

Week of July 9

Overcoming by Loving His Appearing

“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.” (2 Tim. 4:8)

“... Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20)

Those who love the Lord, wait for His coming, and love His appearing will overcome. Loving the Lord’s appearing is a proof that we love the Lord and live for Him today. Hence, it also becomes a condition for us to receive His reward. To love the Lord’s appearing does not mean that we should not live a normal life; rather, the more we love His appearing, the more we need to live a normal life today. As those who love the Lord Jesus, take Him as our life, live Him, and magnify Him, we should await His coming and love His appearing. This should be our heart’s desire and our living as those who hope to enter into His joy, be saved into the Lord’s heavenly kingdom, and receive the crown of righteousness. (*Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming*, msg. 1, IV, A-C)

May we all pray to become those who love the Lord, wait for His coming, and love His appearing in our normal life today that we may enter into His joy at His coming.

The Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord’s Recovery

Please pray for the response of the saints to the Lord’s speaking in last week’s July Semiannual Training. The general subject was “An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord’s Recovery before His Appearing.” Here are the key statements:

The “diamond” in the “box” of the Bible is the revelation that in Christ God has become man in order that man might become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem.

The divine and mystical realm into which we may enter today and in which we may live is actually not simply the divine and mystical realm of the Triune God; it is the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit and the pneumatic Christ.

To abide in Christ, taking Him as our dwelling place, and to allow Him to abide in us, taking us as His dwelling place, are to live in the reality of the universal incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with the redeemed and regenerated believers.

The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity mingled, blended, and built up together as one entity; all the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person—the bride, the wife of the Lamb. (Key Statements of the 2023 July Semiannual Training)

LA Truth School

In preparation for the Truth School, which takes place August 4 to 12, our young people in Los Angeles gathered on June 17 and were encouraged to choose to “guard the deposit” (1 Tim. 6:20) this summer. A Bible reading schedule covering 1 and 2 Timothy with suggested footnotes and a Question of the Week was given to each young person to pursue corporately with one another and with their serving ones until the start of the Truth School.

Please pray for each young person to continue to participate in the Bible pursuit in their small groups and be open to the truth in God’s Word.

NACT – 30 Days of Prayer

To prepare for the North America College Training, July 16 to 22, the coordinating brothers have prepared 30 days of prayer requests for saints all around the globe to enter into together.

Please pray that:

- The students would use this week to be soaked and saturated with the holy Word, memorizing verses and picking up the habit of being in the Word daily, even building up a lifelong habit to be safeguarded

- against the decline (Matt. 4:4).
- The students would consecrate their lives and futures to the Lord absolutely for His purpose and glory (Rom. 12:1).
- The Lord would call many students to give their futures to the Lord and vow to attend FTTA to be made useful to Him (Psa. 110:3).
- All the students and serving ones with their families would have the Lord's covering against any attacks from the evil one and no portion of the training, including the return time, would give any ground for his attacks (Matt. 6:13).
- Satan would have no ground in the atmosphere on campus or in the beings of all those attending the college training (Matt. 12:29).

For a complete list of the 30 Days of Prayer for the NACT, [click here](#).

Bibles for America

BfA's Spanish Blog at blog-es.bfa.org was recently updated to be more user friendly. With the addition of categories, people can now access topics like Consecration and The Human Spirit. A search function was also added so if someone is interested in a particular subject not listed in the categories, they can search for it in the Search bar. Finally, there is now a subscription box so that people can sign up to receive monthly blog posts on the Bible and the Christian life.

Please pray that this new design would enable more Spanish speakers to find, read, and share blog posts with others. Also pray that the content presented would encourage blog readers living in the US to order a free Spanish NT and explore more of the online resources Bibles for America offers.

Germany – Gospel Trips

Like last year, the churches and the developing localities in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria extend a warm invitation to all the saints in the recovery to join their gospel labor from October 8 to 22, especially on the campuses at the beginning of the university year. To get more information, see additional opportunities for blending, and register for these trips, please use bit.ly/GermanyGospelTrips (the URL is case sensitive, so 'G,' 'G,' 'T' are capital letters).

Please pray:

- that the Lord will gain many young Germans, Swiss, and Austrians as remaining fruit;
- for the spread of the Lord's testimony in many cities through these gospel trips;
- for an increase in the gospel atmosphere and action in the sending and receiving cities;
- for some from LA to receive the Lord's leading and go to participate in these trips.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray that the Lord will protect the saints in Russia, Ukraine, and Europe from :

- The Lord will keep all the saints in the involved countries open to Him for His divine dispensing.
- The Lord will meet the practical needs of the saints and preserve their tripartite being for His interests.
- The brothers who are fighting in the war will be preserved in their tripartite being.
- The Lord will comfort and sustain those who have lost loved ones in the war.
- The enemy will be bound in his attack on the Lord's interests in Russia, Ukraine, and Europe.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 1 of *Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming* (ICSC).
2. **FTTA:** A video of the graduation meeting on July 1 is available for a limited time at ftta.org.
3. **LSM Digital Resources:** Living Stream Ministry has consolidated many of its helpful digital resources, including apps and free booklets, at lsm.org/daily.
4. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.