Week of April 4

Being Constituted God-men for God's Intention

"Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live." (John 14:19)

"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked." (1 John 2:6)

God does not want us, the believers in Christ, to be a good man; He wants us to be a God-man. Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He might be reproduced in us and live again in us, the God-men. As the expansion, increase, reproduction, and continuation of the first Godman, we should live the same kind of life that He lived.

The One who lived the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us; we should not allow anything other than this One to fill us and occupy us. When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity. (CS Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, msg. 5, II.D, V, V.C, C.4, E)

Christ Being Our Goal

"Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I pursue toward the goal..." (Phil. 3:13-14)

The pandemic seems to be subsiding in California but there are still many uncertainties. Only the Lord knows what is ahead of us. Gaining Christ is our focus. Decisions about increased in-person or new in-hall meetings will be announced as they are made. We will proceed cautiously and abide by the government requirements. We should all exercise the attitude expressed in Philippians 3:13-14.

Let us pray and encourage one another to forget the times behind and stretch forward to pursue more of Christ and to enter into a fresh experience of meeting and enjoying Christ. May we all look away from the current limitations unto Him and open ourselves to whatever He has for us.

California Junior High Conference

Our first-ever California-wide junior high conference will be this weekend, April 9 to 11. The topic is "The Spirit." Please pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of the young people and gain the response He desires. Pray also that they would be encouraged by and blended with the other young people across California through the group activities. May the junior high students come to know the Spirit and their spirit.

California Open House Connect Event

This Saturday, April 10 at 3:00 pm, there will be a California-wide Open House Connect Event for high school juniors and seniors. The purpose of this event is to help our graduating high schoolers learn more about starting life as a college student, connect with current college students all around California, and have a strong start to their freshman year.

Our high school seniors are currently hearing back from colleges and needing to make decisions for the fall. Please pray for each one to have solid experiences with the Lord and sweet fellowship with the Body. Pray for the Lord to gain each one at this critical juncture and for His perfect will to be done. May every high school senior learn to follow the Lamb and stay "connected" wherever He would lead them.

FTTA-MA

The middle-age full-time training has been closed for three terms due to the pandemic. It will reopen for the fall term on August 30. Please ask the Lord to 1) arrange the environment to support a full and healthy reopening, 2) be wisdom to the brothers preparing for the reopening, and 3) encourage many middle-age saints around the earth to join this training.

For more information, see www.fttamidage.org.

Bibles for America

Although the free Bibles and books from BfA can only be sent to people in the United States, our online resources are enjoyed by people all over the world. In particular, we have been hearing lately from people all over Africa who are reading posts on the BfA Blog.

Please pray for all those who visit <u>www.bfa.org</u> to read the <u>BfA Blog</u>, download our <u>free e-books</u>, <u>watch our videos</u>, and access our <u>Share the Good News</u> page. Pray that they would continue to be nourished, enlightened, and enlivened by the resources they find on our website.

Europe

Please continue to pray for the migration of burdened saints to the six designated European cities of Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich. More details on these cities can be found at lordsmove.org/reports.html.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 5 of Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.
- 2. **6th Grade Conference Update:** There will no longer be a 6th Grade Conference as previously announced. However, on May 1 from 10:00 to 11:30 am, there is an important time of fellowship for the 6th graders' parents and serving ones via Zoom. It will cover practical matters on how to help the newly saved 6th graders begin to have a healthy Christian life and church life. Translation into Chinese, Korean and Spanish will be provided. Register by April 24 at www.scyp.com/6thgrade.
- 3. Words of Fellowship to the Church in LA: A video entitled <u>That We May Gain Christ</u> is available to watch at <u>youtube.com/churchinlosangeles</u> and in our church app, with translated versions in <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Korean</u> and <u>Spanish</u>. We hope the saints will be encouraged by this short fellowship to focus on what should be our primary goal in these days of change and uncertainty.
- 4. **Radio broadcast in Spanish:** *El Estudio-vida de la Biblia con Witness Lee* is broadcast Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 to 9:30 pm, and Lord's Days, 6:00 to 6:30 am. LA County 100.3 FM; San Fernando Valley and Ventura County 90.3 FM.
- 5. **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.