Week of February 28

Living in the Divine History for the One New Man

"... You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation." (Rev. 5:9)

"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)

Now we need to ask ourselves this question: Are we living in the divine history, or are we living merely in the human history? If our living is in the world, we are living in the human history. But if we are living in the church, we are living in the divine history. In the church life God's history is our history. Now two parties—God and we—have one history, the divine history. (*LS Joel*, p. 36)

We praise the Lord that we are in the divine history, experiencing and enjoying the mysterious, divine things for our organic salvation and for His spreading through the preaching of the gospel of peace to the whole inhabited earth so that we may become the one new man in reality to be His overcoming bride. (*The All-inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man*, msg. 6, III.B.2)

Living in the Mingled Spirit

"But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit." (1 Cor. 6:17)

We need to see that the reality of all spiritual things is in the spirit. The church itself is in the spirit, the building of the church is in the spirit, and the eternal testimony of the church is in the spirit. This is the hinge, the secret, and the key to our Christian life and our church life. (*CWWL*, 1975-1976, vol. 1, "Living in the Spirit," ch. 2, p. 476)

Pray that the saints would learn and practice to live constantly in the mingled spirit as the secret of God's organic salvation and the key to the entire Christian life and church life! (Beseeching.org, Day 253)

Southern California Special Training on the Eldership

A new term of the special training on the eldership for elders and responsible brothers in Southern California began on February 20 with a plenary session on Zoom. Through regular corporate gatherings, group times, and personal study, the burden is to strengthen the present eldership and responsible brothers in the churches, to perfect and raise up the next generation of elders and responsible brothers, and to gradually bring more younger brothers into a functioning role in an organic way. Please pray:

- 1. That the Lord will abundantly grace and strengthen all the participants and become their perseverance and faithfulness to continually present themselves absolutely to this training.
- 2. That an unprecedented one accord among the churches in Southern California will be ushered in as all the participants are attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion.
- 3. That the Lord will bless this ongoing training so that all participants will be perfected further for the Lord's testimony in Southern California and for the building up of the church, the Body of Christ.

Spring California College Conference

This past weekend our college students enjoyed messages from the California College Conference on the "Five Keys to a Godly Living Today." More than 1,100 were registered, including 775 students. From LA, we had at least 80 college students and 11 high school seniors. Nearly half of these college students did not grow up in the church life. Many of them were truly moved by the Lord's anointed speaking, including a very touching testimony and Q&R time in the last session.

The prayers of the saints ushered in the Lord's blessing during this time. Now we are seeking that the students would apply what they heard during this weekend. Please pray that the students would:

- Spend time in God's word daily to buy truth;
- Exercise their spirit and deal with their heart under the Lord's shining, letting Him into more parts of their heart;
- Be supplied and encouraged by the Lord to overcome and have a godly living in the present age.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the second largest country by area in Africa (after Algeria). With close to 90 million people, it is the fourth most populous country in Africa (after Nigeria, Ethiopia and Egypt) and the most populous French-speaking country in the world.

Despite political instability and many public health challenges in the country, the church life is going on well, with nearly 700 saints in 12 localities. The saints have now returned to holding the Lord's Table in all localities as they had before the pandemic. In some places, they gather daily, enjoying the Lifestudies and morning revival books. They have received some ministry books from abroad, but unfortunately these were in English. Please pray for more provision of ministry materials in French.

To read more, please see the February 2021 <u>newsletter supplement</u> of the Lord's Move to Africa.

Lord's Move to Asia

The January 2021 newsletter of the Lord's Move to Asia contains reports on newly established churches in Sri Lanka and a recent national conference in Pakistan. Details and photos are at: http://lmasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/E-2021-01.pdf (English) http://lmasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Asia-2021-01-1.pdf (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Reviva**l: Week 6 of *The All-inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man.* Next week, we begin *Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.*
- 2. **The Spring High School Conference** will be California-wide via Zoom, March 26 to 28. Deadline for registration (\$15) is March 14.
- 3. **Words of Fellowship to the Church in LA:** A new video, <u>Seizing Every Favorable Opportunity</u>, is available to watch. Translated videos are in <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Korean</u> and <u>Spanish</u>. We hope the saints will be encouraged and supplied by these short and practical fellowships in the midst of these days.
- 4. **Life-study of the Bible with Witness Lee:** Broadcast since 1996, this 30-minute radio program focuses on the enjoyment of the divine life as revealed in the Scriptures. Ministry portions are followed by a discussion, including helpful questions and answers. The entire archive is available for free at www.lsmradio.com. In particular, saints may be interested in Job (15 episodes) and Proverbs and Ecclesiastes (10 episodes).
- 5. **Ways to Give:** Information on setting up online giving through Subsplash, as well as where to mail checks while our meeting halls are closed, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.