# Week of September 25

## Becoming a Reproduction of Christ as the Tree of Life

"And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life." (1 John 5:11-12)

"If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to him..." (1 John 5:16)

As a reproduction of Christ as the tree of life, we have the ministry of life. Because we are believers in Christ and children of God, we not only have eternal life and may experience eternal life, but we also can minister this life to other members of the Body of Christ.

To minister life is to impart life. When we have a surplus of life, we can minister from this supply to others. (*Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life*, msg. 6, II, A, B)

#### UCLA

This is the first full week of classes at UCLA. So far, more than 60 new freshmen have attended at least one of our welcome events, with some new transfer students also visiting us. We have met many of these students multiple times throughout the week. The Lord's blessing has definitely been with us due to the prayers of the saints. We need your continued prayers for:

- Continued face-to-face contact with freshmen both informally and at our events.
- The grouping of students into smaller Bible study groups and the spiritual nourishment as they gather this week
- Excellent attendance and rich enjoyment of the Lord at our half-day outing and fellowship this Saturday, October 1.
- Abundant grace and continued one accord among all the laboring saints.

## Germany and Switzerland

More openings are available to those who are burdened by the Lord to participate in gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland from October 10 to 23. Registration has been extended until September 30.

Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans and Swiss as remaining fruit through the campus labor at the beginning of the university year. Pray also for the spread of the Lord's testimony in all the cities through the gospel trips. For more information, go to tinyurl.com/2022GermanyGospelTrips.

### Tübingen, Germany

The resumption of the Lord's table in Tübingen was held last Lord's Day, September 25. Located 18 miles from Stuttgart, Tübingen is a university city where the 28,000 students form one-third of the population. The healthy church life begun there in the 1970s was wiped out by the rebellion and turmoil that affected many of the churches in Germany in the late 1980s. We rejoice that the Lord will have a bright and shining testimony there again. Please pray for a glorious new beginning in the coordination and fellowship in the Body.

### Lisbon, Portugal

This weekend, October 1 to 2, there will be a mini-conference and the first Lord's table meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. Please pray that the Lord would bless the blending of approximately 200 saints from 25 nations. Pray also that the large number of new saints coming to this conference would gain a fresh vision of the Lord's recovery and that the Lord would have a wonderful beginning of His testimony in this city.

#### Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- The Russian and Ukrainian brothers fighting in the war will be preserved in their tripartite being.
- The Lord will continue to shepherd the Ukrainian refugees and establish them in the church life.

- The local saints, serving ones, and trainees will be blended with the Ukrainian refugees for the strengthening and building up of the Lord's testimony in key European cities.
- The saints in Russia and Ukraine will be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man.
- The tripartite being of the saints in the besieged cities will be protected and preserved for the Lord's interests.

#### Sri Lanka

Please continue to pray for all the suffering saints during the current economic crisis, that they can receive God's abounding grace through His secret care.

#### Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival**: Week 6 of *Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life*. Next week, we begin *Crystallization-study of 1 and 2 Kings*.
- 2. Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting: Live broadcast this Wednesday 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live.
- 3. **SAVE THE DATE:** Lord's Day morning, October 23, we will have a meeting of the whole church in Los Angeles at the LA Convention Center.
- 4. **Benson Phillips Memorial Meetings:** The video recording of Brother Benson's memorial meeting in Irving, TX on September 11 is available at <a href="https://www.memorial-meeting.org">www.memorial-meeting.org</a>, along with an earlier video of his personal testimony. A second memorial meeting will be held on October 9 in Anaheim.
- 5. **Thanksgiving Conference:** Saints from LA planning to attend the in-person sessions November 24 to 27 in Washington, DC are asked to RSVP by October 31 at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla">tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla</a> (adults) and <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/thanksgivingchildrenla">tinyurl.com/thanksgivingchildrenla</a> (children). All conference and hotel information is posted at <a href="https://www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer">www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer</a>.
- 6. **LSM Newsletter:** The <u>September issue</u> of "*Having This Ministry*..." contains helpful fellowship on the purpose of training donations, maintaining the standard of video trainings, and praying for the semiannual trainings. Go to <u>newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry</u>.
- 7. **SoCal Labor Day Conference:** Recordings are available at churchinanaheim.org/laborday.
- 8. **Bibles for America**'s latest post is available to read and share at blog.biblesforamerica.org.
- 9. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html.
- 10. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at <a href="https://www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings">www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</a>.