

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 25, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ Winter gospel trips
- ❖ Blending conference in India
- ❖ Irvine

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 5-6

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Exodus,
Volume 1, Week 2

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Winter Gospel Trips

Continue to pray for the winter gospel trips currently taking place this month and into early February. FTTA trainees are participating in trips in 15 countries in Europe, Brazil, and India and in 18 cities in North America.

- ❖ Pray for the Lord's covering of all the travel arrangements and the health of the saints.
- ❖ Pray that in every place there would be much fellowship unto the gospel with the local saints that all those participating would be partakers of grace for the advancement of the gospel to carry out God's economy.
- ❖ Pray that these trips would result in remaining fruit for the building up of the Lord's testimony in all these places and the spread of God's kingdom.

National Blending Conference in India

There will be a national blending conference for the churches in India in New Delhi from Jan 31 - Feb 1. The messages will be covering knowing the Body and the reality of the Body.

- ❖ Pray for the release of the word to supply the saints in India. Pray that the saints may experience the reality of being blended together and pray for the Lord's covering and heading up of all the practical matters.

Local: Irvine

- ❖ Pray that there will be an increase in the number of saints entering into a daily life of pursuing Christ in the Word through the Life-Study of the Bible.
- ❖ Pray that God's intention to change our diet to a diet of Christ as the unique heavenly food to be a heavenly people for His testimony on earth would be realized among us.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE IRVINE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WINTER GETAWAY

This past weekend I was impressed that God's calling of Moses in the beginning of Exodus is actually the standard of His calling of all his servants. During the first forty years of his life, Moses received the best education and was highly cultured. However, he tried to do something for God out of his natural strength and this led to his being rejected by his brothers. In the next forty years of his life, Moses was a lowly shepherd who tended sheep that did not even belong to him. When he was called by the Lord at the back of the wilderness, he realized that he had nothing to offer the Lord in himself and as a man was good only for death. I was impressed that God does not call us to do something for Him when we are in a pleasant situation or when we have confidence in ourselves. We are useful to the Lord only when we realize that we ourselves are not useful, but God within us is the useful one. We do not need to be mighty Christians; we simply need to be open vessels! We allow God to fill us and then we will spontaneously flow Him out to those around us.—E.B.

Throughout his childhood, Moses received the greatest Egyptian education, raised as the son of Pharaoh's daughter despite being a Hebrew. He became a man powerful in words and in deeds, no doubt proud and confident in his own achievements. At the peak of his natural strength, he believed he was ready to save the children of Israel from the slavery of Egypt, but instead was rejected. Fleeing into the desert, it was not until Moses was at the lowest point, when he was at the back side of the wilderness, that God called him.

Moses was a man whose character was nearly perfect. He possessed a character that was fit for God's use, yet it still required 40 years for God to break down Moses' natural strength. It was only then that he was fully prepared according to God's standard.

We learn from the story of Moses and his calling that God desires ones who are ready to receive His call. In every age, God is patiently waiting for ones who are prepared. As young people, we have to follow the model of Moses, the perfect servant. We have to be thoroughly processed by the Lord, not to trust in our natural strength and ability, but to rely on the Lord. God is eager to do things, and we have to become the complete, qualified, and perfected servants, as Moses was, to be called for God's purpose.—S.S.

Upcoming Events

- ☉ Lord's Day, March 8 —
Church-wide Blending Meeting

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

- 25TH** ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts
- 27TH** ☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ing by districts
- 29TH** ☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3
- 30TH** ☉ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes
- 31ST** ☉ 6:00pm Young people's
Saturday dinner and meeting
- 1ST** ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of Philippians

Message #:	Message 5	Message 6
Title:	The Bountiful Supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ	Magnifying Christ by Living Him
Scriptures:	Phil. 1:19-21	Phil. 1:19-21
Verses to Pray-Read:	Phil. 1:19: "For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and <u>the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.</u> "	Phil. 1:20-21: "... <u>Christ will be magnified in my body</u> , whether through life or through death. For to me, <u>to live is Christ</u> and to die is gain."
Radio Msg:	5	6a & 6b

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MINISTRY PORTION

THE BOUNTIFUL SUPPLY

In 1:19 Paul says, "I know that for me this shall turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." The words *bountiful supply* are not simply a translation of the Greek, but an interpretation of the Greek term used. Literally, the Greek word refers to the supplying of all the needs of the chorus by someone known as the choragus, the leader or director of the chorus. The Greek word Paul uses thus implies a bountiful supply. The choragus supplied all the needs of everyone in the chorus, the needs for food, clothing, lodging, and musical instruments. The supply of the choragus truly was bountiful, even all-inclusive. Once a person had joined the chorus, there was no need for him to be concerned about the necessities of life; the choragus would supply whatever he needed. In using the expression "the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," Paul likens the supply of the Spirit to that of the choragus. Therefore, to have a proper understanding of 1:19, we need the word *bountiful* with the word *supply*. This bountiful supply of the all-inclusive Spirit was for Paul to live Christ and magnify Christ in his sufferings for Him. The supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ is bountiful and all-inclusive. What we have today is not a partial supply, but a bountiful, all-inclusive supply.

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST

The Spirit of Jesus Christ is "the Spirit" as mentioned in John 7:39. This is not merely the Spirit of God before the Lord's incarnation, but the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit with divinity, after the Lord's resurrection, compounded with the Lord's incarnation (humanity), human living under the cross, crucifixion, and resurrection. The holy anointing ointment in Exodus 30:23-25, a compound of olive oil with four kinds of spices, was a full type of this compound Spirit of God, who is

now the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Here it is not the Spirit of Jesus as in Acts 16:7 (Gk.), nor the Spirit of Christ as in Romans 8:9, but the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The Spirit of Jesus is mainly for the Lord's humanity and human living; the Spirit of Christ is mainly for the Lord's resurrection. To experience the Lord's humanity, as illustrated in Philippians 2:5-8, we need the Spirit of Jesus. To experience the power of the Lord's resurrection, as mentioned in 3:10, we need the Spirit of Christ. In his suffering, Paul experienced both the Lord's suffering in His humanity and the Lord's resurrection. Hence, the Spirit to him was the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the compound, all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit of the Triune God. Such a Spirit has, and even is, the bountiful supply for a person like Paul, who was experiencing and enjoying Christ in His human living and resurrection. Eventually, this compound Spirit of Jesus Christ becomes the seven Spirits of God, who are the seven lamps of fire before His throne to carry out His administration on earth for the accomplishment of His economy with the church, and who are the seven eyes of the Lamb for the transfusing of all that He is into the church (Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6).

—*Life Study of Philippians*, Message 5