

## Prayer Items

### ☼ Summer Training

*For additional details regarding the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.*

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

2014 Summer Training on the  
*Crystallization-Study of Genesis (3)*

## Morning Revival

2014 Summer Training on the  
*Crystallization-Study of Genesis (3)*

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Semi-Annual Summer Training in Anaheim—June 30-July 5

- ☼ Pray for the full release of the Lord's burden in this training that the word released will minister to the current situation of the churches.
- ☼ Pray for the saints' appetite and seeking for the Lord's speaking and dispensing.

- ☼ Pray for the hospitality and fellowship in the homes that it would be in the divine fellowship and unto the building up of the Body.

## SUMMER TRAINING 2014

One of the greatest blessings to the Lord's recovery has been the semi-annual trainings. This week we will enjoy the 2014 Summer Training to be held in Anaheim and by simulcast in Irvine (Hall 3 for English & Korean-speaking; Hall 1 for Chinese-speaking). As a reminder to all those who are registered, the afternoon and evening sessions start at 4:00pm and 7:30pm, respectively.

Due to the special nature of the trainings (as opposed to church conferences), specific regulations do apply. For instance, we are required to be in our seats 5 minutes early. If we are unable to participate in a training session, we must notify in advance the brothers designated as "attendance coordinators."

Saints participating in the training are also required to study the training messages in groups of 8-10. Where the situation permits, these study times should take place in a nearby home, but those who are unable to study in the homes can study at Hall 1 throughout the week from 9am-12pm.

All college and high school students participating in the training must attend a study session held daily at the LSM campus in Anaheim from 9:00-11:30am.

May the Lord bless the upcoming training with His fresh and up-to-date speaking!

## MINISTRY PORTION

### GRACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

It is important for us to find out the genuine and proper significance of the grace of God in the New Testament. In the Old Testament there is actually no mention of God's grace. The word grace used in the Old Testament means favor. John 1:17 tells us that grace came with Jesus Christ. Before the incarnation of the Son of God, grace had not come. Grace came when the Lord Jesus came. Prior to that time, the law had been given through Moses. The promise of grace had also been made to Abraham; it was given before the law was. First, God gave the promise of grace to Abraham. Then, four hundred thirty years later, the law was given at Mount Sinai through Moses. Approximately another fifteen hundred years passed before grace came with Jesus Christ, with the incarnated Son of God.

According to John 1:1 and 14, the Word that was in the beginning with God and which was God became flesh and tabernacled among us, full of grace and reality. Verse 16 says, "For of His fullness we all received, and grace upon grace." Since grace came with Jesus Christ, grace was not yet present in the Old Testament.

Now we must give a definition of grace. Grace is God in His Trinity processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to be everything to us. After passing through such a long process, the Triune God has become everything to us. He is our redemption, salvation, life, and sanctification. Having been processed to become the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, the Triune God Himself is our grace.

### GREATER THAN THE LAW

If we would understand grace as revealed in the New Testament, we need a clear view of the New Testament as a whole.

Grace is a matter of tremendous significance. To the Jews, the giving of the law through Moses was a great event. The fact that the coming of grace is contrasted with the giving of the law indicates that grace is greater than the law. As far as the Jews were concerned, apart from God Himself nothing was greater than the law. But John 1:17 indicates that grace is greater than the law. The law was given, but grace came.

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## Upcoming Events

- Monday, June 30 - Saturday, July 5, Summer Training, Anaheim, CA

## Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org  
 Blog: members.churchinirvine.org  
 Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org  
 Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org  
 YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

## This Week

**29<sup>TH</sup>** Lord's Day ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

**30<sup>TH</sup>** Monday ☉ 4:00-6:00pm Summer Training Message 1  
 ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Summer Training Message 2

**1<sup>ST</sup>** Tuesday ☉ 4:00-6:00pm Summer Training Message 3  
 ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Summer Training Message 4

**2<sup>ND</sup>** Wednesday ☉ 4:00-6:00pm Summer Training Message 5  
 ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Summer Training Message 6

**3<sup>RD</sup>** Thursday ☉ 4:00-6:00pm Summer Training Message 7  
 ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Summer Training Message 8

