

Autumn 2023

GRADUATION MEETING

Full-time Training in London

MAKING OURSELVES READY
BY KNOWING THE LORD, OPENING TO HIM,
AND LOVING HIM AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER
FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE
TO BRING THE LORD BACK

*Because out from Him and through Him
and to Him are all things.*

To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

09 December 2023

PROGRAMME



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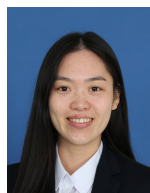
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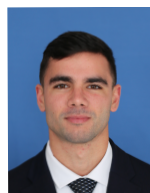
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Whom having not seen, you love;
into whom though not seeing Him at
present, yet believing, you exult with
joy that is unspeakable and full of
glory.

1 Peter 1:8

Carlos Barben

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, / Look
full in His wonderful face, / And the
things of earth will grow strangely
dim, / In the light of His glory and
grace.

Hymns, #645

Suting He

One thing I have asked...that do I
seek: to dwell in the house of Jehovah
all the days of my life.

Psalms 27:4

We will be like Him...even as He is.

1 John 3:2

Ezra Ihaia

It is good for me that I have been
afflicted, / That I might learn Your
statutes.

Psalms 119:71

Leo Liu

Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the
grain of wheat falls into the ground
and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

Andrew Stephen

Who desires all men to be saved and
to come to the full knowledge of the
truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

Roxie Wu

According to my earnest expectation
and hope that in nothing I will be
put to shame, but with all boldness,
as always, even now Christ will be
magnified in my body, whether
through life or through death. For to
me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:20-21

Krystal Zhizhen Xiao

In nothing be anxious, but in
everything, by prayer and petition
with thanksgiving, let your requests
be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Ezequiel Hasday Zambrana

Faithful is He who calls you, who also
will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

FROM THE MINISTRY

If the return of the Lord should be delayed, it will be necessary to raise up a number of young people to continue the testimony and the work for the following generations...My thought is not to establish a seminary or a Bible institute, but to have young people staying together to live the Body life and practice the spiritual life. In such a place they would receive training for the purpose of edification, by learning to read the Scripture, to pray, and to build up a good character. On the negative side, there would be training for the purpose of learning how to deal with sin, the world, the flesh, and the natural life. At a suitable time, the young people would return to their respective churches in various places to be tempered together with other saints to serve the Lord in the church.

Watchman Nee

This is my burden. I must finish my responsibility before the Lord to make the Lord's revelation in the holy Word as clear as I can to all of us. I must continue to present what the Lord has shown us from the beginning of the Lord's recovery in mainland China through Brother Nee until the present time.

I am also burdened to train some young saints, not with the expectation that they all will become lifelong full-timers to serve the Lord. But we do have an expectation that many of the young college graduates among us will spend either one or two years of time to learn something of the Lord, that is, to learn the Word and to learn the lessons in life. After such a training they may decide to go back to continue their schooling, or they may go back to get a job. Of course, by having such a training some will be tested out and approved to be lifelong full-time servants of the Lord.

Witness Lee

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING

1. To build up the trainees in Christ in the growth of His life unto maturity—Eph. 4:15; Col. 1:28.
2. To equip the trainees in the realisation of the divine truths according to the Scriptures by the revelation of the Holy Spirit—2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:18.
3. To raise up the trainees in the cultivation of their spiritual capacity in the preaching of the gospel, the nourishing of the young believers, the perfecting of the saints, and the prophesying of the word of God for the building up of the local churches, consummating in the building up of the Body of Christ—Matt. 28:19; 1 Thes. 2:7; Eph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 14:1.

THE GOAL OF THE TRAINING

1. To reach the highest peak of the divine revelation—God becoming a man that man may become God in life and in nature, but not in the Godhead—Eph. 3:3-11; John 1:1, 14; Heb. 2:14; John 1:12-13; Eph. 1:4; Rom. 8:29-30; 2 Pet. 1:4; Matt. 4:10; cf. Acts 14:12, 15.
2. To reach the high peak of today's Zion (the overcomers) in today's Jerusalem (the church)—Rev. 14:1.
3. To reach the reality of the Body of Christ by living a life conformed to Christ's death in the power of His resurrection—Phil. 3:10.

HYMN 1

- 1 What miracle! What mystery!
That God and man should blended be!
God became man to make man God,
Untraceable economy!
From His good pleasure, heart's desire,
His highest goal attained will be.
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His highest goal attained will be.
- 2 Flesh He became, the first God-man,
His pleasure that I God may be:
In life and nature I'm God's kind,
Though Godhead's His exclusively.
His attributes my virtues are;
His glorious image shines through me.
His attributes my virtues are;
His glorious image shines through me.
- 3 No longer I alone that live,
But God together lives with me.
Built with the saints in the Triune God,
His universal house we'll be,
And His organic Body we
For His expression corp'rately.
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For His expression corp'rately.
- 4 Jerusalem, the ultimate,
Of visions the totality;
The Triune God, tripartite man—
A loving pair eternally—
As man yet God they coinhere,
A mutual dwelling place to be;
God's glory in humanity
Shines forth in splendor radiantly!

(What Miracle! What Mystery!)

