

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 10, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ Seminar in London for ministry recipients
- ⊗ One-week trainings in London
- ⊗ The Lord's testimony in Europe
- ⊗ Bibles for America Tour

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 19 & 20*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	145-146	958
Tuesday	147-148	959
Wednesday	149-150	960
Thursday	151-152	961
Friday	153-154	962
Saturday	155-156	963

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of Genesis (Vol. 2), Week 11*

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### **International: Seminar in London for ministry recipients**

On November 2, a one-day seminar was held in London for the seeking ones who have been contacted through the distribution of the ministry. At least 400 attended, including many seekers. Many received for the first time a revelation of the divine romance and the building of God as portrayed in Genesis and Revelation, with the four items of the tree of life, the river of life, the precious materials, and the building of a counterpart.

- ⊗ Please pray that the seeking ones will be captivated by this vision and would willingly give themselves to the Lord for the fulfillment of this vision in the practical church life.

### **One-week trainings in London (Oct. 28 – Nov. 30)**

A series of four one-week trainings will be held in London with saints and seeking ones attending from localities throughout Europe.

- ⊗ Please pray that the attendees will be perfected in the divine truths, in their daily life with the Lord, in practicing the vital groups, in participating in the spread of

the divine truths throughout Europe, in becoming fruit-bearing branches in the vine, and in developing their organic functions for the building up of the Lord's testimony in Europe.

### **Raising up of the Lord's Testimony in major cities in Europe**

- ⊗ Pray for the raising up of the Lord's testimony in Vienna, Austria and Sofia, Bulgaria.

### **National: Bibles for America Tour**

- ⊗ Please remember to pray for the BfA distribution tour in the mid-Atlantic states. The tour started in Philadelphia and will continue south through Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia over the next two weeks, distributing free books and Bibles and blending with saints along the way.

## MINISTRY PORTION

### **TO HAVE THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF HIM AS THE MYSTERY OF GOD**

If we would experience Christ as the mystery of God, we need to have the full knowledge of Him as God's mystery. We have pointed out that Paul struggled for the Colossians that their hearts would be comforted "unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ" (2:2). In order to have the full knowledge of such a mystery, our whole being needs to be exercised. If we simply believe in Christ without loving Him, we cannot have this knowledge. Likewise, if we love Him partially but not wholly, we cannot have the full knowledge of Him. We need to love the Lord Jesus with our whole being. For this reason, Mark 12:30, quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." When our entire being is exercised to love the Lord Jesus, we shall gain the full knowledge of Him.

Some Christians are fond of the hymn, "Oh, how I love Jesus." However, this hymn may be sung in a superficial way; it is not according to the full knowledge of Christ as the mystery of God. Only by exercising our entire being can we know Christ in this way.

I recommend that all the saints in the Lord's recovery study three crucial books in the New Testament: Matthew, John, and Hebrews. A number of helpful Life-study Messages have been given on these books. The studies on John and Hebrews are especially thorough. If you spend adequate time on these three books, you will gain a considerable amount of knowledge concerning Christ.

### **TO RECEIVE HIM**

In 2:6 Paul says that the Colossians "have received Christ Jesus the Lord." Christ is the portion of the saints (1:12) for our enjoyment. To believe in Him is to receive Him. As the all-inclusive Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17), He enters into us and dwells in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22) to be everything to us.

Once we have received Christ Jesus, we need not receive Him again. But we must apply what we have received. However, only a very small percentage of those who have received Christ apply Him. We all must practice to apply the living Christ in a practical way day by day. To employ a common term, we need to use Christ. For more than fifty years, I have been learning how to use Christ. I can testify that this is difficult because by birth it is not

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## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 28 - Lord's Day, Dec. 1, International Thanksgiving Conference, Schaumburg, Illinois
- ❖ Monday, Dec. 23 - Saturday, Dec. 28, Winter Training, Anaheim, CA

