

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 8, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Seminars in Scotland
- ⊗ Seminars in the Czech Republic
- ⊗ Irvine

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 9-10

Bible Reading

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Monday	853-854	223
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Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Exodus,
Volume 1, Week 4

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Seminars in February and March in Scotland (February 8 - March 1)

Seminars will be held in Edinburgh (February 8 and March 1), Stirling (February 15), and Glasgow (February 22 and March 1). The general subject will be "Changing Death into Life."

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord will bless all the contacting of the Bible recipients, radio listeners, and Rhema readers and use these seminars to gather the called ones in Scotland for the building up of His Body.

Six Monthly Seminars in the Czech Republic

Beginning on January 17, six monthly seminars will be held in the Czech Republic to shepherd ministry readers and seeking ones. The second seminar will be held on February 14.

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord will open the hearts of many seeking ones in the Czech Republic to receive the ministry and enter into the church life.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that through our digestion of the Crystallization-Study of Exodus and reading of the Life-Study of Philippians that a spirit of pursuing Christ for the fulfillment of God's purpose would pervade the church.
- ⊗ Pray that we would individually and corporately answer God's call to be delivered out of everything "Egyptian" and pursue Christ to possess Him, live Him and live in Him for God's kingdom and building.

2015 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLENDING CONFERENCE

A blending conference for all the churches in Southern California will take place on the weekend of March 14-15, 2015. The churches in Southern California have not gathered together in this way since the 2009 Labor Day weekend (over 5 years ago) and a region-wide blending like this is long overdue. Concerning the matter of blending, Brother Lee said:

Even among us who are in the recovery, not many have the realization that we need the blending, and we need it desperately. The heavy burden in the ministry that is on my heart and in my spirit is the matter of blending. *The Practical Points Concerning Blending*

Among us we should have the blending of all the individual members of the Body of Christ, the blending of all the churches in certain districts, the blending of all the co-workers, and the blending of all the elders....If we isolate and seclude ourselves, we will lose much spiritual profit. Learn to fellowship. Learn to be blended. From now on, the churches should come together frequently to be blended. We may not be used to it, but after we begin to practice blending a few times, we will acquire the taste for it. This is the most helpful thing

in the keeping of the oneness of the universal Body of Christ. *The Divine and Mystical Realm*, p. 87

The following are details related to the conference:

Dates: Saturday, March 14 and Lord's Day, March 15, 2015

Place: Ministry Conference Center, Anaheim

Saturday (3/14)

Session 1: 4pm-5:45pm
Break: 5:45pm-7pm
Session 2: 7pm-8:45pm

Lord's Day (3/15)

Lord's Table: 10am-10:30am
Session 3: 10:30am-12:30pm

More detailed information will be provided in the coming weeks.

We strongly urge all the saints in the churches to reserve this time to gather together for corporate blending and to enter into the Lord's present speaking to the local churches in Southern California. We look forward to the opportunity for all the saints in the churches in Southern California to be blended together at this special gathering. May the God of peace be with all the saints.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, Mar 6 - Lord's Day, Mar 8 — College Conference, Anaheim
- ❖ Lord's Day, March 8 — Church-wide Blending Meeting and Business Meeting, Hall 1
- ❖ Fri Mar 13 - Lord's Day, Mar 15 — High School Conferences, Big Bear
- ❖ Sat, Mar 14 - Lord's Day, Mar 15 — So Cal Blending Conference, Anaheim

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

- 8TH Lord's Day ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
- 10TH Tuesday ❖ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
- 12TH Thursday ❖ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
- 13TH Friday ❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
- 14TH Saturday ❖ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting
- 15TH Lord's Day ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

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

Message #:	Message 9	Message 10
<i>Title:</i>	The Believer's Support to the Apostle	Taking Christ as Our Pattern
<i>Scriptures:</i>	Phil. 2:1-4	Phil. 2:5-9, 12-13
<i>Verses to Pray-Read:</i>	Phil. 2:2—"Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing."	Phil. 2:5—"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	9	N/A

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: www.lsmradio.com/audio/philippians.html

MINISTRY PORTION

THINKING THE ONE THING

The way the Philippians could make Paul's joy full was to think the same thing, even the one thing (2:2). According to the context of the entire book, the one thing must refer to the subjective knowledge of Christ and experience of Christ (1:20-21; 2:5; 3:7-9; 4:13). Christ, and Christ alone, should be the centrality and universality of our entire being. Our thinking should be focused on the excellency of the knowledge of Christ and the experience of Christ. Anything else causes us to think differently and thus creates dissensions among us.

What troubled Paul in his imprisonment was the dissension among the Philippians. The saints in Philippi were good, and the church in that city had been well established. However, there was dissension among them. Although they were one in spirit, they were not striving together with one soul. Although they all loved the Lord, they were not thinking the same thing. This caused Paul's heart to be heavy. Out of heaviness of heart, he appealed to the Philippians to make his joy full by being joined in soul and by thinking the same thing.

HAVING THE SAME LOVE

Thinking the same thing is related to having the same love. Paul's word in verse 2 about "having the same love" indicates that, because of their dissenting thinking, the Philippian believers had different levels of love. They did not have the same love toward all the saints for the keeping of oneness.

It is possible that we in the church life today may not have the same love for all the

saints. Instead, our love may be on different levels. We may love a certain brother much more than we love another brother. Because we may love a particular brother only to a small degree, we may not be inclined to render much service to him. But because we love another brother to a very high degree, we may serve him too much and even spoil him by our love. It is possible in the church life to have different levels of love for different saints. If this is our situation, our love is not the love with one soul. We have one kind of soul when we love one brother, but a different kind of soul when we love another brother. As a result, instead of practical oneness, there will be dissension.

In 2:2 Paul also speaks of being joined in soul. This indicates that the dissension among the Philippians was due to their not being joined in soul, not thinking the one thing in their mind, the leading part of the soul. Their problem was not with their spirit, but with their soul, especially with their mind. They had Christ in their spirit through regeneration, but they did not have Christ fully in their soul through transformation. Only by having Christ saturate and occupy their entire soul could they be made one in soul.

The Philippians had been joined in spirit, but they had not been fully joined in soul. To have different levels of love is a sign that we have not been joined in soul. If we have been joined in soul, we shall have the same love for all the saints.

—*Life Study of Philippians*, Message 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Contribution Acknowledgment Letters

Dear saints, the 2014 contribution acknowledgement letters are now available and have been distributed to the districts. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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