Week of December 28, 2025

Having Fellowship unto the Gospel

"And my God will fill your every need according to His riches, in glory, in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19) "... 'He who gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack." (2 Cor. 8:15)

When the Israelites left Egypt, they plundered it of its gold. The material gold mine is in Egypt. We need some full-timers to remain there to dig the gold mine to get the gold. The other full-timers will drop their job, profession, or business for the preaching and teaching of the gospel truth, but they will need something to live on. We would not like to see that they would be forced to make tents as Paul was in Acts 18:1-3. That would be a shame to us... We are all full-timers in different functions. Some have the function to preach the gospel, teach the truth, and minister life to all the seekers. However, these dear ones could not have any time to make a living. They need others to support them. Therefore, a great number of us full-timers should remain in our jobs, professions, or businesses to make money.

Do not merely enjoy the physical gains you have received under God's sovereignty. This may offend the Lord. In this case the Lord will take back His blessing...If we are faithful to Him, He will bless us. If we spend every ounce of our gold for His purpose, He will return to us not only by ounces, but by pounds. This is to carry out the fellowship unto the gospel, the fellowship for the furtherance of the gospel. The key point of this way is that every believer is a full-timer. Some drop their job to preach and teach, while some remain on their job to make money. We must encourage some to drop their jobs. We must also encourage some to make money and separate five percent monthly, purposely for the account of the fellowship unto the gospel. (Elders' Training, Book 8: The Life-pulse of the Lord's Present Move, pp. 129-132, 137)

Meeting God in the Light to Have a New Spiritual Year

In order to have a new spiritual year, we need to specifically seek God's face and meet Him. We should bring our condition, past and present, to Him and place it before Him in the light of His face in order to receive His shining. He is facing us, waiting for us, and open to us. We should not think that we are the ones who are seeking God; actually, He is seeking us and waiting for us. Rather than being closed, we should open ourselves to Him. We should not treat our days in a loose manner. When we approach a new calendar year, we should come to God and open ourselves to His light concerning not only the state of our earthly affairs but also the condition of our spiritual life. We need to spend some time in the presence of God, presenting our past and present condition to Him and allowing Him to shine on us. As the Spirit, He will come to us, and with His Spirit there will be light shining on the items that we place before Him. When we encounter God in Christ as the Spirit coming to us as light, we will have a new beginning. When we encounter light, we will also encounter God as the light-bearer. These encounters bring in changes that are like the changes associated with days, months, and years. If we want to have changes, from small changes to great changes, we must meet God. (CWWL, 1957, vol. 1, "God's Need and God's Goal," ch. 4, p. 125)

At the turning of this calendar year, pray for the saints to seek the Lord's shining, open themselves to Him, and cooperate with the searching, judging, enlightening, and infusing of the seven eyes so that God can gain each one in an unprecedented way in 2026 for His move and His purpose.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ..." (Rev. 1:1)

The whole Bible reveals Christ; the book of Revelation especially, as the conclusion, completion, and consummation of the whole Bible, is "the revelation of Jesus Christ." Although this book also reveals many other things, the focus of its revelation is Christ. (See Rev. 1:1, footnote 1)

In last week's Semiannual Training, we saw and tasted Jesus Christ as the faithful Witness (1:5), the First and the Last and the living One (1:17b-18a), the One who has the keys of death and of Hades (1:18b), the Son of Man in the midst of the golden lampstands (1:13), the High Priest (1:13), the Holder of the messengers of the churches (1:16, 20), the Lion-Lamb (5:5-6), the eternal King (11:15), the Spirit speaking to the churches (chs. 2, 3), the Word of God and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (11:13, 16), the Lamb-God on the throne (22:1), the One coming with His reward (22:12), and the bright Morning Star (22:16).

We continually need more dispensing from this Christ that we may grow to maturity. In the prayer meeting and in private, let us ask the Lord to increase the following experiences in our daily life and church life:

- To open every part of our being to the Lord's shining and dispensing.
- To give Him the first place in all things (Col. 1:18), which is to love Him with the first love (Rev. 2:4).
- To take Him as everything in us, behold His beauty, be dominated and moved by our mingled spirit.
- To have nothing between us and the Lord.
- To pray over His word and muse on it, tasting and enjoying it through careful consideration.
- To read, study, behold, contemplate, and gaze on Christ as the Word of God.

May the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit operate in all the saints through the word spoken in the Semiannual Training to produce them as overcomers for the Lord's return!

Bibles for America

Throughout the last several months, BfA has seen a remarkable number of orders for Bibles flooding in. The hunger for the riches in the NT Recovery Version continues to steadily increase. There has also been a remarkable surge in e-book downloads from seekers all over the world. As we look ahead to next year, 550,000 Bibles have been ordered to support this growing momentum we are witnessing. We expect to see another year full of the spreading of the Word of God across the United States.

Praise the Lord that Christ became the living Word, the Spirit, and that He is near and available. May we be those who cooperate with the Lord to proclaim Christ as the word of faith so that many would "be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

Italy – Gospel Trips

The next round of Torch Relay gospel trips will be from January 2 to 12 in Turin and Bologna. May Satan be put to shame to the uttermost, and the Lord raise up many lampstands in Italy! Please pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of many seeking people to receive Christ in His word and be added to the Lord's testimony in Italy and other parts of Europe.

Saints in LA may give through the Church in Los Angeles designated for "ITALY OLYMPICS."

UK Building Project

Construction of the new FTTL training and blending center began over two years ago; work was temporarily halted for 15 months due to a lack of funds, but it was resumed in March of this year. As of last week, around 40% of the total funds needed to complete the construction has been received. An additional \$10 million will be needed to complete the entire project by Fall 2028.

How we worship the Lord for His blessing upon the praying, toiling, and giving of so many dear saints in the recovery on behalf of Europe in recent decades! May this new meeting and training facility contribute to the further spread of His testimony in the UK and even all of Europe.

Please continue beseech the Lord for the release of funds and workers, including from LA, for the construction of the new facility. To give through the <u>Church in Los Angeles</u> for the new training center, designate offerings for "UK BUILDING PROJECT."

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival**: Week 4 of *Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today*. Next week, we begin a seven-week truth pursuit of the Book of Acts.
- 2. **Bibles for America**'s blogpost "A Time for Prayerful Reflection at the End of the Year" is available to read and share at <u>bfa.org/blog</u>.
- 3. **FTTA Graduation:** A video of the recent graduation meeting is available for a limited time at ftta.org.
- 4. **Upcoming Feasts:** A schedule of LSM conferences and trainings in 2026 is posted at lsm.org/events.
- 5. **LSM Digital Resources**: Living Stream Ministry's many digital resources, including recorded hymns and free booklets, may be enjoyed at lsm.org/daily.
- 6. GTCA: To learn more about the burden for migration and 2026 target cities, visit gtca.us.
- 7. **Ways to Give**: Information may be found at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.