

2008 Summer Training: Crystallization Study of Luke:**Message One: The Incarnation of Christ, the Man-Savior, Fulfilling God's Purpose in His Creation of Man**

The human virtues created by God in the human spirit are the duplicate of God's attributes, which are the means God is expressed through man. Man was made in God's image to be a duplicate of God and according to God's likeness to have the appearance of God for His expression. God's purpose in His creation of man in His image and according to His likeness was that man would receive and contain Him as life and express Him in His attributes.

The gospel of Luke reveals Jesus Christ as the Man-Savior. In order to know Christ, the God-man, as the Man-Savior, we need to know the three-fold intrinsic significance of Christ's incarnation. First, in His incarnation Christ brought the infinite God into the finite man. Second, in His incarnation Christ was the complete God manifested in the flesh. Christ was manifested in the flesh not only as the Son but also as the complete God. The entire God – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit – participated in the incarnation of Christ. Third, the incarnation of Christ was the union, mingling, and incorporation of the Triune God with the tripartite man.

Union concerns oneness in life. Through His incarnation, Christ brought God into man and made God one with man. Mingling is related to the divine and human natures. As the God-man, the Man-Savior was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence and was born of a human virgin with the human essence. The weaving together of the gold and the linen threads in the ephod signifies the mingling of divinity and humanity in Christ, the God-man (the two natures remaining distinct in the mingling). Incorporation denotes persons coinhering in each other. God in His Divine Trinity is an incorporation; the three of the Divine Trinity are incorporated into one incorporation by coinhering mutually and by working together as one. In His incarnation the second of the Divine Trinity brought this incorporation into humanity. As the union, mingling, and incorporation of the Triune God with the tripartite man, the Lord Jesus is the Triune-God man. The Savior in whom we believe and whom we have received is the wonderful Triune God-man, the Father-the Son-the Spirit man.

The incarnation of Christ, the Man-Savior fulfilled God's purpose in His creation of man. It is a great thing to see that the incarnation of Christ is closely related to the purpose of God in creating man. Genesis 1:26 says man was created in God's image and according to God's likeness. Image refers to the inward being. God's image is related to His duplication, this implies that man has the capacity to take God in and contain Him. God created man in His image to be His container. Likeness refers to outward form, outward fashion, and outward appearance. The image of God is related to the divine attributes, especially, love, light, righteousness, and holiness. For God to create man in His image means that He created man with the capacity to have His love, light, righteousness, and holiness. In order for God's purpose to be carried out, it is necessary for man to receive God and contain Him as the tree of life.

To speak further, man's human virtues created in the human spirit are duplicates of God's attribute, and also the means for man to express God. Man's outward form, man's body, is a duplicate of God's likeness. Therefore, God created man to be His duplicate, that man has the capacity to contain God and express God. Other living creatures were created according to its kind, but man was created according to God's kind. This reveals the purpose of God creating man is that man would receive God and contain God as life, to express His attributes. Since this is the purpose of God creating man, man need to receive God and contain God as the tree of life as recorded in Genesis 2.

However, the first man, Adam, failed God in His purpose. Therefore, God Himself came in the Son through incarnation to be the second man in order to fulfill His purpose that man would contain Him and express Him. The Gospel of Luke reveals this God-man in many deeds and parables. For example, in 7:11 – 17 there is the record of the Lord moved with compassion toward the widow and resurrected her only son; verses 31 – 50 recorded the things of forgiving sinners; 10:25 – 37 shows the parable of the good Samaritan woman; and 19:1 – 10 on the story of Zaccheus being saved.

The Gospel of Luke is a revelation of the God-an who lived a human life filled with the divine life as its content, thereby expressing God in humanity. Therefore, we need to know the Lord as the One who lived a life in which the human virtues expressed the divine attributes. "Lord, we see Thy glory, / Shown in human beauty, / Full of splendor, manifested / In humanity"

PSRP Practice

Time: August 24th, 2008 (Lord's Day) from 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Place: Church in Cerritos hall 2

We will start practice of PSRP on message one of crystallization study of Luke, saints interested are encouraged to attend.

2008 Fall Term FTTA Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting

Wednesday night ministry meeting will resume on August 27th, 2008 from 7:30 – 9:30 at LSM campus building five. Full time training has started, please pray for this training.

* September 6 – 7th, 2008 – Special conference for the whole church (Chinese speaking and English speaking). Love feast on September 6th at 6:30 PM (each household prepare one dish)

2008 Summer Children's Meeting on Lord's day

DATE	Districts	Subjects/Activities
08/24	Dist 13	Human body and health habits
08/31	Dist 14 & 15	Exercise Science and Sports

FTTA Trainees

For 2008 fall term trainees, there are 14 trainees serving on the Cerritos College campus, 6 trainees serving the Cerritos young people. Please pray for them and remember their services.

2008 Thanksgiving Conference

Time: November 27th (Thursday) – November 30th (Lord's Day) 2008

Place: Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel

1551 N. Thoreau Dr. Schaumburg, Illinois 60173

Please register by November 1st, 2008. Saints are welcome to attend

2009 International Chinese Speaking Conference

Time: January 25th (Lord's Day) – January 27th (Tuesday), 2009

Place: Taipei, Taiwan

Registration: please email to blui155@gmail.com

Benjamin Liu (909)992 – 2807

Registration fee: \$150

Please register by November 30th, 2008

International Elders and Responsible Ones Training

Time: October 2nd, 2008 – October 4th, 2008

Place: Kuching, East Malaysia

Registration: please fellowship with responsible brothers, deadline is July 3rd, 2008

Training Donation: \$160

There will be a blending conference on October 5th, with a blending trip from October 5 – 8, 2008.

Fellowship on Love Feast

1. In order for more saints to be able to participate in Lord's table meeting at the Chinese speaking side, we ask 24 saints who are burdened to serve in cooking group (each group consist of 6 saints).

2. The meal service at the beginning of each month is still based on rotation of district A, B, and C.

3. Clean up after meal is based on rotation of district A, B, and C.

Fellowship and Report on Finances

The total offering on August 17th is \$2,919.00 (general \$1,449.00 designated \$1,470.00)

Weekly Reading Schedule of New Testament

Reading Schedule for this Week:

Lord's Day	Matt. 20:17 – 21:11	Monday	Matt. 21:12 – 46
Tuesday	Matt. 22:1 – 22	Wednesday	Matt. 22:23 – 23:12
Thursday	Matt. 23:13 – 39	Friday	Matt. 24:1 – 26
Saturday	Matt. 24:27 – 51		

Morning Revival for this week

Crystallization Study of Luke Message One

Church Meeting Schedule (8/25/- 8/31/2008)

Meetings	Date	Time	Place
Prayer Meeting	Tuesday	07:30 PM	Hall 1
Prayer Meeting (Chinese)	Tuesday	07:30 PM	Hall 2
Truth Pursuit (Chinese)	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Sisters' Meeting	Thursday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
College Meeting	Friday	06:30 PM	Homes
Small Group (Working Saints)	Saturday	06:30 PM	Homes
Small Group (Chinese)	Fri. Sat.	07:00 PM	Homes
Small Group (Chinese)	Saturday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Sisters' Prayer Meeting	Saturday	09:30 AM	House 6
Young People's Meeting	Saturday	06:30 PM	Hall 1
Lord's Table	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Hall 1
Lord's Table (Chinese)	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Hall 1