

Week of December 8

The Divine View of God's People

“Here is a people who live alone and do not reckon themselves among the nations.” (Num. 23:9b)

“He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, nor has He seen trouble in Israel.” (Num. 23:21a)

“That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.” (Eph. 5:27)

We need to see the vision of the All-sufficient One and have a divine view of God's people. In themselves God's people have many defects. In God's redemption and in Christ they have no defects. When God looks at His people, He does not see them according to what they are in themselves but according to what they are in Christ.

We need to have a vision concerning the church and see that the church is “Christly,” “resurrectionly,” and heavenly. The church has been resurrected with Christ, and now the church is in ascension, in the heavenlies, with Christ. We need to view the church in a heavenly way and realize that all the local churches are parts of the coming New Jerusalem. (Crystallization-Study of Numbers, msg. 23, III., D. 2.a-3., IV., A.2., V.B.2.)

May the Lord grant us a governing vision to see His people as He sees them and to have our church life according to this vision. Praise the Lord for the church!

Children and Young People Parents and Service Fellowship

This fellowship will be Lord's Day, December 15 in Halls 1, 3, 4, 5; Lord's Day, December 22 in Hall 2. The specific time will be announced in each district. Those presently serving, those wishing to serve, and parents of our children and young people (CYP) are all encouraged to attend. Please pray for full participation and for uplifting of our service to gain our children and young people for the Lord's move.

The church's new Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People, a part of this fellowship, may be viewed at www.churchinlosangeles.org/policy.

Bibles for America

Since August, BfA has been sending free copies of The All-inclusive Christ to people throughout the country. To date, over 5,500 copies have been shipped. Please pray that thousands more would see our ads and order their own copy of The All-inclusive Christ.

Please also pray that each person who receives this rich ministry book would be unveiled to see, experience, and live out the all-inclusive and extensive Christ.

Middle-age Training Graduation

The FTTA-MA graduation is Saturday, December 14 at 1853 Ball Road in Anaheim. Twenty-six trainees will graduate. Ask the Lord to keep them in an inward attitude of training, cooperating with Him as their life-long Trainer—“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:12b-13). Also ask the Lord to guide them in their church life and service after the training.

Iberian Peninsula Conference

The Iberian Peninsula Conference will be held this year on December 13 to 15 in Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain. May the Lord abundantly bless this time for His move in the Iberian Peninsula!

United Kingdom – General Election

A general election for all 650 members of Parliament is scheduled for December 12. Due to political turmoil in the UK, this is the third general election in four years. May the Lord's sovereign will be done in this election and in the ongoing Brexit process. Lord, arrange all things for Your interests, for bringing many to salvation, and for the advancement of Your move in the UK and in Europe!

Hong Kong

“Praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.” (Eph. 6:18)

“Pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and reasoning.” (1 Tim. 2:8)

In the past half year, the protest activities in Hong Kong have become increasingly intensified, conflicts are heating up, and violence is escalating. Everyday operations in the society and people’s livelihood are seriously affected. This is not what the general public, nor the church, wishes to see.

Please pray for the saints: may there be no murmurings, no wrath, no reasoning, but more prayer. Also pray for the rulers: may the Lord grant them the wisdom to handle the current disputes most appropriately so that “we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity” (1 Tim. 2:2).

Lord's Move to Asia

The November newsletter has a report from a conference attended by almost 400 saints and a report about free literature distribution in Asia, with emphasis on India.

<http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/E-2019-11.pdf> (English)

<http://lmasia.org/temp/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Asia-2019-11.pdf> (Chinese)

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 23 of *Crystallization-Study of Numbers*, vol. 4. After the semiannual training we will use *Material Offerings and the Lord's Move* for two weeks, then the Thanksgiving Conference.
2. **December Semiannual Training** (December 23 to 28) will be on Deuteronomy. Those who would like to prepare themselves are encouraged to read the verses, footnotes, and Life-Study messages.
3. **New website:** The co-workers in North America have launched shepherdingwords.com, a new website to address misinformation about the Lord’s recovery and certain critical issues facing the recovery.
4. The **Southern California Spanish Speaking Conference** and the **Southern California Young People's Blending Conference** will both be Friday night, January 17 to LD noon, January 19 in Anaheim. Information in English is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer y en Español en www.socalspanish.org.
5. **Audio of the October 20 Joint LA Meeting** is available in English at tinyurl.com/godlyfamily.