Week of May 25

The Way to Receive, Experience, and Enjoy the All-Inclusive Christ

"...That the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Gal. 3:14)

"But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles..." (Gal. 1:15-16)

Galatians reveals the way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit—the aggregate of the all-embracing blessing of the full gospel of God. The way to receive, experience, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit is by God's revealing of Christ in us; we live the Christian life according to the Christ whom we have seen. Nothing is more pleasing to God than the unveiling, the revelation, of the living person of the Son of God in us. The more inward, subjective revelation we receive of the Son of God, the more He will live in us; the more He lives in us, the more He will become to us the reality of the all-inclusive land as the blessing of Abraham, the blessing of the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit.

If we drop our concepts, turn our heart to the Lord, pay attention to the spirit, and spend time in the Word in a spirit and atmosphere of prayer, Christ will be revealed in us, live in us, and be formed in us. *(Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)*, msg. 8, III.A, 1-3)

May we all exercise to drop our concepts, turn our heart to the Lord, pay attention to our spirit, and prayread the Word!

The Preparation of the Bride

"That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word." (Eph. 5:26)

"Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." (Rev. 19:7)

The Bible is a romance, in the most pure and the most holy sense, of a universal couple—God in Christ as the Bridegroom and God's redeemed people as the bride—the goal of the Lord's recovery.

The Lord's primary work in the recovery is His genuine work to prepare us to be His glorious bride; apart from the continual, dispositional sanctification spoken of in Ephesians 5:26, there is no way for the bride to be prepared and, hence, no way for Revelation 19:7-9 to be fulfilled.

As used in the New Testament, the word *mature* refers to the believers' being full-grown and perfected in the life of Christ, which they received at the time of regeneration.

The Lord's recovery is for the preparation of the bride of Christ; ultimately, we will be conformed to be the wonderful Shulammite, who, as the duplication of Solomon, is the greatest and ultimate figure of the New Jerusalem as the counterpart, the bride, of Christ. (Key Statements, 2025 Memorial Day Conference)

Please pray for the digestion of the recent conference messages by all the saints, for them to refresh their love for the Lord Jesus, and for their cooperation with the Spirit to prepare the bride for the Lord's coming.

Church in Los Angeles Joint Meeting

The whole church in Los Angeles—all halls, districts, and languages—will meet together at 10:00 am on Lord's Day, June 8 at the LA Convention Center.

Please pray for a healthy attendance and blending, and for the timely speaking of the Lord to shepherd all the saints in the church to be brought on to maturity for the sake of His testimony in Los Angeles and for the building up of the reality of the Body of Christ, the preparation of the bride of Christ, and the manifestation of the kingdom of Christ.

UCLA Celebration Meeting

College students with all the saints in Hall 5 will come together this Friday, May 30 to celebrate all that the Lord has done in and through them this past academic year. Pray for a good, solid ending to the school year for all the college students, especially our graduating seniors, through their sharing of their testimony of Christ. Also pray for all the saints to be encouraged and for the Lord to be glorified through all the speaking.

FTTA

The deadline for Fall Term applications is this Saturday, May 31. We are continuing to pray and trust in the Lord for His blessing on many young saints through the Full-time Training in Anaheim. In light of this week's deadline, please pray that the Lord would touch and lead many more college graduates and young working saints to consecrate themselves and apply to FTTA.

France

The Lord continues to bless His move among us in France and Francophone Europe. At the end of April, over 370 saints gathered in person for the annual French-speaking blending conference in Paris, representing a significant increase over previous years. At least 52 new ones participated for the first time; many of them had been contacted during the gospel trips. The meetings were rich and enjoyable, and many new ones came to the microphone to share. Praise the Lord for the fruitful vine in French-speaking Europe!

In early May, saints from Paris and Brussels went to blend with the young working saints in Lille, where there is not yet a lampstand. The time began Thursday evening and concluded Saturday afternoon. Three messages were shared, all focusing on "our human spirit." The saints enjoyed picnics together and a city tour led by a couple who had been baptized in Lille. On Friday night, 8 different small groups were formed and the saints enjoyed the Lord in the homes of local saints. There are plans for another blending time this fall. Please pray:

- That the Lord would keep the new contacts in close fellowship with the local saints for the raising up of His testimony and the reality of the Body of Christ.
- For the Lord to raise up three new lampstands in France this year. Lord, what would You do concerning your testimony in Lille?

Sri Lanka

Pray that the churches in Sri Lanka would be registered as government-recognized organization, and for the purchase of the meeting hall in Colombo, so that the preaching of the gospel will not be hindered.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 20 of *Experiencing*, *Enjoying*, and *Expressing Christ* (2), vol. 4.
- 2. Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting: The series on "The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles —Ephesians" continues this week starting at 7:25 pm in Anaheim and at <u>lsmwebcast.com</u>.
- 3. Memorial Day Conference: Videos are available at no charge until June 25 at <u>lsmwebcast.com</u>.
- 4. **Bibles for America**'s recent blogpost "How We Can Experience True Rest for Our Souls" is available to read and share at <u>bfa.org/blog</u>. Helpful videos are available at <u>bfa.org/videos</u>.
- 5. Semiannual Training: June 30 to July 5 in Anaheim. For LA saints, registration for our local video training is open until June 15 (\$130) at <u>tinyurl.com/summertrainingla</u>.
- 6. **The LA Years:** This oral history project at <u>www.layears.org</u> documents the early years of the church life in Los Angeles from 1958–1974, including written history, photos, and first-hand testimonies.
- 7. Ways to Give: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</u>.