

Week of May 20

The Reality of the Sin Offering

“Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil.” (Heb. 2:14)

“Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.” (John 12:31)

One of the main responsibilities of the church is to maintain, proclaim, and testify the victory of Christ in the midst of warfare. (*The Ministry of the Word*, Vol. 22, No. 1, p. 208)

In His crucifixion Christ destroyed the devil. In Heb. 2:14, the Greek word translated “destroy” can also be rendered as “bring to nought, make of none effect, do away with, abolish, annul, discard.” In His humanity and through His work on the cross, Christ has destroyed the devil. Christ died not only as the Substitute of fallen men, who had been bitten by the serpent, but also to destroy the devil. Hallelujah, through Christ as the reality of the sin offering, the devil has been destroyed!

(*Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, msg. 7, V.C-D)

Stanza 3 and chorus of *Hymns*, #889:

By the blood of Christ the Victor
Claim His full authority;
Just apply the blood of Jesus
And defeat the enemy.
By the blood of Christ the Victor
Overcome the enemy;
By its virtue and its power
You will win the victory.

Memorial Day Conference

“The seasons (feasts) appointed by God as holy convocations signify the gathering of God’s redeemed people to have a festival with God for His joy and enjoyment so that the redeemed may participate in it with Him and with one another. According to Leviticus 23, there were seven annual feasts. Seven is the number of fullness. The seven annual feasts were in the fullness of God’s riches.” (*Truth Lessons, Level 3, Vol. 2, ch. 8, sec. 2*)

This weekend’s Memorial Day Conference (May 25 to 28), in Kansas City, Missouri is one of our seven New Testament “feasts.” Many localities, including various halls and districts in LA, will be partaking of this time via webcast. Lord, prepare us all to feast with You for Your joy and for our enjoyment with You and with one another!

Perfecting for the Building—the Need for Training

In the Body of Christ, the gifted members are “for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12). It can be difficult to gain this kind of perfecting merely by participating in the ordinary church life. This is why we all need a time of training. Pray for more saints in North America to sense of this need for training, whether for a few weeks, for a term or for one or two years. May the Lord burden us to rise above our nominal church life.

The middle-age training has included saints aged 22 to 80. A university degree is not required. Everyone who attends receives some benefit in life, truth, service, and gospel, as well as an opportunity to blend with trainees from many parts of the earth. Ask the Lord to bring many saints to the middle-age training fellowship at the Memorial Day Conference. Perhaps some saints in Los Angeles could even spend some of their vacation days to visit training short-term, or plan to attend full-time immediately upon retirement. May we give the Lord the ground in us to perfect us unto the building up of His Body.

Southern California Blending Conference

The conference will take place June 9 to 10 in Anaheim. Meetings will be Saturday 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, and Lord's Day 10:00 am. Bring your FM radios for translation. All information, including children's service, is posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.

Serving ones needed: The conference also provides many opportunities for blending and sweet coordination through service. There is a need for many serving ones from LA for children's service (including parking ushers), restroom cleaning, and Lord's Table ushers. Sign-up at tinyurl.com/scbcla.

Children's registration: All children from kindergarten through 6th grade need to be pre-registered. Please visit tinyurl.com/2018scbc and fill in the electronic form. The registration deadline is June 3.

Munich, Germany

Please pray for a solid, mature, American (preferably) couple to migrate permanently to Munich as well as housing for the saints who are going there to labor.

Woodland Camp Training Facility

A video update and a written report on the development of a training facility at Woodland Camp in London are available by clicking on 'Reports' at amanatrust.org.uk. Those who wish to give through the church may designate offerings for 'UK Building Fund.'

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** Week 7 of *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, Vol. 2.
2. **Audio of the May 6 joint meeting** of the church in LA is available at tinyurl.com/greatgrace.
3. The **Summer Training** will be July 2 to 7 in Anaheim and by local webcasts in LA. Late registration for the live training including payment (\$255) is due **June 12**. Registration for the webcast (\$105) is also due **June 12**. Saints from LA should register at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla and give cash/check payment to their district's registration coordinator.
4. The **Southern California Blending Conference** will be June 9 to 10 in Anaheim. All information, including children's service, is at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer. To volunteer for services, please sign up at tinyurl.com/scbcla.
5. The **Summer School of Truth** in Los Angeles is July 20 to 28. The topic is: The Church.
6. Information on **Germany and Europe**, see the right side of www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.