Week of August 15

The Truth Setting Us Free and Sanctifying Us

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." (John 8:32) "Sanctify them in the truth: Your word is truth." (John 17:17)

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We cannot sanctify ourselves. The more we try to be sanctified, the more involved we become with things that are common. But when the word mingled with the essence of the Triune God is imparted into us as the truth, this truth sanctifies us.

Every morning we can touch the living Word and have the divine reality infused into our being. In this way the Triune God is transfused into us. This transfusion of the element of God frees us from such negative things as temper, jealousy, hatred, and pride. It sets us free from every kind of falsehood. This is real liberation, real freedom.

As we are being set free, we are also sanctified, separated, made holy to God, not only positionally but also dispositionally. We become one with God because His very essence is being wrought into us. This is what it means to be sanctified by the word of truth. Like breathing, we cannot do this once for all; rather, it must be a continual exercise. (*CWWL*, 1978, vol. 3, "Truth Messages," pp. 327-328)

Resumption of School

On Monday, August 16, all LAUSD schools had their first day of class. Other schools in the Los Angeles area have already begun or will be starting shortly as well. With most schools practicing in-person instruction, we need much prayer for our elementary, middle, and high school students and their families. Please pray that the Lord would:

- 1. Be the peace to each student and their family as they face various complexities and anxieties related to resuming in-person classes.
- 2. Shine brightly out from our students to their classmates and use this situation to bring some to salvation.
- 3. Cover the atmosphere, health, and safety of students, teachers, and administrators for the fulfillment of the Lord's purpose.

Wednesday Night Ministry Meetings

We are pleased to announce that the weekly Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting will resume this week on August 18 at 7:30 pm. To limit the spread of COVID-19, only the FTTA trainees and staff will be allowed to attend the live meetings in person. The saints and churches in Southern California can watch the meeting free of charge via webcast at <u>lsm.org/live</u>. The meeting will be broadcast in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, and Korean. The outlines will be posted on the same site.

Please pray for the ministry of the Lord's word week by week and for many more saints to take advantage of the live broadcast format to be nourished and edified. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing of the Full-time Training in Anaheim and covering of all trainees and serving ones.

FTTA-XB

The fall term of the Full-time Training Extension in Boston begins in person this week. The burden of this training is to produce full-time serving ones who are equipped to serve the Lord for an extended period of time. The primary aspects of this training are the learning of the basic lessons in service and the deeper development of the necessary experiences of life. A secondary but very important aspect is to train the young saints to study the truth and read the Bible properly to enable them to apprehend the depths of God's revelation progressively over the full course of their serving life.

Please pray that the trainees would be equipped in the realization of the divine truths according to the Scriptures by the revelation of the Holy Spirit and would spend much time and effort to study the truth so that they may be fully equipped for the Lord's service.

FTTL

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the fall term of the Full-time Training in London, which began this week on August 16. Pray that the Lord will continue to use the FTTL to raise up a group of young overcomers in Europe who will be obedient to the heavenly vision and will be one with Him for His final move to build up His Body and prepare His bride for His return.

Myanmar

Continue to pray for the saints to be covered, preserved and supplied during the social unrest and Covid-19 epidemic. Also pray for the Full-time Training in Yangon and the translation work to be strengthened and supplied.

Ethiopia

Amana Ethiopia Printing and Publishing is currently operating in Ethiopia for the propagation of the ministry. At present we are working to get copyright permission from the Living Stream Ministry for the translation and printing of the ministry books.

We are also producing video messages to introduce the ministry in Ethiopia and East Africa. Three different Facebook pages have been created for this purpose. Messages from books such as *The Normal Christian Life, Twelve Baskets Full* and *Life-Study of John* are shared on these pages in order to help our viewers know and experience the truth in their daily life. We have already posted 45 short videos in English and 39 videos in two of the local Ethiopian languages.

Within a short period of time, we have attracted 6,300 followers and received over 200 contacts from different parts of the country. The openness and hunger of those who have contacted us for further fellowship impelled us to start a 30-day program on "God's Full Salvation." Currently we have translated these messages into the Amharic language, and we are preparing for the recording of these messages. We plan to use them as shepherding material for our contacts.

To read more about the campus and literature work in Ethiopia, download the July 2021 newsletter of the Lord's Move to Africa in English or Chinese at www.lmafrica.org.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 2 of *Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age* (Memorial Day Conference).
- 2. Living Stream Ministry is offering a free e-booklet, *Life's Purpose—To Build the House of God.* Formats include PDF, Kindle, Audiobook, and more! Visit <u>www.lsm.org/lifes-purpose</u>.
- **3.** Holy Bible Recovery Version App is the official app from Living Stream Ministry that contains the Recovery Version of the Holy Bible in English with its enlightening footnotes, valuable cross-references, and useful charts and maps. For more information, go to <u>www.lsm.org/rvapp.html</u>.
- 4. Ways to Give: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</u>.