HYMN 2

- 1 Unto him that hath Thou givest
Ever more abundantly;
Lord, I live because Thou livest,
Therefore give more life to me,
Therefore speed me in the race,
Therefore let me grow in grace.
- 2 Deepen all Thy work, O Master,
Strengthen every downward root;
Only do Thou ripen faster,
More and more Thy pleasant fruit;
Purge me, prune me, self abase;
Only let me grow in grace.
- 3 Let me grow by sun and shower,
Every moment water me;
Make me really, hour by hour,
More and more conformed to Thee,
That Thy loving eye may trace
Day by day my growth in grace.
- 4 From Thy fulness grace outpouring
Show me ever greater things;
Raise me higher, sunward soaring,
Mounting as on eagle-wings.
By the brightness of Thy face,
Ever let me grow in grace.
- 5 Let me, then, be always growing,
Never, never standing still,
Listening, learning, better knowing
Thee and Thy most blessed will.
Till I win the glorious race,
Daily let me grow in grace.

(Hymns, 394)

HYMN 3

- 1 The day approaches; Jesus soon is coming.
Redeem the time; it must not slip away.
Lord, make us ready for the cry: "Behold Him!"
By using every moment of each day.

When Jesus comes, will we go in to meet Him?
When Jesus comes, will we from self have ceased?
He's coming soon to take the wise ones with Him.
Oh, let us not be left outside the feast.
- 2 Lord, help us to redeem these golden moments;
Our vessels fill with ointment from above;
Help us amen each trial and tribulation;
Increase in us; make us abound in love.

He's coming soon—these moments are so precious.
The oil is here—Oh, let us buy the more.
Amen the trials and welcome tribulations—
The kingdom's ours through these afflictions sore.
- 3 Lord, ever turn us from our soulish pleasures
To gaze upon Thy tender, loving face.
Oh, keep us running forth to meet the Bridegroom
And patiently attending to the race.

When Jesus comes, will we be in His presence?
When Jesus comes, will we His face behold?
Oh, let us not return to sloth and folly,
But jealously His loving presence hold.
- 4 As His dear Bride, let us go forth to meet Him,
Our lamps well-trimmed, our fires burning bright,
Our vessels filled, our eyes set on His glory,
To be with Him completely satisfied.

Yes, satisfied—Christ and His Bride together.
Yes, satisfied—throughout eternity.
Oh, what a rest, what joy, what love, what favor
To be His Bride when He comes to His feast!

(Hymns, #1307)

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Rev. 19:7

Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has
made herself ready.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, 195,

Stanza 1 and Chorus

There is a great mystery,
A wonderful story;
For ages 'twas hidden,
Now shown in His wisdom;
'Tis a divine romance
Of God and man in time;
Beyond understanding,
Yet seen in God's speaking.,

God fell in love with man;
For only God's love can
Make man just the same as He
In life and in nature.
We are His expression,
His bride, His enlargement;
Forever, together,
As living, inseparable as one couple
Eternally.

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Hymns, 538, Stanzas 3 & 4

- 3 It is God's intent and pleasure
 That His Christ be formed in me;
Not the outward forms to follow,
 But Christ growing inwardly.,

 It is God's intent and pleasure
 That His Christ be wrought in me;
Nothing outwardly performing,
 But His Christ my all to be.
- 4 It is God's intent and pleasure
 That His Christ make home in me;
Not just outwardly to serve Him,
 But Christ dwelling inwardly.

Hymns, 841, Stanza 5

I would give myself, Lord,
 Fully unto Thee,
That Thy heart's desire
 Be fulfilled in me.
I no more would struggle
 To myself reform,
Thus in me to hinder
 What Thou wouldst perform.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, 181, Stanza 1

And now I'm walking by the Spirit
Step by step, day by day,
O Lord, I love You.
You're the precious One to me.
As I do this and that
Lord, remind me where You're at;
You're in my spirit,
Dispensing grace to me.

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Mark 12:30

And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, 104, Stanza 1

Give yourself to love the Lord.

No other way is so prevailing

And no other way, no other way is so safe.

Give yourself to love the Lord.

No other way is so rich,

And so full, oh so full, of enjoyment.

Each morning we must rise up and say to Him,
“Lord Jesus, I love You.”

Hymns, 284, Stanza 1

Loved with everlasting love,

Led by grace that love to know;

Spirit, breathing from above,

Thou hast taught me it is so.

Oh, this full and perfect peace!

Oh, this transport all divine!

In a love which cannot cease,

I am His, and He is mine.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Holding the Bible as the complete and only divine revelation, we strongly believe that God is eternally one and also eternally the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, the three being distinct but not separate.

We hold that Christ is both the complete God and the perfect man. Without abandoning His divinity, He was conceived in the womb of a human virgin, lived a genuine human life on earth, and died a vicarious and all-inclusive death on the cross. After three days He resurrected bodily and has ascended to the heavens. He is now in glory, fully God but still fully man. We look to His imminent return with the kingdom of God, by which He will reign over the earth in the millennium and in eternity.

We confess that the third of the Trinity, the Spirit, is equally God. All that the Father has and is, is expressed by the Son; and all that the Son has and is, is realized as the Spirit.

We further believe that mankind is in need of God's salvation. Though we were absolutely unable to fulfill the heavy demands of God's righteousness, holiness, and glory, Christ fulfilled all the requirements through His death on the cross. Because of Christ's death, God has forgiven us of our sins, justified us by making Christ our righteousness, and reconciled us to Himself.

Based on Christ's redemption, God regenerates the redeemed with His Spirit to consummate His salvation, that they may become His children. Now possessing God's life and nature, the believers enjoy a daily salvation in His Body in this age and the eternal salvation in the coming age and in eternity. In eternity we will dwell with God in the New Jerusalem, the consummation of God's salvation of His elect.