

Week of November 18

Enjoying Christ for a Church Life in Resurrection

“Now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Cor. 15:20) “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.” (Acts 2:32-33).

The Feast of Firstfruits signifies the resurrected Christ as the firstfruits for our enjoyment as a feast in His resurrection. The Feast of Pentecost came fifty days after the Feast of Firstfruits, indicating that the outpoured Spirit is the aggregate of the rich produce of the resurrected Christ. (*Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, msg. 21, I., II.B.1)

Lord, keep us in resurrection enjoying You daily as our feast and participating daily in the outpoured Spirit!

The Thanksgiving Conference

The Thanksgiving Conference is in North Carolina Thursday night to Lord's Day noon.

“Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, praying at the same time for us also, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ.” (Col. 4:2-3)

Lord, release Your word through the speaking brothers, open a door in every heart for hearing this word, and open our mouths to release this word to others.

College Conference C

Conference C was richly blessed by the Lord as our living, releasing, pneumatic, life giving Word! The atmosphere was jubilant! Many students were freshly released by the Lord from self consciousness and were speaking Him forth with boldness. This is surely due to the prayer of the saints. The conference concluded with five baptisms of which one freshman brother and one freshman sister are from UCLA.

Please continue to pray that Christ the living Word of God would become the daily experience of every student across southern California.

Our Need and the Church's Need

In Luke 6:38 the Lord goes on to say, “Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will give into your bosom; for with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you in return.” Here the Lord is saying that when we give to others, our Father in heaven will always return to us much more than we give. (*LS Luke*, ch. 15, sec. 1)

May we apply this word in prayer, opening to the Lord about our giving to the church. The church in L.A. has financial needs and we need the Lord's mercy to give in a good measure.

Bibles for America

Bibles for America advertises free Bibles and books online using Google ads. Please pray for the Lord to be our wisdom as we implement new ad campaigns. Pray for many people who want to understand the Bible and grow in their Christian faith to see the ads and order a Recovery Version and ministry books.

Birmingham, UK

May the Lord build up prevailing testimonies in the major cities of the United Kingdom, starting with Birmingham, the second-largest city after London. Please pray for the Lord to strengthen His testimony in Birmingham through the clustering of the neighboring churches, as well as the visitation, migration, and blending of saints.

Germany

In October 2017 over 30,000 Recovery Version NTs were distributed in Germany. Thousands more have been distributed since then. German people will rarely take a NT if they have to give their contact information, so no information is requested during distributions. Please petition the Lord to rise up in more NT recipients to contact Bibles for Europe to request contact and Bible reading times.

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan is a country between western Asia and eastern Europe. The population of around 10 million is predominantly, but nominally, Muslim. It has some history and relics of early Christianity, but the Lord's recovery in the past century has no history here.

A couple from the U.S., serving in Germany, moved to Azerbaijan in September based on a subjective leading from the Lord that began at the Taipei blending conference in February and continued with prayer and fellowship with co-workers. They testify that the Lord had prepared everything for them to migrate there, including the opportunity to teach English at Western Caspian University.

Their request: please pray for our God-man living to reach the 35 students whom we spend 4 hours with every day. Please pray that the Lord will have a way to bring in the ministry material, so that the sons of peace here can be discovered, supplied, and equipped to hold forth the word of life. Suitable ministry material is Russian (60% of the people understand it) or Turkish (very close to Azerbaijani). Pray also that The Mystery of Human Life can be translated into Azerbaijani.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** week 21 of *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, Vol. 4.
2. **Audio of the October 14 joint meeting** of the church in LA is available at tinyurl.com/gospelspirit.
3. **The Winter Training** will be December 24 to 29 in Anaheim and by local webcasts in LA. Registration including payment for the webcast (\$105) is due December 2. Late registration requests for the live training (\$255) should be made as soon as possible before that date. Saints from LA should register at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla and submit payment either online or to their district's designated registration coordinator.
4. **Video of the October 7 blending in Addis Ababa** is at tinyurl.com/Oct7-Addis. This video is long: scan the whole or watch specific parts. Here are start times [hours:minutes] for each segment:
[0:00] Lord's Table (which began before the announced time)
[1:01] testimony of the Lord's leading to raise up the church in Addis Ababa
[1:31] key points from the October 4 to 6 ITERO in Addis Ababa
[2:12] a brief view of the Lord's recovery in 25 African nations
[2:52] an overview of the full-time trainings in South Africa and Ethiopia
[2:59] concluding word; [3:27] a call for prayer, visiting, and financial support; [3:34] end