

Spring 2023

GRADUATION MEETING

Full-time Training in London

BEING OPEN VESSELS, LOVING THE LORD,
AND LIVING ORDINARY DAYS IN THE DIVINE
DISPENSING TO BECOME OVERCOMERS FOR THE
BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

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

To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

10 June 2023

PROGRAMME



Hymn 1

Opening Prayers

Welcoming Word

Hymn 2 and Testimonies from Under-term Trainees

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A Departing Word to Graduates from Brother Witness Lee

Concluding Word

Presentation of Certificates

Closing Prayers

Announcements

Vitaliya Dovgalyuk

It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we
are not consumed, / For His compas-
sions do not fail; / They are new every
morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23a

Flavie Feng

Let us rise up early for the vineyards; /
Let us see if the vine had budded; if the
blossom is open...

Song of Songs 7:12a

Denis Haño

Set me as a seal on your heart, / As a seal
on your arm; / For love is as strong as
death, / Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol; / Its
flashes are the flashes of fire, / A flame
of Jehovah.

Song of Songs 8:6

Stephanie Huynh

...God is love...

1 John 4:16

That Christ may make His home in
your hearts through faith, that you,
being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:17

Peter Kröger

He awakens me morning by morn-
ing; / He awakens my ear / To hear
as an instructed one.

Isaiah 50:4b

Johanna Esther Oranje

I'd rather walk in the dark with God /
Than go alone in the light; / I'd rather
walk by faith with Him / Than go alone
by sight.

Hymns, #711, stanza 4

Angelina Penner

I stand upon His merit; I know no
other stand. I'm hidden in His pres-
ence And held by His own hand

Hymns, #206, stanza 2

Raquel Díaz Santamaría

Jehovah lift up His countenance upon
you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:26

Anki Schuler

But whenever their heart turns to the
Lord, the veil is taken away. And the Lord
is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:16-17

Piper Wong

No other source do I know, / Daily this
water I draw, / Life and peace! This flow
has all! / Oh! The flowing Triune God!

"Blue song book", #330

Jubilee Xingfang Xie

For it is God who operates in you
both the willing and the working for
His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

Juzi Zhang

But God, being rich in mercy, because
of His great love with which He loved
us, even when we were dead in offenses,
made us alive together with Christ (by
grace you have been saved) and raised
us up together with Him and seated us
together with Him in the heavenlies in
Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-6

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

(Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 26, "Watchman Nee's Testimony," ch. 2, p. 479)

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

(Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1986, vol. 3, "Elder's Training, Book 9: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (1)," ch. 5, p. 71)

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 Oh, what a life! Oh, what a peace!
The Christ who's all within me lives.
With Him I have been crucified;
This glorious fact to me He gives.
Now it's no longer I that live,
But Christ the Lord within me lives.
- 2 Oh, what a joy! Oh, what a rest!
Christ now is being formed in me.
His very nature and life divine
In my whole being inwrought shall be.
All that I am came to an end,
And all of Christ is all to me.
- 3 Oh, what a thought! Oh, what a boast!
Christ shall in me be magnified.
In nothing shall I be ashamed,
For He in all shall be applied.
In woe or blessing, death or life,
Through me shall Christ be testified.
- 4 Oh, what, a prize! Oh, what a gain!
Christ is the goal toward which I press.
Nothing I treasure, nor aught desire,
But Christ of all-inclusiveness.
My hope, my glory, and my crown
Is Christ, the One of peerlessness.

(Hymns, #499)

HYMN 2

- 1 Jesus Lord, I'm captured by Thy beauty,
All my heart to Thee I open wide;
Now set free from all religious duty,
Only let me in Thyself abide.
As I'm gazing here upon Thy glory,
Fill my heart with radiancy divine;
Saturate me, Lord, I now implore Thee,
Mingle now Thy Spirit, Lord, with mine.
- 2 Shining One — how clear the sky above me!
Son of Man, I see Thee on the throne!
Holy One, the flames of God consume me,
Till my being glows with Thee alone.
Lord, when first I saw Thee in Thy splendor,
All self-love and glory sank in shame;
Now my heart its love and praises render,
Tasting all the sweetness of Thy name.
- 3 Precious Lord, my flask of alabaster
Gladly now I break in love for Thee;
I anoint Thy head, Beloved Master;
Lord, behold, I've saved the best for Thee.
Dearest Lord, I waste myself upon Thee;
Loving Thee, I'm deeply satisfied.
Love outpoured from hidden depths within me,
Costly oil, dear Lord, I would provide.
- 4 My Beloved, come on spices' mountain;
How I yearn to see Thee face to face.
Drink, dear Lord, from my heart's flowing fountain,
Till I rest fore'er in Thine embrace.
Not alone, O Lord, do I adore Thee,
But with all the saints as Thy dear Bride;
Quickly come, our love is waiting for Thee;
Jesus Lord, Thou wilt be satisfied.

(Hymns, #1159)

HYMN 3

- 1 God eternal has a purpose,
Formed in His eternal past,
Spreading to eternal future;
'Twixt these ends all time is cast.
For with time there is the process,
Time for His accomplishment;
And in time we're merely travelers —
For eternity we're meant.
- 2 God would have a group of people
Built together in His plan,
Blended, knit, coordinated
As His vessel — one new man.
God would come into this vessel
With His nature, life and ways,
Mingling Spirit with our spirits
For His joy and to His praise.
- 3 God has worked in three directions
For His plan so marvelous:
As the Father, Son, and Spirit
To dispense Himself to us!
All creation gives the setting —
Heav'n and earth are for this plan;
'Tis for this God made a body,
Soul and spirit — three-part man.
- 4 As the center, as the kernel,
Of God's plan our spirit is;
Calling on the name of Jesus
Makes our spirit one with His.
From the center to circumference
God would saturate each part;
Feeling, mind, and will renewing,
Making home in all our heart.

- 5 Thus in life we're built together,
Then in love we're knit as one;
God is now His plan fulfilling,
Finishing what He's begun.
Lord, increase Thyself within us
That we might be built by Thee
Into that great corporate vessel
Filled with God exclusively.
- 6 As the product, the fulfillment,
Will the church in glory stand,
Consummation of the purpose
In eternal ages planned.
God will have His corporate vessel,
All His glory to contain;
Lord, we're wholly for Thy purpose
All Thy goal in us attain.

(Hymns, #1325)

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

Hymns, #26, Stanza 5

Father, we enjoy Thy mercy,
Ever fresh and ever new;
Every morning shed upon us,
It refreshes as the dew.
How we taste it! how we taste it!,
Giving Thee the praises due.

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, #350

Stanza 3 and chorus

I myself was losing heart each day;
Then the Lord brought some saints my own way;
I alone could not Thee apprehend
But with all the saints You now my joy have been.

O that Christ may make His home my heart,
Spread Himself in every part!
Saturate and life impart!
That with all saints, I may apprehend
All the vast dimensions of my loving Christ.

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Hymns, #547, Stanzas 1 & 5

- 1 Something every heart is loving:
 If not Jesus, none can rest;
 Lord, my heart to Thee is given;
 Take it, for it loves Thee best.
- 5 Keep my heart still faithful to Thee,
 That my earthly life may be
 But a shadow to that glory
 Of my hidden life in Thee.

Hymns, #839, Stanza 2

Though of clay Thou madest us,
Thou wouldst have us be transformed;
With Thy life as purest gold,
Unto precious stones conformed.
We shall, through Thy building work,
Then become Thy loving Bride,
In one Body joined to Thee,
That Thy heart be satisfied.

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.