Week of August 27

Striving Together with One Soul for the Gospel

"Only, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, that...you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together along with the faith of the gospel." (Phil. 1:27)

"For I have no one like-souled who will genuinely care for what concerns you." (Phil. 2:20)

Paul charges us to conduct ourselves "in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ," which is to "stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together along with the faith of the gospel." To be with one soul and to be like-souled for the gospel work are more difficult than to be in one spirit for the experience of Christ; Timothy was a brother who was like-souled with the apostle Paul.

To be with one soul requires that, after having been regenerated in our spirit, we go further to be transformed in our soul. If we are not one in our affections, thoughts, and decisions, we are not with one soul; as long as we are not one in soul, we are not in the fellowship unto the furtherance of the gospel, and our conduct is not worthy of the gospel. When all the members in the church are in one spirit with one soul, this oneness will be convincing, subduing, and attractive, and we will experience Christ and enjoy Him. (*Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philippians*, msg. 3, I.C, 1-4)

May we all we go further to be transformed in our soul for our experience and enjoyment of Christ and for the oneness that is convincing, subduing, and attractive!

USC

Last week was the first week of classes at USC. Over 30 students joined us for our first welcome meeting of the fall semester. Please pray for the follow-up with these ones who attended and with the more than 100 names we received from tabling. Pray that we can fellowship face to face with many of these students throughout the next two weeks, connecting with the ones prepared by the Lord to cherish and nourish them with the Lord Himself! May the Lord richly supply all of the saints, students, and trainees in their prayer and visitations!

Gospel in Hawaii

In response to the recent fire disaster in Hawaii, the churches there are engaging in gospel outreach with Bible distributions every day from August 23 to 30 at three shelters for people who have lost their homes. Please ask the Lord to continue to supply:

- Access to distribution locations.
- The serving saints with His compassion and peace to reach the suffering people.
- Openness in these people to receive Him, experience Him, and be brought into fellowship with the saints.
- More of Himself for the strengthening of a shining testimony throughout Hawaii.

Germany Gospel Trips

In Matthew 9:37-38 the Lord "said to His disciples, The harvest is great, but the workers few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out workers into His harvest."

Saints are invited to join the campus labor at the beginning of the university year in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria by participating in the gospel trips taking place October 8 to 22. It is hoped that up to 100 saints from overseas would go and blend with the local saints to carry out one work for the gospel in these countries. So far, around 40 saints have registered. The sign up deadline is September 29.

Let us beseech the Lord of the harvest to thrust out 100 workers for October; pray that an adequate number of saints from overseas would respond and be released for these trips. Furthermore, pray for all the local saints in the German-speaking countries to be willing and able to participate in one or more days of the gospel. Pray that the sanctifying Spirit will prepare many divine appointments with key German, Swiss, and Austrian students, and that He will use these gospel trips to gain much remaining fruit!

For more information and blending opportunities, go to <u>bit.ly/GermanyGospelTrips</u>.

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 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.

Turkey

Pray for a house which is big enough in a good area and with good sound insulation for meetings in the central area of Istanbul.

Announcements

- 1. Morning Revival: Week 3 of Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philippians.
- 2. Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting: The weekly ministry meeting continues on August 30. This semester's general subject is "The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles—First Corinthians." Saints are invited to attend in person at 7:25 pm at the Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim or watch online at <u>www.lsmwebcast.com</u>.
- 3. **Thanksgiving Conference:** November 23 to 26 in Dallas, TX. Saints from LA who are interested in possibly attending the in-person sessions in Dallas should RSVP no later than October 31 at <u>tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla</u>. This site also has an information packet with hotel information and children's registration.
- 4. **LSM Digital Resources**: Living Stream Ministry has consolidated many of its helpful digital resources, including apps and free booklets, at <u>lsm.org/daily</u>. The August 2023 newsletter features the second part of an interview with Brother Ron Kangas concerning <u>the history of the Life-study</u> <u>publication work</u> along with reports on the <u>Africa Ministry Depot</u> and the <u>Lord's move in the Balkans</u>.
- 5. **Bibles for America**'s recent posts "Author Spotlight: Who Is Witness Lee?" and "What It Means to Have a Good Conscience and Why It's So Important" are available at <u>blog.bfa.org</u>.
- 6. Germany Gospel Trips: October 8 to 22. For more information and blending opportunities, go to <u>bit.ly/GermanyGospelTrips</u>.
- 7. GTCA: To learn more about the burden for migration within North America, please visit gtca.us.
- 8. 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>.
- 9. A Timely Speaking of Supply: Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at <u>lsm.org/timely-speaking.html</u>.
- 10. 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>.