

Week of October 31

A Life of Submission Producing Channels of Blessing

“And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.” (Phil. 2:8)

“In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Gal. 3:14)

To be submissive requires the supply of life, the enjoyment of grace, the working of the cross, and the denial of the self. Those who are filled with Christ are filled with submission. The Lord, who was submissive throughout His life, has given us His life of submission and obedience.

Because we are rebels, we need to repent and receive Christ as the son of David, that is, as our authority, as our Sovereign and King, so that He may rule in us and over us in God’s kingdom. This will cause us to become channels of blessing for the saints’ progress (their growth in life) and for their joy of the faith (their enjoyment of Christ). We have been called to bless others, so we, as a blessed people, should always bless others that we may inherit blessing. We should continually take, experience, and enjoy Christ as our King, our Lord, our Head, and our Husband so that He can be our blessing to make us a channel of blessing to the saints and all the churches. (*Crystallization-Study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth*, msg. 7, II.I.1-2, I.B.1, 3, I.A)

Exercising to Be Revived Persons for the Church Life

“...For the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him.” (Rom. 10:12)

The success of the home meetings depends upon who we are. Can we enliven people? This depends upon what kind of persons we are with the Lord... Practicing the church life is not simply a matter of changing our way. It is a matter of changing our life. We must be persons who are really living in our spirit, walking in Christ, and living Him. Some may feel that this is too demanding. God can do so much for us, but He cannot eat, drink, or breathe for us. We have to exercise to eat, drink, and breathe. (*Elders’ Training, Book 9: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (1)*, ch. 3)

Pray for all the saints to exercise to be brought into the enjoyment of the Lord by contacting Him and calling on Him continually throughout the day. Pray for the saints to become revived persons so that our meetings are living, fresh, and new!

California College Conference

We have about 50 students from LA (including UCLA, USC, CSUN, and local community colleges) registered to attend the in-person college conference at Oak Glen this weekend, November 5 to 7. The topic of the conference is “Choose God!” based on the book of Ruth. More than 20 of the students who are going to Oak Glen did not grow up in the church life and are newer among us. In addition, there will be some local watch gatherings in LA for students that cannot join the conference in-person at Oak Glen. We are hoping to have another 15 to 20 students join us for these times.

Please pray:

1. For the Lord’s covering of everyone’s health and stamina to make it to this conference, touch the Lord in a genuine way, and choose God above all else.
2. For the newer students to be very comfortable and catch a definite taste of the enjoyment of the Lord as well as have a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see God’s economy.
3. For the students who come to the local watch gatherings to be greatly supplied and encouraged with rich fellowship.

LA Gospel Meeting in Korean

The Korean-speaking saints in Hall 1 will hold an online gospel meeting this Friday, November 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. The message will be about the human spirit. As Job 32:8 says, “But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.” Please pray for all the preparation, invitation, and participation! The Zoom link is tinyurl.com/LAgospel.

Bibles for America

Bibles for America gave away free copies of *The All-inclusive Christ* from August 2019 to September 2021. In total, 33,210 copies were shipped out to people all over the United States. Please pray that each person who has received this book would read it and experience the all-inclusive Christ in a rich and meaningful way.

Germany

The national Farsi-speaking conference in Germany will be held online from November 5 to 7. Please pray for all the practical arrangements and the release of the spoken messages in the Farsi language.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 7 of *Crystallization-study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth*, vol. 2.
2. **SCYP Children's Work Conference** will be over Zoom on November 13, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.
3. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** Live broadcast this Wednesday beginning at 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. Outlines will be posted on the same site.
4. **Semiannual Training:** Registration for saints in LA will open next week. In preparation for this training (December 20 to 25), saints may want to read the text and the footnotes of 1 & 2 Samuel. The September issue of LSM's newsletter also highlights a number of helpful resources at newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry.
5. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.