

Prayer Meeting – November 15, 2011

Matt. 28:18b–19a *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and disciple all the nations...*

The second main point of this chapter will help us to realize these facts. The first main point is the ascension of Christ; the second main point is the position of the church as the Body of Christ. Because the church is the Body of Christ, the position of the church is exactly the same as that of Christ. Wherever the Head is, the Body also must be. Whatever the Head has, the Body also must have. In addition, we need to realize that we are members of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30). Since the Body is identified with the Head, the position of the Body is exactly the same as that of the Head.

The third main point in this chapter concerns the authority of the Body...The authority of the Body is the authority of the Head exercised by the Body. Thus, the authority of the Body is the authority of the Head...Although the Body has this authority, this authority...must be assumed and exercised by the Body. To assume something means to take something upon oneself. As the church, the Body of Christ, we need to assume the authority of Christ.

After His resurrection the Lord told the disciples that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Him. Then He commanded them to preach the glad tidings to all the nations. The Lord said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and disciple all the nations” (Matt. 28:18b-19a).

Having received all authority, the Lord commanded us to go with this authority and preach the gospel...The Lord also told us clearly that He has given us the authority to overcome the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). The enemy has power, but the Body has authority...We have this authority, but whether or not we exercise it is up to us. (*Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1963, Volume 1, pp. 161–162*)

Prayer items:

1. International:

Autumn European College-age Conference—November 18-20

- Pray for the gathering of college students from all over Europe and a strong infusion of the divine reality to constitute and preserve them for the Lord’s ultimate move in Europe.

2. National: Bibles for America Reading Group

Over 160 people (about 140 book recipients and 23 saints functioning as “facilitators”) have signed up to participate in BfA’s online Reading Group. From November 7 through December 17, the participants will read through *The Basic Elements of the Christian Life, Vol. 1* and fellowship what they learned, experienced, and enjoyed from the reading via writing comments on a BfA blog. Our hope is that this online Reading Group will help recipients get into the riches in the ministry and stir up their hunger for more fellowship. We also hope to learn from this experience as we develop more resources for recipients. Help recipients get into the riches in the ministry book they have received.

- Pray that the Lord would speak to the recipients and shine on them through the reading.
- Pray that the recipients and facilitating saints will enjoy mutual fellowship with one another.
- Pray that the recipients would be hungry for more ministry books and further contact.

3. Local:

Districting in Irvine

- Pray that through the matter of “districting” there will be a genuine advance in every saint in the growth in life and functioning as members of the Body to serve the Lord in newness of spirit according to God’s ordained way.

Southern California College Conference

- Pray for the College Conference at Big Bear this weekend from November 18-20 that the Irvine college students will be attending.