## Church-related Websites

General: [churchinirvine.org](http://churchinirvine.org)  
Blog: [members.churchinirvine.org](http://members.churchinirvine.org)  
Calendar: [calendar.churchinirvine.org](http://calendar.churchinirvine.org)  
Offerings: [offerings.churchinirvine.org](http://offerings.churchinirvine.org)  
YP: [youngpeople.churchinirvine.org](http://youngpeople.churchinirvine.org)

## This Week

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| 10 <sup>TH</sup><br>Lord's Day | ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts   |
| 12 <sup>TH</sup><br>Tuesday    | ❖ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts                            |
| 13 <sup>TH</sup><br>Wednesday  | ❖ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3 |
| 14 <sup>TH</sup><br>Thursday   | ❖ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3                      |
| 15 <sup>TH</sup><br>Friday     | ❖ Evening Small groups in the homes                                   |
| 16 <sup>TH</sup><br>Saturday   | ❖ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting                            |
| 17 <sup>TH</sup><br>Lord's Day | ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts   |

## MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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natural for us to use Christ, nor does our training condition us to use Him. Recently, most of my confession to the Lord has been related to my failure to apply Him. The hardest lesson for us to learn as Christians is to apply Christ and to use Him. We have heard a number of messages on living Christ, growing Christ, and producing Christ. Nevertheless, in our daily living we spontaneously use the self instead of Christ. There is no need for us to try to use the self; we use it automatically and spontaneously.

In the Gospels the Lord charges us to “watch and pray.” I have spent a number of years considering this word. At first I thought that this command was not necessary. But eventually I learned that I certainly need to watch and pray, especially in the matter of applying Christ. As we are waking up in the morning, we need to be watchful not to do anything without applying Christ. Often as we wake up early in the morning, it seems that demons are swarming around the headboard of the bed. Although we are protected by the Lord and covered with His prevailing blood, we still need to be watchful and resist the evil thoughts injected into us by the enemy. Do not think about anything without applying Christ. We certainly need to be on the alert; that is, we need to be watchful and to pray. But very few Christians watch and pray in order to apply Christ.

Although we have all received the Lord Jesus, we are very short in using Him, in applying Him. If we fail to apply Him, then in a practical way in our daily living there is little significance to having received Him. Our experience of Christ should not be so superficial, and we should not take so many things for granted. We are thankful for God's salvation in Christ, and we are grateful that we have received Him. But now we must go on to apply the very One we have received.

## TO BE ROOTED IN HIM

In 2:7 Paul speaks of having been rooted in Christ. To be rooted in Him is for the growth in life. In this verse Paul views the believers as plants who have been rooted in Christ as the soil. However, many Christians have not been rooted in Christ adequately.

If we have been rooted in Christ properly, there will be no need to talk much about the ground of the church. The ground of the church is oneness. But the base of this oneness is the one Spirit, the one Lord, and the one God and Father, as mentioned by Paul in Ephesians 4. If we have been truly rooted in Christ, in our experience He will be the base of our oneness...If we have been rooted in Him, nothing will be able to distract us from Him. We all should be able to say, “Lord Jesus, I thank You that I have been rooted in You. I have no standing apart from You.” In the Lord's recovery we can testify that our ground is Christ and Christ alone.

—*Life-Study of Colossians*, Message 19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ❖ Carwash

TODAY—November 10, the college students at UCI and IVC will be hosting a car wash from 2:30-4:30 pm at Hall 1. The burden of this time is to help cover some of the costs related to the upcoming blending trips in the winter and spring quarters, to allow more students the opportunity to participate. These blending trips have been a great opportunity for new and existing students to be built up together and also to see something of the one Body of Christ through visiting other localities all over the world. Please come and support this time.

### ❖ Hawaii Blending Conference

The saints in Hawaii have invited the churches to blend with them in a conference with brother Minoru Chen on Jan. 24-26. The churches in Hawaii endeavor to remain in the up-to-date ministry and in the blending life of the Body of Christ. They look forward to being blended together with saints from many different localities under the speaking of the ministry of the age. For additional information, please contact: [office@churchinirvine.org](mailto:office@churchinirvine.org)