

Autumn 2024

GRADUATION MEETING

Full-time Training in London

LIVING AND ABIDING IN THE TRUE VINE
BY EXERCISING OUR MINGLED SPIRIT
AND OPENING OUR HEART
TO LIVE TO THE LORD

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

To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

7 December 2024

PROGRAMME



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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 How I praise Thee, precious Savior,
That Thy love laid hold of me;
Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me,
That I might Thy channel be.

Chorus

Channels only, blessed Master,
But with all Thy wondrous grace,
Flowing through us, Thou canst use us
Every hour in every place.

- 2 Just a channel, full of blessing,
To the thirsty hearts around;
To tell out Thy full salvation,
All Thy loving message sound.
- 3 Emptied that Thou shouldst fill me,
A clean vessel in Thine hand;
With no strength but as Thou givest
Graciously with each command.
- 4 Witnessing Thy grace to save me,
Setting free from self and sin;
Thou hast bought me to possess me,
In Thy fulness, Lord, come in.
- 5 O Lord, fill now with Thy Spirit
Hearts that full surrender know;
That the streams of living water
From our inner man may flow.

(*Hymns*, 268)

HYMN 3

- 1 Just to be in You as You're in me.
Just abide in You, Lord, constantly.
Here I'm one with You, as You're with me.
Here we're joined as one, Lord, mutually.

Chorus

God's dispensing, His economy,
In His Trinity,
He's transfusing, and He's mingling
All He is to me.

- 2 I am just a branch, and You're the vine.
As I dwell in You, everything is fine.
Here I'd like to be, Lord, all the time.
Here I'm Yours, dear Lord, and You are mine.
- 3 I'm a branch that's been, Lord, grafted in.
I'm supplied in You in this life union.
Here Your riches, Lord, in this sweet life flow.
As I dwell in You, I will surely grow.
- 4 As I dwell in You, and You in me,
Here I'm joined to You, Lord, practically.
As I stay with You, as You're with me,
We will mingle, Lord, subjectively.
- 5 As I'm loving You and enjoying You, Lord,
You become in me the rhema word.
Here I'll pray in You as You pray in me.
You'll bear fruit in me, Lord, abundantly.
- 6 As I dwell in You, Lord You're flowing through.
Lord, You're filling me, overflowing too.
Here we all are one and expressing You.
Here our joy is full as we dwell in You.

(Do not repeat chorus after last verse)

(Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 154)

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Hymns, 1163, stanza 1 with chorus and stanza 5 with chorus

- 1 He's the vine and we're the branches,
We should e'er abide in Him,
And let Him abide within us
As the flow of life within.

Chorus

In the vine, in the vine,
In the vine, in the vine,
We would know Thee, Lord, more deeply,
E'er abiding in the vine.

- 5 Oh, how precious this abiding,
Oh, how intimate and sweet;
As the fruit of life is added,
And our joy is made complete.

Hymns, 1162, stanza 2 with chorus

- 2 No more in vain need we struggle,
Trying the way in to find.
Praise God—we're in Him already,
Hallelujah, abiding in the vine.

Chorus

Abiding in the vine,
Abiding in the vine,
All the riches of God's life are mine!
Praise God, He put us here,
Never to leave; oh, we're—
Abiding, abiding in the vine.

Phil. 1:19

For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Hymns, 1193, stanza 3

- 3 He within us is the living Spirit
In our spirit, flowing out of it
Into all our heart, transforming every part
By the life which He Himself imparts.

Hymns, 564, stanza 1 with chorus and stanza 3 with chorus

- 1 I have learned the wondrous secret
Of abiding in the Lord;
I have tasted life's pure fountain,
I am drinking of His word;
I have found the strength and sweetness
Of abiding 'neath the blood;
I have lost myself in Jesus,
I am sinking into God.

Chorus

- I'm abiding in the Lord
And confiding in His word;
I am hiding in the bosom of His love.
Yes, abiding in the Lord
And confiding in His word,
I am hiding in the bosom of His love.
- 3 All my sicknesses I bring Him,
And He bears them all away;
All my fears and griefs I tell Him,
All my cares from day to day,
All my strength I draw from Jesus,
By His breath I live and move;
E'en His very mind He gives me,
And His faith, and life, and love.

PRESENTATION VERSES AND HYMNS

Eph. 4:16

Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

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.