

CHURCH NEWS

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The church in Richardson

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Announcements

1. Spring 2018 College Conference will be held at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, starting on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and ending on the Lord's Day at 12:00 p.m.. The cost for first time registration is \$90. Otherwise it is \$100.
2. Chinese-speaking Spring Conference will be held in Houston, Texas in the weekend of March 16th-18th. If you plan to go, please register at the service counter.
3. Spanish-speaking Conference will be held in Irving, Texas in the weekend of March 16th-18th.
4. **Cleaning** - English-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus, vol.1, Week 3 - The Continual Burnt Offering — a Living Sacrifice*

- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God* - Chapter 16 The Riches of Resurrection

Questions:

1. What is the principle of the cross and the principle of resurrection? (Hint: p. 140—"The inner law and the inner anointing..." & "The human nature was a part...")
2. What are the items of the riches of resurrection? (Hint: p. 140—"What are the items of the riches of resurrection?..." and p. 141—"All the riches of resurrection...")
3. What is the function of the inner law and the inner anointing? (Hint: pp. 142-end of chapter—"Is there then any law in the New Testament?...")

•Scripture Reading

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Psm. 1:1-2:12	3:1-7:17	8:1-10:18	11:1-16:11	17:1-19:14	20:1-22:31	23:1-25:22
NT	2 Cor. 1:1-14	1:15-2:11	2:12-3:6	3:7-18	4:1-12	4:13-5:8	5:9-21

Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for the increase in Richardson through the distribution of the ministry materials.
2. Please pray for the practice of God-ordained Way through the small groups in the church in Richardson in 2018.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our next generation, including children, Young people, college students and young working saints. Please also pray for the related services and coordination.

Attendance LastWeek

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Lord's Day (Joint)	Total
#		8		12	13	11		12		4	8			50	60

Hymn 1137 His countenance angels can often behold

1

His countenance angels can often behold,
But ne'er taste His love in His grace;
His saints, though they know of His pure, boundless love,
Have never yet once seen His face.
His saints will before long His visage behold,
E'en in His bright glory will share;
But Mary, beholding His tears as He wept,
Could touch His heart's agony there.
Could touch His heart's agony there.

2

We'll soon see the Lord, as He is, face to face,
We'll know Him as never before;
But that touch today, healing our broken heart,
In that day will be felt no more.
That day, though our lips offer unceasing praise,
No tears, then, nor prayers fervent burn;
Nor is there the comfort received through much pain,
Nor trust gained through trials to learn,
Nor trust gained through trials to learn.

3

Exceeding in glory, that day we'll be crowned,
Yet there'll be no cross to obey;
The sweet fellowship of His sufferings for us
We only can share in today.
Once we've that rest entered, no weariness then,
Nor chance will remain to partake
The trials nor the hardships, nor happiness lost,
Nor suffering borne for His sake,
Nor suffering borne for His sake.

4

Oh, chances to suffer for Him are so few,
His shame and derision to bear;
Such blest opportunities soon pass away,
That He in our troubles may share.
All loneliness, misunderstandings and scorn
Despisings and sorrows will flee;
I treasure these blessings, for through them, O Lord,
I enter sweet oneness with Thee,
I enter sweet oneness with Thee.

5

I long to behold, Lord, Thy countenance soon,
What rapture with Thee, Lord, to meet.
But neither seek I all these trials to avoid;
Such times, Lord, are too rare and sweet.
Have mercy on me, fill me with Thy great love,
For Thee, Lord, to live at all cost;
Lest Thy servant, hoping for that blessed day,
That day, regret chances were lost,
That day, regret chances were lost.

Brief Background of the Hymn

This hymn was adapted by brother Watchman Nee, full of spiritual feelings and experiences. 2 Cor. 4:17 says, "For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory". When the Lord comes back, the overcomers will reign with Him a thousand years in His kingdom. The way to enter into reigning with Christ in the kingdom, however, is today to "fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church". Therefore, brother Nee regarded bearing the Lord's shame and derision and suffering for Him today as blest opportunities. All of us should "treasure these blessings". Through these, we enter into "the fellowship of His sufferings, "(Phil. 3:10) "enter sweet oneness with Thee."

May we all enter into the spirit of this hymn, grasp every opportunity, "For Thee, Lord, to live at all cost", "Lest Thy servant, hoping for that blessed day, That day, regret chances were lost".