Week of March 26

Open Vessels for the Divine Dispensing

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us." (2 Cor. 4:7)

"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love." (Eph. 3:16-17)

The summary of Paul's fourteen Epistles can be expressed in two words: *open vessel*. An open vessel is doing nothing but keeping itself open to be filled by the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity. We simply need to love the Lord and keep ourselves open to Him, giving Him every opportunity to do everything He wants to do. This is the proper and genuine Christian life.

We should pray, "Lord, by Your grace I would not have any part of my being closed to You; I choose to keep myself entirely and thoroughly open to You." This proper prayer, deeper prayer, genuine prayer, is to love the Lord and be open to Him. If we have this kind of prayer, we will be living, open vessels, and the Lord will have the way to fill us with Himself. When the Lord fills us, He does everything for us.

Our destiny is to live an ordinary life in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, for our Father has destined that we live in an ordinary way under His continual dispensing. (*The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy*, msg. 6, I.B, 1.b, 2.b-c, I.C, a-c, II.D)

ITERO

The Spring 2023 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones held in Anaheim this past weekend, March 24 to 26, was on "Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life." Please pray that the Lord's word released in this training will operate effectively in the responsible brothers and the saints to bring forth the genuine church life all over the earth.

500 Life-studies App

We are happy to announce the launch of the 500 Life-studies app. It is designed to help believers to become constituted with the truth by using the *Life-study of the Bible* for their spiritual nourishment and growth. This app allows users to: 1) create custom reading schedules; 2) read directly in the app via a built-in reader or ministrybooks.org integration; and 3) track their progress toward different milestones.

The app is now available for free download on the <u>Google Play Store</u> and <u>Apple App Store</u>. For additional resources and information, please visit <u>500lifestudies.org</u>.

Please pray that this digital tool will be useful in bringing in a new culture of reading the Life-studies among the churches.

LA Chinese-speaking Blending Retreat

This weekend, March 31 to April 2, the Chinese-speaking saints will have a retreat at Oak Glen. Please pray not only for everyone's health and safety, but also for all the saints, especially the new ones, to be open and blended together for their mutual encouragement and for the building up of the Body.

UK Building Project

The UK building project in London has moved its emphasis from Woodland Camp to the construction of a new training center for the Full-time Training in London at Bower House. Permission has already been obtained to construct a new facility capable of holding at least 400 full-time trainees as well as conferences for up to 1,000 saints. Initial preparations are being made to begin construction this December. The total cost for the training center is estimated to be approximately £5 million (pounds) or about \$6 million (dollars). If funds are forthcoming construction can be completed within two years, which is when we expect to reach the capacity of the current facility.

To give through the Church in Los Angeles for the new training center, please follow instructions at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</u>. Designate offerings for "UK BUILDING PROJECT."

Ukraine

Please continue to pray for the saints in Russia and Ukraine to be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man, where Christ is all the members and in all the members, and for the preservation and shepherding of all the saints in their tripartite being.

A reminder from the footnote on 1 Kings 8:48: "No matter for whom we are praying, our prayers should be aimed at the interests of God, i.e., at Christ and the church as God's interests on earth, for the fulfilling of God's economy."

Cambodia

After the pandemic eased in May 2022, the saints were encouraged to resume their weekly gospel preaching. In the past, various methods were used to reach people—language teaching, outdoor activities, love feasts—but the saints felt that something was missing. Last year, they began using *The Mystery of Human Life* to speak directly to people and found some genuine seeking ones and open homes. Through persistent weekly visitations, other saints have also been recovered.

After meeting regularly with the new ones or the newly recovered saints on a weekly basis, we invited them to participate in daily morning revival. Every morning, we would spend 10 to 15 minutes on the phone, releasing our spirits to call on the Lord's name, pray-read the Lord's word, and receive light from the interpreted word. Many new ones testified that their desire for the Lord's word has deepened because of the practice of morning revival, and they spontaneously began to share and minister the Lord's word in the meetings. Through this the Lord began to work marvelously in many saints to overflow to their friends, relatives, and neighbors.

For a detailed report with photos, see the March 2023 issue of the Lord's Move to Asia newsletter:

- <u>reurl.cc/V8jAzA</u> (English)
- reurl.cc/6NEojd (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Reviva**l: Week 6 of *The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy*. Next week, we begin *Crystallization-study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*, vol. 1.
- 2. Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting: The general subject of this term's weekly ministry meeting is "The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles." Saints are invited to attend in-person at 7:25 pm at the Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim or online at <u>www.lsmwebcast.com</u>.
- 3. LSM Newsletter: The <u>March issue</u> of *"Having This Ministry..."* contains enlightening fellowship on "Our Need to Study the Hymnal" and "The Recovery Version—Why Another Translation of the Bible." Go to <u>newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry</u>.
- 4. Free e-Booklets: Living Stream Ministry offers a series of free e-booklets to read and share at <u>www.lsm.org/booklets</u>, including "Life's Sight—the Need of the Blind in Religion."
- 5. Bibles for America's latest post is available to read and share at <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u>.
- 6. Living to Him has a podcast series particularly helpful to working saints, available on all major podcasting services at <u>livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast</u>.
- 7. A Timely Speaking of Supply: Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at <u>lsm.org/timely-speaking.html</u>.
- 8. **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>.