

Short Term FTTA Enjoyment

During my short term week at the FTTA (Full Time Training at Anaheim), I really enjoyed the inflowing and outflowing of the Spirit from many of the trainees, trainers, and the saints. I thoroughly enjoyed the classes and the gospel preaching on campus. I felt that since I was not able to share with the church on the Lord's day about my experience, I would take a little time to write a testimony regarding my enjoyment at the training.

Through our classes, the verse that stood out and has helped me throughout the week was John 4:24, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness". In footnote 3, we see that to contact God the Spirit with the (our human) spirit is to drink of the living water, and to drink of the living water is to render real worship to God. This means that we need to strive to have an exercised spirit by the Spirit and by praying over His Word. When our mingled spirit is exercised by praying, reading, and enjoying the word and the Spirit, the Lord's aromatic virtues will attract us and captivate us with the fragrance of Christ; that will cause us to love Him more and drop our worldly enjoyment.

Our constitution and enjoyment of Christ causes us to emanate the fragrance of Christ, and when hungry ones come in contact with those who have the fragrance of Christ, their spirit will be touched. This is accomplished by putting off our former manner of life, the old man and putting on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality by the renewed spirit of our mind [Eph 4:22-24]. In addition, Bro. Dennis Higashi has stressed the point that we also need to fear God, not out of fear for His wrath but out of love towards Him. It is through the fear of Jehovah that the beginning of wisdom can be brought forth [Psalm 111:10]. When we live such a life, and are in a state of being renewed, transformed, conformed, and glorified in Him, we can testify in the Lord that we no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind [Eph 4:17], rather we are forgetting the things which are behind and are stretching forward towards the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called us upward. [Phil 3:13-14]

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