Week of April 25

Experiencing Christ as Wisdom to Us from God

"In whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden." (Col. 2:3)

"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God..." (1 Cor. 1:30)

For Christ to become wisdom to us from God indicates that there is a transmission of Christ as wisdom from God to us for our daily experience. Christ as wisdom should unceasingly flow from God to us to be our present and practical wisdom in our experience. If we are one with the Lord and receive His dispensing, we will experience and enjoy Him as our wisdom day by day and hour by hour.

"In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church." (Eph. 3:10)

When God's chosen and redeemed people partake of and enjoy the riches of Christ, these riches constitute them the church, through which God's multifarious wisdom is made known to the angelic rulers and authorities in the heavenlies. The day is coming when, through the church, Satan and his angels will be put to shame. They will realize that everything they have done has given God the opportunity to manifest His wisdom. (*CS Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes*, msg. 8, IV.C.1-2, 4; V.D.1-2)

The Practical Way to Be Vitalized

"Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord." (Rom. 12:11)

Pray that the saints would take action to be vitalized by being stirred up in the best love for the Lord through repenting prayers, by practicing to fellowship with the Lord and with the seeking saints to gain companions for their labor, and by reconsecrating themselves to the Lord in being transformed by the renewing of their mind and being burning in spirit to serve the Lord, all of which will usher them into a prayer life in which they pray themselves into the all-inclusive Spirit and learn how to follow this Spirit by exercising their spirit. (Beseeching.org, Day 94)

Thousand Oaks Gospel Meeting

The church in Thousand Oaks will have a Chinese-language gospel meeting on Zoom this Friday, April 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please pray for the Lord to bring many unsaved people and to speak directly to each one.

West Coast Korean-speaking Blending

This Lord's Day, May 2, all the Korean-speaking saints on the West Coast are invited to join an unprecedented blending conference. The participating churches are not only from California but also include localities in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. We will enjoy the messages from ITERO ("Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life").

Please pray for the Lord to bless this gathering with His speaking, and for all the saints to be enlightened, encouraged, nourished, and shepherded. Also pray for the group times to facilitate more blending for the reality of the Body of Christ.

Central and Eastern European and Balkans Blending Conference

This weekend, from April 30 to May 2, there will be an online blending conference for saints throughout the Central, Eastern and Balkan areas of Europe. The general subject is "The Genuine Church Life." The main language during the conference will be English, but all the fellowship and messages will be translated into Romanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Czech/Slovak, Serbo-Croatian, Polish, Albanian, Greek, Turkish, and Chinese. Lord bless your move in central and eastern Europe! More information is at www.churchesceeb.org.

Albania

The saints in Albania will be participating in this conference. They are requesting prayer in four areas:

- 1. That the Lord would give extra grace and wisdom to the translators and proofreaders, so that the audio translation can be made available on a separate channel. May this labor be completed in time!
- 2. That the saints would actually join. These wonderful messages would really open up fellowship concerning the proper church life, the Lord's recovery, and the Body of Christ.
- 3. For the proper digestion of the messages after the conference.
- 4. For the Lord to bring out the proper function of all the saints. May the Lord fan into flame the spirit for the gospel as a way for us all to enter into the deep experience of Christ and into the practice of the God-ordained way.

Angola

Angola is the largest of the six Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa. In 2015, through the coordination and supply of the Body, the church life in Angola was revived with visiting saints from Brazil and South Africa. There are currently around 600 saints meeting in 2 localities.

During the pandemic, the saints in Angola received the burden to join the global prayer for 30 days. Afterwards, the saints in Uige had the burden to continue the practice of daily prayer. Such a prayer life has brought in many blessings. They have witnessed an increase in the number of saints coming into the church life: more than 30 new ones have been baptized. In addition, the Lord has raised up gatherings of believers in two neighboring cities, Maquela and Bungo. May such blessings continue to abound and to flow to other cities in Angola, in particular to the capital city Luanda.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 8 of Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Vol. 2.
- 2. **Words of Fellowship to the Church in LA:** A new video entitled <u>Meeting Together</u> is posted on YouTube and in our church app, with translations in <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Korean</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.
- 3. LA Joint Meeting: Lord's Day, May 23, we will have a meeting on Zoom of the whole church in LA.
- 4. **6th Grade Parents & Serving Ones:** On May 1 from 10:00 to 11:30 am, there will be a time of fellowship for serving ones and parents of our 6th graders. Translation into Chinese, Korean and Spanish will be provided. Registration is still open at scyp.com/6thgrade.
- 5. **Bibles for America** continues to produce impactful videos, both to spread the good news of the gospel and to convey the truths in the Bible. Watch and share at www.youtube.com/biblesforamerica.
- 6. **Ways to Give:** Information on setting up online giving through Subsplash, as well as where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.