Week of March 5

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Romans 8

"Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death? Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord!..." (Rom. 7:24-25)

"There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death." (Rom. 8:1-2)

The key to being an overcomer is the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8, a chapter for desperate seekers. All those who are qualified for this chapter must be the ones who are desperate. After being saved, after seeking the Lord, and after being defeated along the seeking way, they are desperate... You must be a desperate one. This chapter does not try to stir you up because you do not have a heart toward the Lord... This chapter gives you a clear view of what you have within you. Because you are so seeking, because you are so desperate, you need such a view. You do not need a "way"; you need a view. You need to see what has been done with you, what has been installed into you. You need to see what you have already. You do not need just a kind of instruction, but you need a view to see what you have.

We must have a clear view that...God today is this law within us. Such a God as a law does not work in us and for us by activities...Today He is the processed God as a law to you. Have you ever had a specific prayer to thank Him that He is now the law to you?...I am afraid we still pray in the old way, asking the Lord for His help in our weakness. We still ask the Lord to help us not to lose our temper...Do you really realize that God has been installed into you as the law of the Spirit of life? He is working within us by a law, not by activity. What we need to do is to cooperate with Him. (*The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy*, msg. 3, I; *Perfecting Training*, ch. 36, pp. 396-399)

Southern California High School Brothers Conference

The Spring High School Brothers Conference will be held in-person this weekend, March 10 to 12, at Oak Glen. The topic is "The Divine Romance." Please pray for our high school brothers to see the Lord afresh and be drawn by Him personally so that together they would run after Him. Pray that they would be encouraged by and blended with other young people across Southern California.

Los Angeles Large Group Fellowship

This Friday evening there will be a meeting at Hall 5 for all college students in LA. We will be covering the importance of blending as seen in Romans 16. Please pray that:

- Jesus would gather the students throughout the LA area together to this time.
- All attending would touch the living Spirit.
- A vision of the Lord's desire for His blended Body would be imparted through the speaking.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray for the saints in Russia and Ukraine to be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man, where Christ is all the members and in all the members, and for the preservation and shepherding of all the saints in their tripartite being.

A reminder from the footnote on 1 Kings 8:48: "No matter for whom we are praying, our prayers should be aimed at the interests of God, i.e., at Christ and the church as God's interests on earth, for the fulfilling of God's economy."

Turkey

Pray for the saints in Istanbul and other cities in Turkey to be strengthened to bear a strong testimony for the Lord and cooperate with Him.

Ethiopia

The Lord is blessing many areas of His move in Ethiopia. The saints throughout the country are steadfastly entering into the riches of this ministry through local conferences and video trainings. The campus work is growing stronger in the Oromiya region in the western part of the country; in the various universities in Addis Ababa, we are looking to the Lord for the best way to take care of more than 60 new contacts. Last August, we held a Summer School of Truth for our young people for the first time. In the Full-time Training in Addis Ababa there are currently 50 trainees, 23 of whom will graduate this July.

There are currently 10 churches in Ethiopia, but there are saints meeting in over 60 localities. Many localities are ready to take the ground. In the first half of 2023 we plan to take the ground in five more cities. Please pray for the security and political stability of the country. Pray that the Lord may gain many serving ones and strengthen them. Also pray for the literature service, that we may distribute more books all over the country.

For a detailed report with photos, see the February 2023 issue of the Lord's Move to Africa newsletter:

- <u>reurl.cc/jlRVYq</u> (English)
- reurl.cc/gZQN17 (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Reviva**l: Week 3 of *The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy*.
- 2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The general subject of this term's weekly ministry meeting is "The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles." Saints are invited to attend in-person at 7:25 pm at the Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim or online at www.lsmwebcast.com.
- 3. **Free e-Booklets**: Living Stream Ministry offers a series of free e-booklets to read and share at www.lsm.org/booklets, including "Life's Setting Free—the Need of Those under the Bondage of Sin."
- 4. **Bibles for America**'s latest post is available to read and share at <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u>.
- 5. **Living to Him** has a podcast series particularly helpful to working saints, available on all major podcasting services at livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast.
- 6. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html.
- 7. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.