

MONDAY MORNING LECTURE

Evangelization: What Does This Really Mean And What Is Our Responsibility In Doing It? – By Rev. Bradley Heinrichs

So, when you think of Evangelization what ideas come to mind? Door to door salesmen pushing a particular ideology? Mass marketing and mega churches? Increasing our small numbers? Making known the doctrines of the Second Coming? Handing out books? Translating the books into various languages? What we are seeking is the establishment of the Lord's New Church on earth. The trick is to try and discover what it is that the Lord really asks us to do in His Word. Where does He place the emphasis? Lots to think about and discuss!

Suggested Readings: Matthew 5 & 25; Revelation 12; Isaiah 62; Last Judgement Posthumous 352:9; Apocalypse Revealed 224, 547; Brief Exposition 16; Arcana Coelestia 3974:3, 9925, 3898:3; True Christian Religion 2, 245, 791; Apocalypse Explained 641:2, 732.

MONDAY AFTERNOON ELECTIVE

Who Is Responsible For The Growth Of The New Church? - By Rev. Matthew Genzlinger

The Lord tells us that the New Church will be the, "Crown of all the churches that have hitherto existed on the earth." (TCR 786) This is something that the Lord Himself is achieving in ways that we cannot always see or understand. However, we do have an important role to play in allowing the Lord's Church to be firmly established in this world! This elective will focus on finding the right balance between actively working for the establishment of the Lord's New Church on earth, verses also recognizing that only the Lord has the power to do this. How do we do our best to share the church with others while also recognizing that the Lord is establishing His church in ways that we may not always see or appreciate? Finding this balance can help us be both passionate about sharing the New Church with others AND more content with the process.

Suggested Readings: Mark 4:26-29; John 4:31-38; Micah 5:13-16; Diving Providence 175; Apocalypse Explained 911:16.

TUESDAY MORNING LECTURE

Letting the Light of the New Church Shine, Even on the Hard Subjects – By Rev. Brett Buick

Much of what the New Church teaches can be really fun to talk with newcomers about. The availability of salvation to all regardless of religion, the reality of the afterlife, and the Divine mercy of the Lord are examples of teachings that can be great ways to begin talking about the New Church. But there are other teachings which can be more difficult to get into like the nature of the Second Coming of the Lord, the nature of the Last Judgment, and the New Church idea of marriage. In this lecture we will look at these teachings that can be more difficult to talk about and try to develop our ability to discuss them more clearly and confidently.

Suggested Readings: True Christian Religion 776, 779; Last Judgment 45-46; Conjugal Love 181, 457, 523.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON ELECTIVE

The Spiritual Dimension of Parenting: Ways To Support Parents – By Rev. Peter Buss Jr.

There is no question that the Lord invites every parent to engage in the vital use of New Church education. By that term I mean raising children with the Lord and the things of spiritual life in the forefront. The Lord says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). He lays a lot of responsibility on "parents and teachers" in the suggested readings. My aim is to engage with

parents in what the church is doing, and can be doing, to support parents in this work. We do a lot in terms of providing activities and tools for children themselves. What about you? What would feed you and inspire you? Please come with your challenges and your ideas.

Suggested Readings: Divine Love and Wisdom 333; Arcana Coelestia 2689, 2831, 3762, 5126; Conjugal Love 202; True Christian Religion 443.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LECTURE

Angels: What Are They And Do I Want To Be One? – By Rev. Calvin Odhner

It is the hope of every New Churchman to become an angel, dwell in the Lord's heavens, and there make our heavenly home. But what are angels really like? How do they let their "light shine?" To really get excited about setting ourselves the goal of becoming an angel we need more information! What's so great about being an angel? Why should I dedicate my life to this goal? What's in it for me as I continue my spiritual journey on this earth? In this lecture/hands on workshop you'll learn all this and more and find out if YOU have what it takes...to become an angel!

Suggested Readings: Heaven and Hell 73-77, 234-245, 246-257, 387-394; Arcana Coelestia 50, 784, 1053, 1521, 1529-1531, 1533, 1977, 2493, 4803, 5978, 9079.