather shallow. We must see that the local churches are the reproduction of the embodiment and expression of the Triune God.

We have pointed out that when God's people in the Old Testament lost the ground of oneness, they spontaneously lost so many spiritual and holy things. However, when they returned to Jerusalem, to the ground of oneness, all these holy and spiritual things spontaneously returned. The principle is the same in the Lord's recovery today. Today our God, the Triune God, is the Father embodied in the Son and the Son realized as the all-inclusive Spirit. Today this Spirit is speaking to the churches. Hence, in order to hear the Spirit's speaking, we must be in one of the churches. Eventually, the Spirit and the bride, constituted of all the churches with all the saints, will be one and will speak with one voice. Today we are listening to the speaking of the Spirit. But the day is coming when together the Spirit and the bride will say, "Come!" Praise the Lord for this vision! With such a clear vision in front of us, we know where we must be today — in the local oneness, that is, in the local church on the ground of oneness.

If we are not in the local oneness, we are not in the church in a genuine and practical way. Furthermore, we cannot have the full experience of the processed, all-inclusive Triune God...So many spiritual things are lacking because the ground of oneness has been damaged and even lost. Only on this ground can we have the full experience of the processed Triune God. Remember, the dispensation of the Triune God, according to Revelation 1:4 and 5, is to local churches.

...Jerusalem was the unique place, the unique center, chosen by God to maintain the oneness of His people. Eventually, God's people were carried away into captivity, some to Egypt, others to Assyria, and still others to Babylon. Originally, God's people were one, with a unique center of worship on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. But they became scattered into at least three major divisions. After the seventy years of captivity in Babylon had expired, God commanded the people to return to Jerusalem. A remnant of the people did return. By returning to Jerusalem, they spontaneously formed a fourth group among God's people. Before the return from captivity, there were just three groups — those in Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon. Although these three groups were divisions, the fourth group, constituted of those who had returned to Jerusalem, was not a division. Yes, the fourth group was a distinct group, but it was a recovery, not a division.

For God's people to remain in Egypt, Assyria, or Babylon was to remain in division. Those who returned to Jerusalem did not cause further division. On the contrary, they shared in the recovery of the genuine oneness. Among the four groups, only they could be regarded as the nation of Israel. Although the ones who remained in Babylon may have vastly outnumbered those who returned to Jerusalem, those who returned could be regarded as the nation of Israel, whereas those who remained could not.

Praise the Lord for all the spiritual and heavenly things that have become our experience on this ground! Here in the local, unique oneness we have the Lord's presence, the altar, the house, and the feasts. Nothing can compare with the enjoyment of the spiritual riches on the proper ground. How happy I am to be with you all in the local oneness! Unless the Lord leads us to make a genuine migration to another locality, we should simply remain in our local church, not moving to suit our taste or preference. Let us simply stay in the church where the Lord has placed us. We praise the Lord for the vision concerning the destruction of the high places and the recovery of the local oneness. Hallelujah for the revelation of the local oneness and its recovery! It is our privilege to have a share in this recovery today. (Lee, *The Genuine Ground of Oneness, Chapter Ten*)