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Church in San Jose - October 25th, 2026
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Events:

- **Hallelujah Night October 31.**
  - All the children 0-12 years old are invited to join "Hallelujah night" on Saturday 10/31 from 6pm to 8pm.
  - Please RSVP at the link *click here* | Digital Invitation flyer link *click here*

- **November Conference with brother James Lee November 7-8.** We are pleased to announce that the November Conference with brother James Lee will be held at the Fremont Springs Conference Center (FSCC) from Saturday, November 7, through Lord's Day, November 8, 2026. We warmly invite all working saints, generally between the ages of 20 and 50, to come together and receive a particular word from the Lord, addressing the distinct challenges, responsibilities, and opportunities in this stage of human life.
  - Please find more information *click here*
  - Please note on Lord's Day November 8, San Jose will not have a local meeting, instead we will all meet at the Fremont Springs Conference Center (FSCC).

- **Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner.** We would like to invite all the saints in all languages to a pre-thanksgiving dinner on Friday November 20 from 6:30-9:00PM at the Fremont Springs Conference Center. Please save the date!

- **Parents Fellowship.** Please note the dates for parents fellowship for the rest of the year - November 22, and December 13. All parents are invited especially those that have children aged 0-18. All children and YP serving ones are invited.

Living Stream Ministry Events:

- **2026 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference November 26-29.**
  - will be held in Denver, Colorado The full conference announcement is linked here: English | Chinese | Spanish
  - childcare for children from Kindergarten through 6th grade will be provided during the conference. Please register all children attending the conference no later than November 1 here: *click here*.

    - there is a need for children's service on Friday morning Nov 27. If you are attending and available to serve, please could you contact Alan Lee?

- **2026 December Semiannual Training**
    - 2026 Winter Live Training is from December 21-26. Registration Form *click here*
    - 2026 Winter Video Training December 22 to January 2. Registration Form *click here*
    - 2026 Winter Video Training Schedule *click here*
    - The registration deadline for live training is 10/31/2026

Full announcement for Live Training | Video Training

Prayer and Ministry

- **Lessons on small groups with Minoru.** Please see a follow-up summary to brother Minoru's fellowship from October 10 *click here*. We are encouraged to prayerfully read the book "The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church" at the pace of one chapter a week for the next nine weeks!
- **Church Prayer Burdens**. please reference in your prayer meetings! *click here*
- **Holy Word for Morning Revival.** Week 6 from 2026 Memorial Day Conference on "The Great Need for a New Revival" **Amazon books** | **Google books** | **Apple books**
- **Life-Study Reading.** Life-study of Nehemiah msg 5 & Haggai msg 1

- **Hall Cleaning Schedule:**
    - 10/25/2026 - English D2 - Chens (Paul) and Munandars
    - 11/1/2026 - English D1 - Perngs/Tsangs and Lees
    - 11/8/2026 - English D2 - Sorensens/Neals and Cantos/Chens (Titus)
    - 11/15/2026 - English D1 Choys and Parks

THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:2–3; 2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1

I. THE SOURCE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE - 1 John 1:2–3

A. The fellowship of life comes from the life of God.

B. The eternal life entering into us enables us to have fellowship.

C. The life of God is the source of the fellowship of life.

II. THE MEDIUM OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE - 2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1

A. The Holy Spirit of God is the medium of the fellowship of life.

B. The Holy Spirit causes us to experience the life of God and enables us to have fellowship in this life.

C. We must live in the Holy Spirit and walk by minding the Holy Spirit to practically enjoy the fellowship of life.

III. THE MEANING OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE - 1 John 1:3

A. The life of God within us is a flowing life.

B. This flowing life causes us to have fellowship with God and with the saints.

C. The fellowship of life is the flowing of life within us.

D. We must continuously walk and live by following this flow and yielding to it.

IV. THE FUNCTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE - 1 John 1:3; 2 Cor. 13:14

A. The fellowship of life inwardly supplies us with all that is in the life of God.

B. The more we allow the flowing of life within us, the more we receive the inward supply of God's fullness.

C. The fellowship of life and the sense of life are mutually related.

1. The sense of life tests and proves our condition before the Lord.

2. The fellowship of life supplies us with the things of life.

3. The more we live in the fellowship of life, the keener our sense of life becomes, and the more we are supplied with life.

Ministry Reading:

THE SOURCE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

Where does the fellowship of life come from? What is its cause? And from what is it derived? First John 1:2-3 says, "We [the apostles]…testify and report to you [the believers] the eternal life…that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." These verses show that the apostles preached to us "the eternal life" so that we may have "fellowship." The eternal life is the life of God, and the life of God entering into us enables us to have fellowship. Since this fellowship comes out of the life of God, it is the fellowship of life. Therefore, the fellowship of life comes from the life of God; its existence is due to the life of God; it is derived from the life of God; and it is brought to us by the life of God. As soon as we obtain the life of God within us, this life of God enables us to have the fellowship of life. The life of God, therefore, is the source of the fellowship of life.

II. THE MEDIUM OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

The life of God rests in the Holy Spirit of God, and it is through the Holy Spirit of God that the life of God enters into us and lives in us. Therefore, the fellowship brought to us by the life of God, though derived from the life of God, comes by means of the Holy Spirit of God. Hence, the Bible also calls this fellowship "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" (2 Cor. 13:14).

