

Week of May 6

The Grace of God in a Local Church: Its Abundance, Expression, and Maintenance

Abundance: Acts 4:33, "...great grace was upon them all."

Expression: Acts 11:23, "Who, when he arrived and saw the grace of God..."

Acts 11:23, note 1, The grace that was seen by Barnabas must have been the Triune God received and enjoyed by the believers and expressed in their salvation, change in life, holy living, and the gifts they exercised in their meetings, all of which could be seen by others.

Maintenance: Acts 13:43, "...Paul and Barnabas...urged them to continue in the grace of God."

Brother Minoru's sharing on the abundance, expression, and maintenance of grace is at tinyurl.com/greatgrace.

Many verses unveil our cooperation to maintain grace, advance in grace, and grow in grace:

- We exercise our spirit because grace is with our spirit (Gal. 6:18).
- We come forward to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace (Heb. 4:16) and to enthrone the Lord so that grace as a river may flow (hymn 770, v. 1).
- We receive the living word of His grace, which is able to build us up (Acts 20:32).
- We let the word of Christ dwell richly in us so that we sing with grace in our hearts to God (Col. 3:16).
- We partake of grace by loving our Lord Jesus Christ with God's incorruptible love (Eph. 6:24).
- We enjoy grace by abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:10, 58).
- We abound in grace by liberal giving of material riches (2 Cor. 8:1-7).

Lord, bring us into every aspect of cooperation with Your grace! Cause Your grace to be expressed much more throughout Los Angeles!

Sixth Grade Conference

The sixth grade conference is May 11 to 13 at Oak Glen. Please pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of all of the sixth graders leading up to the conference, to give each of them a definite experience of salvation, and to companionize them as they go on as young people in the church life.

Spanish-Speaking Brothers' Perfecting

Every spring we have a special time of fellowship and perfecting in the truth with the Spanish-speaking elders, responsible brothers, and serving brothers in Southern California. This year it will be Saturday, May 12 in Anaheim. May the Lord bless this special time with His speaking and presence.

The Church in Strasbourg, France

The resumption of the Lord's table in Strasbourg will take place on May 13. Despite the enemy's efforts to frustrate throughout the last decades, the Triune God has kept on flowing. May the Lord solidly establish an unshakable and un-uprootable golden tree, living, growing, budding, and blossoming here in Strasbourg. A lot has taken place and we pray for His mighty flow to flow forth from the house, toward the east, reaching every part and every person in this city.

Woodland Camp Training Facility

A video update and a written report on the development of a training facility at Woodland Camp in London are available by clicking on 'Reports' at amanatrust.org.uk. Those who wish to give through the church may designate offerings for 'UK Building Fund.'

Germany

Please continue to pray for:

- the further sowing of the German NT Recovery Version, and the reaping into the church life of many among the 30,000+ recipients who were contacted in October 2017;
- the spreading of the Lord's testimony throughout Germany; ask the Lord to supply the saints bountifully in traveling to and shepherding the scattered seekers and to gradually burden some experienced in the church life to migrate for the raising up of additional local churches.

India and Nepal

The Lord's Move to Asia Newsletter describes the current situation and burden of the 177 churches in India. It also has a report of a winter gospel trip and blending in Nepal by students from Taiwan.

<http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/E-2018-04.pdf> (English)

<http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Asia-2018-04.pdf> (Chinese)

Announcements

1. **Morning revival: REPEAT** Week 5 of *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, Vol. 1.
2. The Bible ends, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen." (Rev. 22:21)
Audio of the May 6 joint meeting of the church in LA is available at tinyurl.com/greatgrace.
3. The **Summer Training** will be July 2 to 7 in Anaheim and by local webcasts in LA. Late registration for the live training including payment (\$255) is due **June 12**. Registration for the webcast (\$105) is also due **June 12**. Saints from LA should register at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla and give cash/check payment to their district's registration coordinator.
4. The **International Memorial Day Conference** will be May 25 to 28 in Kansas City. Saints from LA attending should RSVP at tinyurl.com/memdayla (adults) or tinyurl.com/memchildrenla (children) to receive any updated announcements.
5. The **Southern California Blending Conference** will be June 9 to 10 in Anaheim. General information and specific information about children are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.
6. The **Summer School of Truth** in Los Angeles is July 20 to 28. The topic is: The Church.
7. Information on **Germany and Europe**, see the right side of www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.