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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference (Sept. 18-20)**

The registration is now opened for the upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast. The conference will be held at **Camp Penuel (KPCC) on September 18-20, 2026**. We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation onsite at the camp.

Please see the registration link and more information on the conference:

<https://tinyurl.com/2026fallyws>. The registration deadline is **September 7, 2026**.

- **2026 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 26 – 29)**

The 2026 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held in **Denver, CO** from **Thursday, Nov. 26 through Lord's Day, Nov. 29, 2026**.

For more details, please see: <https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2027-tgconf/tgconf-info-en.pdf>.

- **Upcoming Activities (more details to follow)**

Oct 9 to 11: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)

PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints, from the youngest to the oldest, would be strengthened in their daily reading and enjoyment of the Word of God
2 Timothy 3:16-17 — *All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in*

righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the Family Bible Camp and prayers for all the families in the church life during the upcoming school year
- The burden for the gospel:
 - a. There will be an **online gospel meeting on Friday, August 28**
 - b. There will be an **in-person gospel meeting on Saturday, October 17, in Hall 1**
- The fall term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA), the training extension in Boston (FTTA-XB), and all the full-time trainings all over the earth (e.g. Mexico City, Mexico; Caacupe, Paraguay; London, UK; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Taipei, Taiwan; Hamilton, New Zealand)
- The saints in the church in Spokane, WA and the community at large in the wake of the wildfires in Eastern Washington; let us pray for the saints and the people of Spokane, and stand with the church in Spokane for their burden for the gospel at this time
- The saints in Colombia, South America and in Indonesia in the aftermath of the earthquake which struck in these places recently
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: THE GOSPEL

WEEK 2: Expressions Related to Preaching the Gospel: Witnessing, Leading People to the Lord, Sowing, Reaping a Harvest, Repaying a Debt

Portion from Days 2, 5:

In leading people to the Lord, we should pay attention to two matters. First, we must have a burden in order to know whom we should lead to the Lord. Andrew had a burden for his brother, and Philip also had a burden. We should not go to people in a loose way. We must have a definite goal so that we can lead people to the Lord one by one. Second, we

must lead people to the Lord so that they can see the Lord directly for themselves. Philip, however, did not introduce the Lord so clearly when he said that the Lord was a Nazarene. This made it more difficult for Nathanael to believe, because he responded, "Can anything good be from Nazareth?" (v. 46). Philip wisely did not try to explain. He simply said, "Come and see." If Philip had said anything more than this, he could have made more mistakes that would have confused Nathanael and caused him to doubt. Then it would have been difficult for Nathanael to believe in Jesus. However, as soon as Philip brought Nathanael to see the Lord directly, Nathanael was able to know the Lord. Often our exhortations for people to believe in the Lord are not very clear or correct. New believers especially have this problem. Therefore, we must be careful not to explain too much, because this can confuse people. We need to learn to bring people to see Jesus. We need to say, "Come and see." We need to bring them to the Lord to see Him directly. Once people see the Lord, many questions dissipate. People have questions because they have not seen the Lord. Therefore, we should not attempt to answer all their questions. We should simply bring them before the Lord and let the Lord Himself answer their questions. Once a person sees the Lord, all his questions are answered (*Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures*, vol. 3, ch. 28, pp. 502-503).

Now we need to proceed further and consider how the gospel of God is preached. It is preached by the sent ones. The sent ones are the apostles (1:5) separated for this purpose. Not all the believers are apostles, but, in a sense, all the believers are sent by the Lord for the gospel preaching.

This gospel is preached in spirit (1:9). Note that the word spirit here begins with a small letter, thereby indicating that it does not refer to the Holy Spirit. All Christians believe that we must be in the Holy Spirit in order to preach the gospel. However, I never heard anyone tell us that we must be in our spirit. But Paul says that we need to be in our spirit. Preaching the gospel depends on our spirit. Paul said that he served God in the spirit in the gospel of His Son. When we preach the gospel, we should not employ any gimmicks; we should exercise our spirit.

For the preaching of the gospel we need much prayer (1:9). We need to pray for souls and to pray for the gospel. In preaching the gospel,

prayer is more needful than any kind of effort. If we are prayerless, we will be fruitless in the gospel preaching.

Thirdly, we must preach the gospel with eagerness (1:13-15). If we mean business with the Lord in this matter of gospel preaching, we must exercise these three things: in spirit, by prayer, and with eagerness. Gimmicks and techniques will not be effective. We all need to exercise our spirit to touch people, to pray, and to be ready with eagerness. If the gospel does not inspire you, it will never inspire others. If the gospel cannot convince you, it will never convince others. If you yourself do not weep with the gospel, no one else will repent. If you weep, others will weep in repentance. Once I read a biography of a brother who was prevailing in the gospel. He did not preach very much. However, when he stood up he wept in front of all the people. After a period of weeping before them, tears of repentance came down from the eyes of the people. That was preaching the gospel with eagerness (*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 2, pp. 23-24)

MINISTRY READINGS

The Way to Enjoy Christ

The vital point is that we need to enjoy this wonderful One as so many items. God the Father is in the Son (14:10-11), and God the Son is the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:45b). We must realize that not only is God Himself Spirit (John 4:24), but all of what God is, what He has attained, and what He has accomplished has been wrought into the Spirit. After the resurrection and ascension of Christ, many things were accomplished by God; thus, God has many attainments. He has accomplished creation, incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. All of what He is and has, all of what He has attained and accomplished, has been put into this one Spirit.

According to the Gospel of John, this wonderful divine Spirit came into our human spirit (3:6) at the time we received Him. Thus, 1 Corinthians 6:17 says, "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit," and Romans 8:16 says, "The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit." Since God is Spirit (John 4:24) and He is now in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22), we must worship Him in spirit and truthfulness.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 5: The Fruit of the Tree of Life (part 6)