

Week of May 27

Taking Christ as Our Trespass Offering

“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, / And from my sin cleanse me.” (Psa. 51:2)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“But the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.” (John 4:14b)

The trespass offering signifies Christ as our offering resolving the problem of sins in our conduct. Taking Christ as our trespass offering with the confession of our sins in the divine light is the way to drink Christ as the living water for us to become the New Jerusalem. It is also the way to keep ourselves in the fellowship of life for our growth in life unto the maturity in life.

The more we receive the forgiveness of sins, the more we will fear God and love God. Furthermore, when Christ as the sin-dealing life is ministered to the saints, this life kills the germs, destroys the problems, and maintains the oneness of the Spirit.

In taking Christ as our trespass offering, we need to make a thorough confession of all our shortcomings, weaknesses, wrongdoings, and sinfulness in order to have a conscience without offense toward God and men. After such a thorough and fine confession, we will be filled with the Spirit essentially and economically to make us buoyant and bold in our God to speak the gospel of God. (*Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, msg. 8, I-II)

May we daily experience Christ as our trespass offering for God’s purpose!

Memorial Day Conference

Please pray that the burden released in last weekend’s Memorial Day Conference messages would be worked into and worked out through the saints in all the churches. The general subject was “The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man.” The church as the new man must engage in spiritual warfare to defeat God’s enemy, fulfill God’s purpose, and bring in the kingdom of God (Banner 1). Praise the Lord for His timely speaking! May all the saints be drawn personally and corporately to love Him and “offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration” (Psa. 110:3a).

Summer College Training

Every summer, the college training provides a rich opportunity for the Lord to gain more ground in our students, including those who just graduated from high school. These trainings have greatly influenced our students’ personal pursuit, church life, and involvement with the gospel work on their campuses. Please pray that the Lord would overcome all obstacles and release our college saints to attend this special time of training.

This year’s college training is July 9 to 15 at Oak Glen. The topic will be “A New Heart and a New Spirit.” The early registration deadline is **June 3** (\$375) at www.collegetraining.org.

Bibles for America

In order to better serve the Spanish-speaking community, we are making improvements to the Bibles for America Spanish website, including the enhancement of the Bible-ordering process and the transition of the translated blog posts to a better platform. Please pray more Spanish speakers would visit our website, order a Bible, and be nourished by the blog and downloadable e-books.

Munich, Germany

There are at least 142 people asking for further contact. Many of these, if not most, are native German-speaking students. There have been many positive responses with at least 34 new ones, and 13 have already come to either a home meeting or a barbecue. There is a great need for a mature American or Canadian (preferably) couple to migrate to Munich permanently, as well as housing for the saints who are going there to labor.

Madrid, Spain

After several years of prayer and searching, the church in Madrid has found a place suitable for church meetings, for Bibles for Europe storage, and for 11 full-timers to have a base for the work in Spain and Portugal. Initial payments were made last month; the remaining amount is due at the end of July. The current need is approximately US\$500,000.

Please pray for this transaction to be completed and for the timely financial supply for this purchase. You may donate to the church (any amount, small or large, as the Lord leads), designated for MADRID.

Bulgaria

Many of the saints from Sofia and surrounding cities will be gathering in a village near Sofia the first weekend in June for a time of sharing and mutual fellowship. We will have four meetings centered on the book *Basic Lessons on Service*. Please pray that the Lord's presence and shining will be prevailing in all the speaking, reading of ministry excerpts, and fellowship for the strengthening of His move in Bulgaria.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** Week 8 of *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, Vol. 2.
2. **Audio of the May 6 joint meeting** of the church in LA is available at tinyurl.com/greatgrace.
3. The **Summer Training** will be July 2 to 7 in Anaheim and by local webcasts in LA. Late registration for the live training including payment (\$255) is due **June 12**. Registration for the webcast (\$105) is also due **June 12**. Saints from LA should register at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla and give cash/check payment to their district's registration coordinator.
4. The **Southern California Blending Conference** will be June 9 to 10 in Anaheim. General information and specific information about children is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.
5. The **Summer School of Truth** in Los Angeles is July 20 to 28. The topic is: The Church.
6. Information on **Germany and Europe**, see the right side of www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.