It is the Holy Spirit who causes us to experience the life of God; therefore, it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to have fellowship in the life of God. All our fellowship of life is in the Holy Spirit and is caused by the Holy Spirit. That is why Philippians 2:1 speaks of "fellowship of spirit."

The Holy Spirit of God moves, requires, and urges within us to cause us to have the fellowship that comes from the life of God. Therefore, if we desire to have fellowship of life, we must not only have the life of God but also live in the Holy Spirit of God. The life of God is the source of the fellowship of life, and the Holy Spirit of God is the medium of the fellowship of life. Although it is the life of God that gives us the fellowship of life, yet it is the Holy Spirit of God who causes us to practically enjoy this fellowship of life. Only when we are living in the Holy Spirit and walking by minding the Holy Spirit can we enjoy the fellowship of the life of God in a practical way.

III. THE MEANING OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

Before we define the fellowship of life, one thing must be made clear: The life of God was originally in God, and later it entered into us who belong to God. Is this life of God that entered into us, then, a part or a whole? Our final judgment is that it is neither partial nor the whole, but that it is flowing.

Take for example the electricity in a light bulb. Is it the partial electricity, or is it the whole electricity from the power plant? The answer is that it is neither, because the same electricity that is in the power plant is also in these light bulbs. It is an electric current flowing continuously. Once the current stops, these light bulbs will cease to give light.

Take another example: the blood in my hand, is it local blood, or is it the blood of the whole body? If it were local blood, then it would have no communication; and if it were the blood of the whole body, it would also have no communication. But it is the circulating blood, the flowing blood. It is the blood of the whole body continuously circulating and unceasingly flowing. It is the whole as well as a part; and it is a part as well as a whole.

So also is the life of God within us. It flowed out from God, and it flowed into thousands of saints, including us. This flowing life is from God; it passes through God, and it passes through thousands of saints, including us. Thus, it causes us to have fellowship with God and with thousands of saints.

It is just like a shining electric light bulb. The electricity in it is continuously flowing, thereby putting it in communication with the power plant and with many other shining light bulbs. This communication rests in the flowing of the electricity within it. Likewise, the fellowship of life in us also rests in the flowing of the life within us. The life of God within us brings a flow of life, and thus, we have the fellowship of life. This fellowship of life enables us to be in touch with God and with thousands of saints as well. Therefore, the meaning of the fellowship of life is the flowing of life. This flowing of life is not separated from life; rather, it is the fellowship of the flowing of life itself. This fellowship of the flowing of life requires that we continuously walk and live by following it and yielding to it. Whenever we do not follow it or yield to it, it stops flowing. Thus, the fellowship between us and God is severed, and the fellowship between us and the saints is also gone.

IV. THE FUNCTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

What is the function or use of the fellowship of life? It is to inwardly supply us with all that is in the life of God or all that is in God. All the fullness in God is supplied to us through the fellowship of life. The more we allow the flowing of life to flow in us, the more we are inwardly supplied with the fullness of God. Such supply of the fellowship of life is like the circulating of the blood as the supply of the body and like the flowing of electricity as the supply of the lights.

The sense of life proves whether we are living in God or not. And the fellowship of life continuously supplies us with the things of life. Whenever your supply of life is cut off, it means that your fellowship of life is interrupted. If we continuously live in the fellowship of life, our supply of life will come continuously and unceasingly.

The fellowship of life and the sense of life are mutually related. As soon as the fellowship of life is interrupted, the sense of life causes us to feel that we have lost the supply of life. When the fellowship of life is not interrupted, the sense of life causes us to feel that we have the supply of life. Therefore, whether we are living in the fellowship of life and whether we have the supply of life depends entirely on what the sense of life indicates. The more we live in the fellowship of life, the keener is our sense of life, and the more we are supplied with life.

Concerning the fellowship of life, it is sufficient to say this much. We should remember that the sense of life always tests and proves us, whereas the fellowship of life always supplies us. Our condition before the Lord is determined by the sense of life; and the supply of our spiritual life is received through the fellowship of life.

Ministry Excerpts from The Knowledge of Life, Chapter 6 - The Fellowship of Life by Witness Lee

Question for Fellowship:

According to 1 John 1:2–3, how does receiving eternal life bring us into fellowship with God and with one another?

What does it mean in our daily experience to live in the Holy Spirit and walk by minding the Holy Spirit?

How do the illustrations of electricity and circulating blood help us understand the flowing of life, and how can we cooperate with this flow?

How do the sense of life and the fellowship of life work together to keep us enjoying the inward supply of God?

The Great Need for a New Revival

Week 6: Shepherding according to God

I. **In the Lord's recovery today, there is the urgent need for shepherding.**

II. **To shepherd is to take all-inclusive, tender care of the flock–John 21:15-17, Acts 20:28**

III. **Christ is the good Shepherd, the great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd, and the Shepherd of our souls–John 10:9-17; Heb. 13:20-21; 1 Pet. 5:4; 2:25**

John 10:9-10 … I have come that they may have *life* and may have it abundantly. I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His *life* for the sheep.

1 Pet. 2:25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

IV. **In order to shepherd according to God, we need to become one with God, be constituted with God, live God, express God, represent God, and minister God**

V. **Peter charged the elders to shepherd the flock of God according to God–1 Pet. 5:2**

2 Pet. 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, *according to God*; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly

VI. **The shepherding that builds up the Body of Christ is a mutual shepherding–1 Cor. 12:23-26**