

2013 SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHURCHES
JULY 17-28, 2013

May 27, 2013

Dear Parents and Serving Ones,

We thank the Lord for another year of the Summer School of Truth (SSOT) here in San Diego County and pray that the Lord would continue to bless our junior high and high school saints that they could be raised up to be a part of the Lord's move. For this, the young people need: 1. To receive the Word as the living Spirit and come to the full knowledge of the truth 2. To know God's Economy in an experiential way and 3. To be saturated with the truth. We also look to the Lord to strengthen their pursuit of Christ, together with all the saints, through crucial life practices and, eventually, in the practical, day by day, **house to house church life.**

This year the incoming 7th graders will join our upcoming 8th through 12th graders to cover one of the six crucial subjects of SSOT: **God's Full Salvation**. We are all very burdened that the Lord would grant our young people to have a taste for the divine truth, to be one with God's desire for them to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4), while also encouraging them to develop a personal and affectionate relationship with the Lord.

General Information

This year's SSOT will begin on Wednesday evening, July 17 and will conclude on Lord's Day afternoon, July 28. Online Registration begins today and will **continue through June 16, 2013**. All meetings will be held at the church in San Diego meeting hall, located at 6640 Flanders Rd., San Diego, CA 92126. **The early registration fee is \$70.00.** Registration includes a lesson book and a t-shirt for the young people. Checks can be made payable to **The Church in San Diego** and should be turned in to a serving one or the church business office with the accompanying agreement forms by **Lord's Day, June 16, 2013. The registration fee after June 16, 2013 is \$90.00.**

Please pray for this time that the hearts of the young people would be good ground for the Lord's word and that this time would truly be a summer "restaurant" of truth in which the tasty dishes and healthy teaching of God's economy are served to the young people for their constitution and enjoyment.

Your brothers,

The elders and serving brothers of the churches in San Diego County

2013 SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH INFORMATION

CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION

Please visit www.churchinsandiego.org/sst to register your young person. All registration will be completed online this year. Please ask one of the serving ones should you have any questions, and he or she can assist you.

First day check-in will take place on Wednesday July 17, 2013 at the Church in San Diego meeting hall at 6640 Flanders Dr., San Diego, CA 92121 beginning at 6:00 pm. Everyone should check in at this time. You will be provided a lesson book and your T-shirt.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Please visit www.churchinsandiego.org/sst for online registration and schedule.

MATERIALS

Lesson books and notebooks will be provided on the first day. **Please have your young person bring a Bible, hymnal, and a pen or pencil for notes.**

DRESS CODE

All clothing worn during the entire week must be proper and modest. Shirts with improper logos, pants that hang down, spaghetti strap tops, tight tops bare midriffs and shorts are not allowed. *Please read Biblical Principles of Clothing* before signing registration (on last page).

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Biblical Principles of Clothing

Covering

Before the fall clothing was not needed. Adam and Eve were probably clothed with light. They were innocent. Although they both were naked, they were not ashamed. After sin came in, the first effect was the opening of their eyes to see their nakedness. Immediately they felt ashamed and sewed fig leaves to make themselves aprons.¹⁰ Thus, after the fall nakedness became a matter of shame (John 21:2-4, 7; Rev. 3:18; 16:15).

Hence, the first principle of clothing is that clothes are for covering. The aprons which Adam and Eve made of fig leaves could not have lasted long, for the leaves would soon dry and break into pieces. God therefore clothed Adam and Eve with longer lasting coats of skin. His purpose was to cover man's body. Clothing is for covering. Once man sinned, he needed to be covered before God. This covering is an absolute necessity. As Christians, we have no ground on which to stand before God unless the Lord wholly covers us.

The trend to expose more and more of the body is of the world and violates God's original thought. To expose man's body distracts man from his spirit to his flesh and thus keeps him from fulfilling God's purpose. According to the first principle of clothing, it is better to be adequately covered. If an article of clothing does not cover, a Christian should not wear it. Clothes which expose rather than cover should not be used. They are against the principle of covering and are therefore unsuitable for believers.¹¹

Keeping Female Modesty

First Timothy 2:9 and 10 say, "Similarly, that women adorn themselves in proper clothing with modesty and sobriety, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly clothing, but what befits women professing godly reverence, by good works." Here, the Greek work rendered "modesty" literally means shamefastness, i.e. bound or made fast by an honorable shame. It implies not being forward or overbold, but being moderate, observing the proprieties of womanhood.

Clothing in Greek implies deportment, demeanor. Clothing is the main sign of a sister's demeanor, and it must befit her saintly position. Modesty is the leading female virtue. It emphasizes the difference between male and female. To be modest and have an honorable shame is a great safeguard and protection to a female. All the sisters in the church life should have the virtue of modesty, and should dress according to the principle of modesty. This principle does not allow the exposure of one's body. For a woman to expose her body is to go against the principle of modesty. To be unduly exposed is to be without protection, and lack of protection can open the way for fornication. The sisters must always remember that they are females. As females it is necessary for them to be covered.¹³

¹⁰ Watchman Nee, *Do All to the Glory of God* (Manassas, Virginia: Christian Fellowship Publishers, 1974) 153.

¹¹ Nee 153-156.

¹³ Witness Lee, *Life-Study of First Timothy* (Anaheim, California: Living Stream Ministry, 1984) 36-39.