

# Week of May 21

## Letting the Word of Christ Dwell in Us Richly for the Genuine Church Life

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.” (Col. 3:16)

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord.” (Eph. 5:18-19)

We, believers in Christ and children of God, need to be freed from all distractions and brought back to Christ Himself. All the saints need to experience something of Christ in their daily life and come together with the Christ whom they have experienced to exhibit this Christ, to share Him with one another, and to enjoy Him with God the Father for His pleasure; this is the genuine church life. (March 2023 ITERO, msg. 1, I, II.G)

Notice that in Colossians 3:16 Paul tells us to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, but in Ephesians 5:18 he tells us to be filled in spirit. When we put these verses together, we see that we should be filled in spirit with the word of Christ. . . The more we sing and psalm the Word of God, the more we shall be delivered from the influence of religion, the influence which causes us to come to the meetings in a formal way. Let us build the habit of singing the Word day by day. Then our meetings will not be formal. Instead of any kind of performance, the meetings will be filled with an exhibition of our daily life. What we exhibit in the church meetings will be the way we live day by day. (*LS Philippians*, pp. 358-359)

## International Memorial Day Blending Conference

The 2023 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will take place in Chicago this weekend. The general subject is “Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philippians.” All the saints are warmly invited to participate in person or by webcast. Living Stream Ministry will stream the conference messages on a delayed schedule in every time zone; afterwards, the archived video will be available until May 29. There is also the option to view the live in-person meetings in real time, which begin Friday evening Central Time.

All information, schedules and outlines are now posted at [conf.lsmwebcast.com](http://conf.lsmwebcast.com). The delayed broadcast schedule is as follows:

Message 1:	Saturday, May 27.....	10:00 am
Message 2:	Saturday, May 27.....	7:30 pm
Message 3:	Lord’s Day, May 28.....	10:00 am
Message 4:	Lord’s Day, May 28.....	7:30 pm
Message 5:	Monday, May 29.....	10:00 am
Message 6:	Monday, May 29.....	7:30 pm

Please pray for the release of the Lord’s up-to-date speaking to His recovery and for the blending of the entire recovery in that speaking. May all the churches and all the saints prepare for this upcoming time of ministry and sanctify these days for the hearing of faith among us. May this conference turn out to be a real memorial among us to the shame of God’s enemy and to the glory of God’s grace!

## Germany

The 2023 Pfingstkonferenz (Pentecost Conference) will take place this weekend, May 27 to 29, in Bad Wildungen, Germany. This will be an opportunity for blending and for the saints in the German-speaking countries to receive the re-speaking of the messages from the Spring ITERO on “Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life.”

Please pray for a rich feast and the Lord’s blessing in the fellowship and blending among all the saints attending. Pray that the saints would set the time aside and pay the price to come together in the Lord’s name, in spirit, and in oneness to participate in the Lord’s move through the conference.

## Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- The Lord will keep all the saints in the involved countries open to Him for His divine dispensing.
- The Lord will meet all the practical needs of the saints.
- The brothers who are fighting in the war will be preserved by the Lord in their tripartite being.
- The local saints, serving ones, and trainees in Europe will be blended with the refugees.
- The enemy will be bound in his attack on the Lord's interests in Russia, Ukraine, and Europe

## Tajikistan

Pray for the practice of the God-ordained way; may the Lord give the saints grace, preserve the local environment, cause the saints to contact people wisely, and bring the sons of peace to the saints.

## West Africa

The April 2023 newsletter of the Lord's Move to Africa has updates from three West African countries. In Côte d'Ivoire, pray for the Lord to gain more ground and add to the church in Abidjan, which is the largest city and financial center. The church life in Liberia continues to be recovered in recent years with the help of saints gained abroad returning with a burden to coordinate and propagate. In Benin, there is a growing burden for the young people and children's work.

- [reurl.cc/V8KqmY](http://reurl.cc/V8KqmY) (English)
- [reurl.cc/o0lqv5](http://reurl.cc/o0lqv5) (Chinese)

## Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** REPEAT Week 7 of *CS 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** No ministry meeting this Wednesday, May 24, due to preparations for the Memorial Day Conference. The ministry meeting will resume on May 31.
3. **July Semiannual Training:** July 3 to 8 in Anaheim and by video via Zoom. LA saints may still register for the video training (\$130) until June 18 at [tinyurl.com/summertrainingla](http://tinyurl.com/summertrainingla).
4. **LSM Newsletter:** The May issue of "*Having This Ministry...*" provides principles on using the hymns in the Lord's table meeting, as well as a brief history of the Taiwan Gospel Book Room. Go to [newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry](http://newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry).
5. **500 Life-studies App:** This app, on [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#), is designed to help us get constituted with the truth by using the *Life-study of the Bible* for our spiritual nourishment and growth. Create custom schedules, read directly in the app or [ministrybooks.org](http://ministrybooks.org) integration, and track your progress toward different milestones. For additional resources and information, please visit [500lifestudies.org](http://500lifestudies.org).
6. **Bibles for America's** latest post, "Author Spotlight: Who Is Watchman Nee?" is available to read and share at [blog.biblesforamerica.org](http://blog.biblesforamerica.org).
7. **Living to Him** has a podcast series particularly helpful to working saints, available on all major podcasting services at [livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast](http://livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast).
8. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at [lsm.org/timely-speaking.html](http://lsm.org/timely-speaking.html).
9. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at [www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings](http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings).