Week of September 7

Producing Our Wedding Garment by Living a Life in the Spirit

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; lovingkindness and truth go before Your face." (Psa. 89:14)

"And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints." (Rev. 19:8)

God is righteous as well as holy. Whereas holiness is related to God's inward nature, righteousness is related to God's outward acts, ways, actions, and activities. Everything God does is righteous. The righteousness of God is what God is in His action with respect to justice and righteousness.

The righteousnesses of the bride here denote the subjective righteousness, Christ as the righteousness which has been constituted into our being. Those who compose the bride have been redeemed and regenerated. But they also need to have the subjective righteousness interwoven into their being in order to have the fine linen, bright and clean. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 87, 4328)

How can we produce such a garment of righteousness? We produce it by walking daily according to the Spirit of life and by having a life that is a life of the Spirit. If we prepare our wedding garment day by day, month by month, and year by year by living such a life in the Spirit, we will not be found naked when the Lord comes. Instead, at His coming, we will be wearing a bright, clean wedding garment. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, p. 256)

SCYP Blending Meeting

This Saturday, September 13 there will be a Southern California Young People's blending meeting in Arcadia. The afternoon session, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, will be conducted in four different age groups; after dinner, the evening session, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, will be all together. Please pray:

- That all the YP could attend this time and that the Lord would speak a specific word to each one.
- That they would consecrate this new school year to the Lord, have companions and "pursue with those," and be seeds of the gospel in their schools.
- That there would be mutual encouragement and relatedness among the YP through this time of blending for the Lord to gain this generation as His corporate continuation for His move and return!

FTTA-MA

The new term of the middle-age Full-time Training in Anaheim begins this week on September 8. A total of 80 trainees are attending, including 36 from outside the United States.

May the Lord honor the desire of these saints to redeem the years that the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25) and strengthen their tripartite beings to seize this opportunity to be trained. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this new term, a spirit of fresh consecration, and a renewed sense of the Lord's imminent return. Pray for the deepening of the sweet flow of life as the saints come together to be perfected in an atmosphere of blending to usher in the reality of the Body of Christ for the one new man.

Pepperdine University

Pepperdine is a private Christian university in Malibu. During this fall semester, a brother is teaching two undergraduate courses that will include some ministry materials. Pray for a vision of God's economy to be released on this campus and for some meaningful connections with students to be established.

France – Paris Chinese-speaking Conference

A Chinese-speaking conference will be held in Paris from September 12 to 14. Translation is provided into French and English, since the conference is not only for Chinese-speaking saints.

Please pray for the Lord's timely speaking and the blending among the saints in this conference to advance His building work in Europe. May the Lord keep advancing rapidly in Europe according to His desire to obtain the reality of the one new man through the saints' deeper experience, enjoyment, and expression of Christ.

France – FTTL Gospel Trip to Rouen

Rouen, the capital of the Normandy region in northern France, was one of the target cities during the 2024 Olympics gospel trips. Greater Rouen is home to more than 40,000 students, 34,000 of whom are enrolled at the University of Rouen Normandy (URN). A handful of contacts from the OL trips are still being shepherded by the saints.

Earlier this year, a retired couple migrated from California to Rouen, providing a reliable base for local gatherings and visiting shepherding saints. This week, September 8 to 12, a team of 8 trainees from the FTTL are visiting Rouen to preach the gospel on the campus and in the city. They are being joined by 4 saints from the France full-time team. New contacts will be invited to a gathering on Friday evening.

Please pray for a sweet coordination among the visiting trainees, serving ones, and local saints. Pray for the Lord to capture some seeking French young people and bring them into a normal Christian church life. Pray also for more couples and students to migrate to Rouen to raise up the Lord's testimony.

Turkey (Türkiye)

The first Turkish ministry book was published in 2014, and around 40 titles are now available. Through the Rhema distribution, we have received many contacts throughout the whole country. Most recently, five new contacts have been joining some Bible studies with the saints. Please pray that these ones would be released and open, so that they may soon be baptized into the name of the Lord.

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival:** Week 5 of *The Preparation of the Bride*.
- 2. **Bibles for America**'s new blogpost "What Can the Story of the Magi Teach Us About Knowing Jesus?" is available to read and share at <u>bfa.org/blog</u>. Many insightful videos are at <u>bfa.org/videos</u>.
- 3. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The ministry series continues this Wednesday 7:25 pm on "The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles—Philippians and Colossians." Saints are invited to attend in person at the MCC in Anaheim. The meeting will also be live-streamed at lsmwebcast.com.
- 4. **SCYP Parents & YP Serving Ones Fellowship:** September 20 in Fullerton, 9:30 am to noon. Translation will be provided into Chinese, Korean and Spanish (please bring a smartphone and headphones). Contact serving ones for registration and more details.
- 5. **Thanksgiving Conference:** This year's conference will be held in Indianapolis, November 27 to 30. Childcare for K–6 will be provided during the meetings. Saints from LA interested in attending can get more information on hotel group rates and RSVP at <u>tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla</u>.
- 6. **France Shepherding Trips:** An invitation letter to participate in ongoing short-term shepherding trips throughout France is posted at lme.org/reports.html.
- 7. **Germany Gospel Trips:** Saints are invited to participate in gospel trips October 5 to 19 in Germany. Registration deadline is September 15. More information is at tinyurl.com/Gospeltrips-2025.
- 8. **Italy 2026 Winter Olympics:** A letter of fellowship and a letter with instructions on how to apply and participate in gospel trips are posted at lme.org/reports.html.
- 9. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.