

**Conference at Church in Cerritos Sep. 6th – 7th, 2008****General Subject: Living in the Church as the Kingdom of God****Message One: The Vision of the Kingdom of God as the Realm of the Divine Life**

- I. The kingdom of God is God Himself – Mark 1:15; Matt. 6:33, John 3:3  
 A. God's kingdom has God as its content; God Himself is everything as the content of His kingdom.  
 B. God is life, having the nature, ability, and shape of the divine life, which forms the realm of God's ruling – Eph. 4:18; John 3:15  
 C. In actuality, God's reigning over us is not an outward matter but a matter of the innate ability of the divine life – Rom. 8:2
- II. The genuine church is the kingdom of God in this age; today the believers live the kingdom life in the church- Matt. 16:18 – 19; 18:17 – 18; 13:44-46; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 4:20; Eph. 2:19; Col. 4:11; Rev. 1:4-6  
 A. The Bible first presents the kingdom and thereafter presents the church; the presence of the kingdom produces the church – Matt. 4:23 16:18-19  
 B. The kingdom is the reality of the church; therefore, apart from the kingdom life, we cannot live the church life – Matt. 5:3; 16:18 – 19; Rev. 1:4-6, 9  
 C. Without the kingdom life as the reality of the church, the church cannot be built up – Matt. 16:18 – 19
- III. The kingdom of God is not only the reign of God but also the realm of the divine life – vv. 3, 5, 15 – 16; 18:36  
 A. The kingdom of God is the realm of the divine life for this life to move, to work, to rule, and to govern that life may accomplish its purpose – v.3  
 B. The kingdom of God is an organism constituted with God's life as the realm of life for His ruling, in which He reigns by His life and expresses Himself as the Divine Trinity in the divine life – v.5; 15:1 – 8, 16, 26  
 C. The unique way to enter into the kingdom of God is to receive God as life and gain God Himself; this is regeneration – John 3:5, 15; 1 John 5:11 – 12  
 D. We live in the kingdom of God as the realm of the divine life by the sense of life, not by the knowledge of good and evil – Rom. 8:6  
 E. The kingdom of God in the sense of life is God in Christ being the totality of life with all its activities; therefore, the kingdom life is a vital life, a life that is living and active in spirit for the carrying out of God's economy – John 11:25; 10:10b; Luke 17:20 -21; Rev. 1:4-5, 18

**Message Two: Aspects of Living in the Church as the Kingdom of God**

- I. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm where everyone is under the throne of the redeeming God whence flows the river of water of life, bright as crystal – Rev. 22:1
- II. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of light and transparency – 1 John 1:5, 7; Rev. 21:10 – 11, 18, 21b, 23; 22:1
- III. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of truth, reality and truthfulness – 1 John 1:6; 3:18; 5:20; 2 John 1-2, 4; 3 John 1, 3-4; John 4:23-24; 2 Cor. 11:10a
- IV. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of oneness – John 17:11, 21-23; Eph. 4:3-4
- V. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit – Rom. 14:17
- VI. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of grace and love – 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 12:9; Rom. 12:10; Gal. 5:22; 6:18; John 15:9, 12, 17; 1 Cor. 13:4, 13; Eph. 4:2; Col. 2:2; 3:14
- VII. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in realm mercy and forgiveness – Matt. 5:7; 6:12,14; 9:13; 18:33, 35; Mark 11:25-26; 2 Cor. 2:7, 10; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13; James 2:13; 3:17
- VIII. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of service – Matt. 20:25 – 28; 24:45-51; 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 9:19; Gal. 5:13
- IX. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of shepherding – Matt. 16:18; Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:26; Eph. 2:20-22; 4:16, 29
- X. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm of building – Matt. 16:18; Rom 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:26; Eph. 2:20-22; 4:16, 29

XI. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm where Christ has the first place in all things – Col. 1:18

XII. To live in the church as the kingdom of God is to live in a realm where God is all in all – 1 Cor. 15:24-28.

**Junior High and High School Conference**

High School Brothers' Conference (register before 10/12/2008)

Time: 10/24 – 10/26/2008 Place: Engedi Camp

High School Sisters' Conference (register before 10/12/2008)

Time: 10/24 – 10/26/2008 Place: Oak Glen Camp

Junior High Brothers' Conference (register before 10/19/2008)

Time: 10/31 – 11/2/2008 Place: Engedi Camp

Junior High Sisters' Conference (register before 10/19/2008)

Time: 10/31 – 11/2/2008 Place: Oak Glen Camp

Registration fee is \$100 per person, please register through www.scypwork.org

**FTTA Trainees Campus Work Fellowship**

Last week trainees contacted some students on Cerritos College campus who are open to the Lord and invited them this Wednesday for BBQ and Bible study. Please pray for these brothers and sisters and the campus work.

**2008 Thanksgiving Conference**Time: November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – November 30<sup>th</sup> (Lord's Day) 2008

Place: Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel

1551 N. Thoreau Dr. Schaumburg, Illinois 60173

Please register by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Saints are welcome to attend**2009 International Chinese Speaking Conference**Time: January 25<sup>th</sup> (Lord's Day) – January 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), 2009

Place: Taipei, Taiwan

Registration: please register through Ben Wu or Henry Hsu (whether or not one needs hospitality)

Registration fee: \$150

Please register by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**Mothers of Young People Perfecting Meeting**

Time: 9/7/2008 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Place: Grace Court house 6

Mothers of young people and sisters willing to serve the young people are encouraged to attend. Please pray for this matter.

**Fellowship and Report on Finances**The total offering on August 31<sup>st</sup> is \$4,430.00 (general \$2,680.00 designated \$1,750.00)**Weekly Reading Schedule of New Testament**

Reading Schedule for this Week:

Lord's Day	Mark 1:1 – 8	Monday	Mark 1:9 – 20
Tuesday	Mark 1:21 – 45	Wednesday	Mark 2:1 – 28
Thursday	Matt. 3:1 – 35	Friday	Mark 4:1 – 34
Saturday	Mark 4:35 – 5:43		

**Morning Revival for this week**

Crystallization Study of Luke Message Two

**Church Meeting Schedule (9/8/- 9/14/2008)**

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
Ministry Meeting	Wednesday	7:30 PM	LSM campus
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

Date	Meal/ Cleaning Service	Lord's table Service
9/7/2008	District C	English district
9/14/2008	District A	District B