**4<sup>TH</sup>** Friday ☉ 4:00-6:00pm Summer Training Message 9  
 ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Summer Training Message 10

**5<sup>TH</sup>** Saturday ☉ 4:00-6:00pm Summer Training Message 11  
 ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Summer Training Message 12

**6<sup>TH</sup>** Lord's Day ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

## MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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### THE SON OF GOD

According to the concept of many Christians, God's grace is mainly a matter of material blessing. At the end of the year, some Christians gather together to count the blessings God has bestowed on them during that year and to thank Him for His great grace in sending these blessings. Then they proceed to thank the Lord for things such as a large home and new clothes. Such a concept of grace is much too poor! The Apostle Paul would count such things as dung, not as grace.

We have pointed out that, according to John 1:17, grace is greater than the law. Surely God Himself is higher than the law. However, if God remains objective to us, in our experience He will not be greater than the law. In order to be greater than the law to us, the Triune God must be subjective. Hence, in the New Testament, grace denotes the Triune God processed to become everything to us and to live in us. Nothing can surpass the living in us of the processed, all-inclusive life-giving Spirit.

We have pointed out that in 2:20 Paul says that he has been crucified with Christ and that Christ lives in him. Then in verse 21 he goes on to say that he does not nullify the grace of God. This indicates that the grace of

God is the Son of God living in us. Certainly this is much greater than the law. The Son of God was incarnated not only to live on earth, to be crucified, to be resurrected, and to ascend into the heavens; He also came to live in us. This is grace.

To go back to the law is to reject this grace. It is to reject the very Son of God who now lives in us. This is to nullify the grace of God. However, if we remain in Christ, enjoying Him as everything to us, we do not nullify the grace of God.

All of Paul's Epistles begin and end with a word about grace. This is also true of the book of Revelation. In Revelation 1:4 John writes to the seven churches which are in Asia, "Grace to you"; and in 22:21, he concludes with the words, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints." Paul closes the Epistle to the Galatians by saying, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers." If grace were a matter of material blessing, how could grace be with our spirit? Grace is not physical or material; it is divine and spiritual. Actually, as we have pointed out emphatically, grace is God Himself in a subjective way to be everything for our enjoyment. I hope that all the saints could grasp this definition of grace in a clear way.

—*Life-Study of Galatians*, Message 11

### OFFERINGS

Offerings can now be made online via credit card or PayPal by visiting [churchinirvineofferings.com](http://churchinirvineofferings.com) for the following categories:

1. General offerings
2. Irvine Facilities Fund
3. FTTA Training Center Fund

This website can be used to set up automatic recurring offerings, as well as single lump-sum offerings. Instructions for usage are contained on the site, as well as an email address to which questions can be directed.

### SUMMER BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION

Dear saints,

Registration for the 2014 Summer Bible Camp is now open. Please visit <http://goo.gl/7zyS3h> to register. This year, the title of the SBC is "Moses—Called by God." It will be held during the last week of July, from July 28-August 2, from 3:30-6:00pm, Monday-Friday, followed by a family BBQ on Saturday from 4-6pm at a local park. Every day there will be singing, a lesson, a snack, and a craft. Registration is \$50 per child for the week, and

\$10 per adult attending the BBQ. The registration deadline is Lord's Day, July 6, 2014. (Please note that for any registrations after July 6, we will be unable to provide a printed T-shirt.) We look to the Lord for another enjoyable time with the children and for His rich blessing!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☉ Summer Bible Camp (July 28-August 2)

This year's Summer Bible Camp will take place from 7/28-8/2/14. We need many to serve as well as many to pray for the SBC. We need much participation to carry out this special week and encourage all parents and burdened saints to join our coordination times at Hall 1. We will be meeting the following times:

July 13 from 3:30-4:30pm  
 July 27 from 3:30-4:30pm

- ☉ Summer School of Truth in Irvine

The 2014 Summer School of Truth will be held at Hall 1 in Irvine this year from July 14-July 26. You can register at [IrvineYP.com](http://IrvineYP.com).