

Week of October 13

Experiencing the Triune God for the Constitution of the Kingdom

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:18-19)

Into in Matthew 28:19 indicates union, as in Romans 6:3 and Galatians 3:27. To baptize people into the name of the Triune God is to bring them into spiritual and mystical union with Him. There is one name for the Divine Trinity. The name is the sum total of the Divine Being, equivalent to His person. To baptize someone into the name of the Triune God is to immerse him into all that the Triune God is.

According to Matthew, being baptized into the reality of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit is for the constituting of the kingdom of the heavens. Unlike an earthly society, the heavenly kingdom cannot be formed with human beings of flesh and blood (1 Cor. 15:50); it can be constituted only with people who have been immersed into the union with the Triune God and who have been established and built up with the Triune God, who has been wrought into them. (*Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)*, msg. 3, II.E, 2, F, 1, 2, G.7, 8)

Heavenly Rule over the United States

“Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.” (Rom. 13:1)

To be subject to the authorities is to recognize God’s authority and to respect His government over man. God ordains the authorities over man in order to maintain peace and security in human society so that He may have the time and the opportunity to preach the gospel, to save sinners, and to build the church for the spread of His kingdom. (Footnotes 3 and 4 on Rom. 13:1)

As the church, the Body of Christ, let us continue to trust in the Lord’s sovereignty and cooperate with Him by praying and laboring together with Him for the advance of His economy.

Sacramento Meeting Hall Update

Praise the Lord! As of October 9, a total of \$3.45 million was received from the churches and saints around the world. Thank the Lord for the prayers of the saints and the supply in the Body to reach the goal of \$3.25 million by the October 15 deadline. This is the Lord’s blessing on our oneness in the Body. We appreciate all the support concerning this purchase and would like you to rejoice with us.

The new property will need another \$1.25 million for repairs and remodeling work to make it useful for future blending. The offerings that exceed the closing cost of the property will be dedicated to this renovation work. Please continue to pray for this next step.

A video tour of the property is at www.churchinsacramento.org. As the Lord leads, the saints in LA may continue to give through the Church in Los Angeles designated for “SACRAMENTO MEETING HALL.”

France – Shepherding Trips

A letter in English is available at lme.org/reports.html concerning an urgent need for short-term shepherding trips to French-speaking Europe to care for the seeking ones who were contacted during the Bible distribution trips. This next stage of the move requires more concentrated, detailed contact with new ones, hence burdened saints are requested to stay for a longer period of time. Please pray:

- For many saints who participated in the gospel trips to return for one to three months to meet the urgent need to participate in follow-up shepherding trips to care for all the new contacts.
- That those burdened to serve full-time in French-speaking Europe will receive the needed visas..

As the Lord leads, saints in LA burdened to give may do so through the [Church in Los Angeles](#) designated for “PARIS OLYMPICS.”

Middle East

Please pray that recent developments in Israel and the surrounding region will be under the ruling of God's throne so that He will work out the counsel of His will. Pray for the saints there to be strengthened into their inner man, so that they are not shaken by what is happening, but live a life that expresses God and cooperates with God's move.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 3 of *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)*.
2. **Bibles for America's** new blog post "[What Is the Church according to the Bible?](#)" is available to read and share at blog.bfa.org.
3. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The ministry meeting continues this week starting at 7:25 pm.
4. **SCYP High School Conferences:** October 25 to 27 in Cerritos (sisters) and Huntington Beach (brothers). Registration was due October 13.
5. **2024 North & South America Korean-speaking Conference:** Via Zoom from November 2 to 3. Detailed information in Korean can be found at tinyurl.com/2024KoreanConf.
6. **SCYP Children's Work Conference:** Saturday, November 9, conducted in a hybrid format, with an in-person location in Anaheim. Translation provided. Register by November 3 at scyp.com/children.
7. **Semiannual Training:** December 23 to 28 in Anaheim. Registration is open for LA saints at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla. Registration due October 31 (live) or December 8 (video).
8. **Thanksgiving Conference:** November 28 to December 1 in Atlanta, GA. Interested LA saints can get more information on hotel rates and RSVP at tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla.
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.