

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

The Church in Phoenix

## Meeting Schedule

### Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Prophesying meeting

### Tuesday

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

### Thursday

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Spanish/English)

### Friday

7:00 pm – Small group meetings (Spanish)

7:30 pm – Small group meetings

### Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & maintenance at the hall

7:00 pm – Young people's meeting (with dinner)

7:30 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

- ❖ The Great Need For A New Revival—Week 5

### Life-Study of Romans

Message 4

Romans: 2:17-3:20

Free online Life-Study messages:

[www.ministrybooks.org](http://www.ministrybooks.org)

## Announcement

- ❖ **Lord's Day Blending Meetings in Phoenix—9/13**
  - Church in Phoenix meeting hall
  - Blending with saints from Tempe
- ❖ **Southern California Young People Conferences—Fall 2026**
  - Junior High Conferences
    - Friday Oct. 9 – Lord's day Oct. 11
    - **Registration and \$85/person fee due Lord's Day, 9/27**
  - High School Conferences
    - Friday Oct. 23 – Lord's day Oct. 25
    - **Registration and \$85/person fee due Lord's Day, 10/11**
- ❖ **2026 International Thanksgiving Conference—Denver, CO**
  - Thursday, Nov. 26 – Lord's Day, Nov. 29
  - **Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center**
    - N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd., Aurora, CO 80019
    - Special group rate of \$129 USD per night plus tax.
    - For single and double occupancy
    - Mandatory resort fee included
  - Call 720-452-6900 and request Living Stream Ministry group rate or make online reservations at:  
**[book.passkey.com/go/LSM2026](http://book.passkey.com/go/LSM2026)**
    - **Room reservation deadline: Friday, 10/30**
  - Conference service sign-up for Thanksgiving conference
    - Piano, ushering, children's meeting, book sales, etc.



- Childcare registration (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) for Thanksgiving Conference
  - **Childcare registration deadline: Lord's Day, 11/1**



- ❖ **2027 Gospel Calendars**
  - Place order in the bookroom
  - Cost is \$12
  - Deadline for order: **Lord's Day, 10/25**
- ❖ Please send your offerings through Zelle to the following email address: [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org)

## Life-Study of Romans - Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 4 of the *Life-study of Romans*, entitled: "The Vanity of Religion and the Totality of Hopelessness". In this message we will cover the vanity of religion shown in the condemnation on the religious (2:17—3:8) and the totality of hopelessness shown in the condemnation of all the world (3:9-20).

Here are some excerpts from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"Even with the two genuine religions there is still nothing but vanity. We do not need religion. We need a living Person. We do not need something related to God; we need God Himself. We do not need a way to worship God; we need the living Person of God to come into us.

The second aspect of the vanity of religion is knowing God in outward knowledge (2:17-18). It is vain to know God merely in external knowledge, in outward letters. We need the inward knowledge of God, the knowledge in our spirit, the knowledge that spreads into our whole being. We need such an inward and subjective knowledge of God.

Of course, most orthodox Jews and genuine Christians do not handle the Bible in such a superstitious way, but they do not take the Scriptures in a real and living way. They care for the teachings in letters; they do not care for Christ, the living Person. In John 5:39-40 the Lord Jesus told the Jewish religionists that they search the Scriptures for knowledge, yet will not come to Him for life. Today many Christians are in the same category. Thus, the Bible does not mean much to them in life and reality.

Why must everything be done in our spirit? Because our spirit is the very place within us where God can dwell. The spirit is the site, the ground where God can act on our behalf. If you are a Christian in your spirit, this means you are a Christian with God. If you act in your spirit, this means you act with God. Without God, everything is vain; with Him, everything is reality

The ultimate goal of Paul's gospel is to minister Christ into us. When we come to Romans 8, we will find a verse that says, "Christ is in you" (8:10). This is Paul's goal. Whether we are one of mankind, one of the self-righteous, one of the religious people, or a person in the world, we need Jesus. Our need is in our spirit. We should not pay attention to outward things or outward doings, but turn ourselves to the spirit. There in the spirit we will meet Christ. In the spirit we will enjoy Christ. Paul's writing on condemnation paves the way for us to receive Christ. It opens the way for Christ to come into us." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Romans*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 4).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Rom. 2:28-29, John 5:39-40

Questions:

1. What does it mean "Religion is vanity"?
2. Why does God hate religion?
3. How can we escape the vanity of religion and the hopelessness of the world?