# Week of June 15

## Walking in Love and Light

"God is love." (1 John 4:8b)

"And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us." (Eph. 5:2a)

"God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5b)

"For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light." (Eph. 5:8)

As children of God, we should walk in love and light. To walk in love is to walk in intimacy with God. In our daily walk we should always care for our Father's feeling, for we live intimately in His tender love. The goal of the book of Ephesians is to bring us into love as the inner substance of God that we may enjoy His presence in the sweetness of the divine love and thereby love others as Christ did. As those who have been regenerated to become God's species, we, the children of God, should be love because God is love. Since we become God in life and in nature, we also should become love.

As God is light, so we, the children of God, are children of light. We are not only children of light—we are light itself. We are light because we are one with God in the Lord. (*Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)*, msg. 11, IV, B.1, b, 2, 3, C.1-2)

# Persevering in Prayer for the Things Which Are Above

"Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth." (Col. 3:2) When we set our mind on things above by praying, we will not pray for trivial matters. Instead, our prayer will be occupied with Christ's heavenly intercession, ministry, and administration. Because Christ is interceding for the churches around the world, we also pray for the churches. Our responsibility is to seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness. Since the Father knows our need, He will take

care of us and meet our need.

When we set our mind on the things above during our times of prayer, we become a reflection of Christ's ministry in the heavens. Through our prayer Christ, the Head, is given a way to carry out His administration through His Body...Only when we pray do we become an ambassador of the heavenly kingdom on earth in a practical way. (*Life-study of Colossians*, msg. 65, p. 581)

### **United States**

"And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect." (Rom. 12:2)

Pray for the Lord's mercy on the people of this country, that they would be open to the gospel and the truths concerning God's economy so that more could be rescued from the present evil age and participate in God's building of the church as their practical salvation before the Lord's return.

Pray that the Lord would preserve the United States for the preparation of His bride and that the saints would bear their responsibility to live Christ, to have Christ as the reality, the real contents of the church life, so that the Body life may reach the reality of Romans 12 as the spontaneous preparation of Christ's bride for His coming back.

## LA Truth School and Children's Bible Camp

Our LA Truth School and Children's Bible Camp will be held from Lord's Day evening, June 22 through Tuesday afternoon, June 24. Please continue to pray:

- For the health of every child, young person, parent and serving one to be full of strength and vigor to enjoy this time away together.
- For the family units to have a sanctified time alongside the other families in in the church in LA.
- For the endurance of the saints finalizing the details in each service to make our time at Oak Glen as enjoyable as possible.
- For the softness and openness of our young people's hearts to receive a clearer vision of the church.
- To bind any last-minute schedule conflicts so that everyone signed up will be able to attend.

#### FTTL

Last weekend, 12 trainees graduated from the Full-time Training in London. Pray that the Lord would lead and release a good number of young saints from all over Europe to make a definite decision to consecrate themselves to be trained in 2025.

Please pray for the next step of the graduating trainees and for all the young saints considering the training this fall. May the Lord continue to use the FTTL to perfect many young saints in truth, life, gospel, service, and character to gain vessels useful to Him for His testimony and move in Europe!

### Hungary

Recently the church in Budapest, the sole local church in Hungary, has learned that many people in that country read and appreciate books by Watchman Nee. They have contacted some of these readers. Beseech the Lord for connection of more readers with the current ministry and to bring the readers into the practical church life.

#### Middle East

Thank the Lord that thus far all the saints in Israel have been preserved from harm during the fighting with Iran that broke out last week. Pray for the saints' peace and safety and for them to be strengthened into their inner man, so that they live a life that expresses God and cooperates with His move.

Pray that the situation in the region will be under the ruling of God's throne so that He will work out the counsel of His will. Pray for the white horse of the gospel to run and for many people to seek and find Christ as the reality and as their fortress.

#### Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival:** Week 23 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 <a href="mailto:lsmwebcast.com">lsmwebcast.com</a>.
- 3. **FTTA Graduation:** Saturday, June 28 starting 9:30 am at the Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim; also be broadcast online at <a href="https://www.ftta.org/graduation.php">www.ftta.org/graduation.php</a>. All the saints are invited.
- 4. **North America Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training:** July 23 to 27 at Camp Penuel in New York and from July 30 to August 3 in the Cerritos meeting hall. Additional details and registration are available at na-csw.org/announcement/2025-nacsspt.
- 5. **Memorial Day Conference:** Recordings are available at no charge until June 25 at lsmwebcast.com.
- 6. **Bibles for America**'s recent blogpost "The Immense Significance of the Human Spirit" is available to read and share at <u>bfa.org/blog</u>. Helpful videos are also available at <u>bfa.org/videos</u>.
- 7. **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.
- 8. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at <a href="https://www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings">www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</a>.