The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Announcements

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Prophesying meeting

Tuesday

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

Thursday

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Spanish/English)

Friday

7:00 pm – Small group meetings (Spanish)

7:30 pm - Small group meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & maintenance at the hall/corporate morning revival

7:30 pm – Young people's meetina

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Continue in the Ministry and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

The Christian Life - Week 6

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 50 Matt. 17:14-27

Saturday monthly brother's video training—2/8

- o Phoenix meeting hall
- o Vol. 2, lesson 55
- o 8:30am

❖ Blending meeting with Tempe—Lord's Day 2/9

- o Phoenix meeting hall
- Love feast to follow
- + HWMR: Being a Vessel unto Honor, a Fully Equipped Man of God, by Being Empowered in the Grace which is in Christ Jesus to Fully Accomplish Our Ministry in the Unique Ministry of God's Economy

International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference

- Subject: Chapter 5 through 8 of Romans—the Kernel of the Bible
- o Date: Friday, Feb. 14- Lord's Day, Feb. 16
- o Location: LSM MCC 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim CA
- Webcast Schedule (Live, Phoenix time)

Message 1----Friday 2/14
 Message 2----Saturday 2/15
 Message 3----Saturday 2/15
 Message 4----Saturday 2/15
 Message 4----Saturday 2/15
 Message 5----Lord's Day 2/16
 8:30pm (Home)
 11:00am (Hall)

o Both live & archived messages are accessible at

Ismwebcast.com under ICSC button

Messages 2, 3, and 5 will be shown at the Phoenix meeting hall, while others are encouraged to watch together in a small group setting.

Mountain States Blending Conference

- o Friday, Feb. 21 Lord's Day, Feb. 23
- o Phoenix meeting hall

2025 SYCP Spring Conferences

- o Cost: \$125/person
- JUNIOR HIGH SISTERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 7-9
 - Due Date: February 23, 2025
- HIGH SCHOOL SISTERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 14-16
 - Due Date: March 2, 2025
- JUNIOR HIGH BROTHERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 28-30
 - Due Date: March 16, 2025
- HIGH SCHOOL BROTHERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: April 11-13
 - Due Date: March 30, 2025

Offerings

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Dear brothers and sisters.

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 50 of the Life-Study of Matthew titled "Application of the Revelation and Vision Concerning Christ". This message covers Matt. 17:14-27.

After the record of the Lord's transfiguration on the mountain, we have the three seemingly unrelated accounts of 1) healing of a demon-possessed person (17:14-21), 2) second speaking about His crucifixion and resurrection (17:22-23), and lastly 3) the incident regarding paying the half-shekel (17:24-27). As we read chapter seventeen, it may be difficult to understand the connection between all these things. If we would understand the Gospel of Matthew, we need to remember that Matthew puts different facts together to reveal a doctrine.

Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"In 17:24-27 we have the matter of paying the half-shekel to the poll-tax gatherers. This is a test to determine whether or not we know how to apply the revelation and vision concerning Christ. In chapter sixteen Peter received a clear revelation from the heavenly Father regarding Christ as the Son of the living God. From that time onward, Peter was certain that Christ was the Son of the living God. Following this, on the mountaintop he saw a vision of Christ manifested as the Son of the living God. Therefore, he both received the revelation and saw the vision....

Peter, however, had to be tested regarding the application of the revelation and the vision. To receive the revelation and to see the vision is one thing, but to apply them in a practical way is another. For example, we probably all have received the revelation from Galatians 2:20 that we have been crucified with Christ and that Christ lives in us. Perhaps even the weakest one among us has received this revelation. However, when your wife or husband gives you a difficult time, can you still say, "It is not I, but Christ"? When you are with your wife or husband, the revelation of having been crucified with Christ and of Christ living in you may vanish. Very few who have received this revelation apply it to the practical matters in their daily living. Peter might have been like this. He might have said, "I have received the revelation that Jesus is the Son of the living God, and I saw Him transfigured on the mountain. This is very clear to me. Perhaps you have not seen this vision, but I have." For Peter to receive the revelation and see the vision was wonderful. But now he had to be tested by those who collected the poll tax." (Witness Lee, Life-study of Matthews, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 50)

Verses for pray-reading: Matt 16:16-17, 17:5, 17:27

Questions:

- 1. Use the key verses in Matt 16-17 to explain Peter's learning of revelation, vision, and practical application of Christ as the Son of God.
- 2. In Matt. 17:24-27 there is the account of paying the temple tax. What can we learn from Peter's mistake in his answer regarding paying the tax and how does this relate to the revelation of Christ as the Son of God?