

Week of October 29

The Recovery of the Church in Los Angeles

“Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ.” (Eph. 1:9-10a)

“To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph. 3:21)

The recovery of the church is gradual and progressive. This recovery brings forth a proper church life which is:

- Christ lived out through us in a corporate way (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21a, 3:9-10);
- A life of being headed up under the unique headship of Christ (Eph. 1:10, 22-23; 4:15-16);
- The continuation of the divine glorification—the continuation of Christ being glorified by the Father with the divine glory (John 12:23-24; 13:31-32; 17:1, 5, 22; Acts 3:13);
- The corporate expression of Christ (Eph. 3:16-21; 4:16; 5:27).

For centuries the Lord has been longing for such a church life. We pray that before long this kind of church life will be fully practiced among us in the Lord’s recovery. May the Lord be satisfied by seeing such an expression of Himself through the recovery of the genuine church life throughout the earth. (ITERO, msg. 2, IV; msg. 5, II, IV, VI, VII.D)

Lord, make more progress in Your recovery of us to enlarge and spread Your corporate expression in Los Angeles.

Lord, Grace Us in Giving

“Furthermore we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia...” (2 Cor. 8:1)

By this grace, which is the resurrection life of Christ, the Macedonian believers overcame the usurpation of temporal and uncertain riches and became generous in ministering to the needy saints. The believers needed grace to overcome the power of mammon and material things and to release these things from Satan’s domination that they might be offered to the Lord for the fulfillment of His purpose. Resurrection life is the supply for the believers to live such a life, a life trusting in God, not in material possessions, a life not for today but for the future, not for this age but for the coming age, a life that overthrows the usurpation of temporal and uncertain riches. (Footnote 1 in 2 Cor. 8:1 and 1 Cor. 16:1)

Lord, give us more of this grace to live such a life!

Thanksgiving Conference

The International Thanksgiving Conference will be from November 23 to 26 (Thursday night to Lord’s Day noon) in Phoenix, Arizona. For those who desire to go, please note that the special hotel rate at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix expires on November 1; go to www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/livestreamministry. More conference details are posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer/.

Please ask the Lord to stir our hearts to pursue Him actively and release more saints from Los Angeles to attend this time of blending and hear the Lord’s up-to-date speaking.

Bibles for America

BfA is embarking on a major redesign of the Bibles for America Blog, to make it easy for the thousands of online visitors each month to access the hundreds of posts on the blog. The new design will also make BfA videos and podcasts readily available from the blog. Please pray:

- for efficient and timely implementation of the redesign;
- for the many subscribers and other readers to be brought into more understanding of the truth;
- that the redesign will increase the Bible orders and downloads of ministry books.

Germany

From October 9 to 21 in Germany, near 400 saints coordinated to distribute 31,366 Bibles. Please pray for:

- the Spirit's moving in the recipients to read and touch life in the Bible, and be open for fellowship;
- a rich supply to the local saints to shepherd those who requested further fellowship;
- the Lord to draw many newly contacted students to campus Bible studies;
- many new lampstands to be raised up in the next three years.

European Autumn University Conference

This conference on "The Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus" will take place November 3 to 5 in England. Please pray for:

- the Lord to release a timely word and speak to each student personally;
- each student to love the Lord more and have a clearer vision of the desire of the Lord's heart;
- the advance of blending across Europe and students to sense that they are members of the one Body.

Spain

After ITERO, 80 saints from Mexico, Central America, South America, the United States, and Russia, along with 5 FTTA and FTTA-XB trainees and 5 full-timers from Madrid, joined in Bible distributions in three cities, both on and off campuses. A total of 1,738 Bibles were distributed; 125 people were saved.

The saints were very encouraged by how the Lord was pouring out His blessing. We all experienced that the impact on the distribution of Bibles and the preaching of the gospel comes from the coordination, prayer, and one accord. We are praying that many of the contacts will be gained by the local saints and will come into the church life.

Lyon, France

At the beginning of October, there seemed to be no way to get a campus room for our Bible study. For weeks, we prayed desperately, then went and asked for a classroom, and were assigned a room without a single question asked! Two attendants from last year—both French students—continue to join us. Last Thursday three more students came for the first time after seeing our poster and Facebook page. Praise the Lord! We continue to experience His faithfulness.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** Week 17 in *Crystallization-Study of Ezekiel*, vol. 3.
2. **Time Change:** Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday.
3. **The Thanksgiving Conference** will be in Phoenix from November 23 to 26. Information is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer/.
4. **The Winter Training** will be December 25 to 30 in Anaheim and by local webcasts in LA. For the live training, complete registration including payment was due October 29. Registration for the webcast training (\$105) is due December 3. Late fees will be incurred after these deadlines. Saints from LA should register at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla and submit payment (cash or check only) to their district's designated registration coordinator.
5. **The International Chinese-Speaking Conference** will be February 16 to 18, 2018 in Taipei. Those who wish to attend must register and pay \$100 for the conference, which includes hospitality if you need it; organized church visitations trips are also available at an additional cost of \$150. Saints from Los Angeles must register before Tuesday, November 28 at <http://tinyurl.com/ICSC2018LA> and give their payment (cash or check only, designated "2018 ICSC") to their district's registration coordinator.