

Week of September 1

Captured by the Excellency of Knowing Christ

“Have no confidence in the flesh.” (Phil. 3:3b)

“Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” (Rom. 8:8)

“But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ.” (Phil. 3:8)

We should have no confidence in the flesh, including the honorable, lovable, and superior aspects of our natural being, gained from our birth, upbringing, culture, attainments, etc.

We need to have a vision of the preciousness of Christ and to receive revelation concerning the excellency of the knowledge of the all-inclusive, unlimited Christ. After Christ was revealed to [Paul], he began to have the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. He was captured by the excellency of knowing Christ, and for the sake of this knowledge, he was willing to drop all things and count them to be loss.

Lord, Grant Repentance to Many

“Upon the earth anguish of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the billows, men fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming upon the inhabited earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” (Luke 21:25b-26)

News in recent weeks includes large fires on multiple continents, a strong hurricane, missile firings, floods, and other “roarings”. Lord, use these events to turn people to Yourself!

Los Angeles Campuses

This is the second week of classes for the semester schools. Please pray for the students to have a solid beginning in reading the Bible.

Life-Study Live

Life-Study of the Bible is the radio program with 30 minute broadcasts of the ministry of Witness Lee (www.lsmradio.com, www.lsmradio.com/espanol). On Saturday, September 14, there will be a Spanish-language “Life-Study Live” at LA hall 2. A light dinner will be followed by a message by brothers who serve with the radio ministry. Announcements of this event on the radio began mid August.

Please pray for many radio listeners to attend, to be supplied with life, and to seek more fellowship.

BfA in Northern and Central California

On September 4, Bibles for America will embark on a Bible distribution tour in Northern and Central California. The cities on the tour will include Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and Berkeley/Albany, as well as others in the East Bay Area and Central California. Please pray for:

- all the distribution venues in the participating cities;
- the Lord to go before us and reach many seeking people with His interpreted Word in every place we visit.

The Gospel to All the Nations

This weekend, September 6 to 8, there will be a conference in Houston with a burden for the gospel to all the nations (Matt. 24:14) with a view of reaching African Americans, as well as others of African origin, for the Lord’s testimony. All the brothers and sisters are invited to come.

Reaching African Americans has been a burden for several years, and it has led to much prayer and fellowship among the churches. Because this is a move of the Body, all the saints are needed to pray and participate, regardless of ethnicity. Although it may seem that this is a matter of race, in fact, it is a matter of the ratio of African Americans currently meeting in the churches in North America (less than 1%) compared to the general population of African Americans in the US (approximately 13%). We pray that the Lord would reap some families from these communities throughout the US and Canada.

More information is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.

Germany

Rhema distributes free books in three sets. In the recent years 300 people per year in German-speaking regions have gotten to the point of requesting set 3. All set 3 requesters are invited to a Rhema Readers' Seminar September 14-15. The recipients are spread all over Germany, plus some in Austria and Switzerland. The seminar will be held at our Gut Elim blending center in the center of Germany.

Please pray that many seekers will respond to the invitation and come to the seminar. Pray also that they may receive an enrichment in the truth during this time and be brought into fellowship with us.

United Kingdom

Last week the UK prime minister made a major change in their course toward Brexit, which caused commotion in top levels of government and broader. May the Lord sovereignly rule over this confusion and contention for His interests in the UK and for the advancement of His move in all of Europe.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 5 of *The Experience of Christ* (Memorial Day Conference).
After week 6 we will use *Crystallization-Study of Numbers*, vol. 3, week 13.
2. The **Thanksgiving Conference** will be in Houston, Texas from November 28 to December 1. Saints from LA who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by October 31. Childcare registration required. Information, including hotels, is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.
3. Reports on the **Lord's Move in Germany**, a new web site in English: germanyreports.info.