

Week of July 22

The Victorious Christ

“God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh.” (Rom. 8:3b)

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8b)

“Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil.” (Heb. 2:14)

Praise Him! praise Him! Christ is Victor! / He has won the victory!

Sin is judged, old Adam finished, / Full redemption now we see!

Vanquished all the evil powers / Thru the Cross triumphantly! (Hymn 124, v. 1)

Practical Experience of Resurrection Life

The believers need 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 that overthrows the usurpation of temporal and uncertain riches. This may be the reason that the dealing with this matter [1 Cor. 16:1-3] comes after the dealing concerning the reality of resurrection life [1 Cor. 15]. (part of 1 Cor. 16:1, note 1)

There is a financial need in LA due to increases this fall for support of each FTTA trainee and for support of our full-timers serving in the campus and church. This is an opportunity for every one of us to have a fresh and practical experience of living the resurrection life, trusting in God and not in material riches. May the Lord grant each one the measure of resurrection we need.

Offerings in response to these and other local needs should be given to the church in Los Angeles without designation for any specific use.

Summer School of Truth in Los Angeles

There are 113 registered for our SSoT, almost 2/3 young people including 4 from Long Beach and 2 from Thousand Oaks.

The topic this year is The Church. We hope through this special week the young people will find a home in the church, and declare along with the psalmist, “One thing I have desired of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (27:4) Please pray for:

- the hearts of the young people to remain soft to the Lord and the serving saints;
- the speaking to be relevant, transparent, and full of life;
- the Lord to supply and be the wisdom and heart of the serving ones; and
- the young people to meet the Lord and find their home in the church.

Northern California

From January 26 through February 11, 2018, the churches in Northern California participated in a two-week sowing event to Gospelize, Truthize, and Churchize Northern California.

Over 1,200 volunteers from 40 localities, together with 58 FTTA trainees, gave away about 6,000 Bibles, 4,800 booklets, and tens of thousands of gospel tracts and free Bible offer cards during this time. More than 7,500 people were personally spoken to, nearly half of whom gave their contact information to the volunteers; 253 prayed to receive the Lord; and five were baptized.

Please pray for the ongoing follow-up and the shepherding care for the many people who were contacted and who received a Bible, book, tract, or Bible offer card. Pray that the Word of God and the ministry of the age would enlighten them and bring them into the experience of Christ as their life.

European Young People's Conference

From July 29 to August 4, three conferences will take place concurrently in Małe Ciche, a village in southern Poland. The Junior Conference will be for young people aged 13 to 15 and the Senior Conference for young people aged 16 to 19. The Parents and Children Conference is for the parents to get into the fellowship regarding raising up the next generation for the church life, and for the children to be with other children from all over Europe (the list of country coordinators includes 41 European nations).

In particular, please pray for:

- The personal opening of the young people to the Lord for His personal speaking and calling to each one during this special week;
- The binding of the enemy - against illnesses, accidents and all his distracting tactics;
- That the serving ones will be supplied and brought into the Lord's heart for the young people.

Invitation to Balkan Conference in Tirana, Albania

This invitation is from David and Elda Chang, who were in L.A. for many years and have been in Albania the past six years.

Dear Saints, we would like to invite you to the Balkan Conference which this year will take place in Tirana, Albania, November 2-4. Come and blend with the saints from Albania, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey. For details: <https://amanatrust.org.uk/events/eventdetails.php?eventid=709/>.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** week 3 of *The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man* (Memorial Day).