

Pray for:

- ✿ Chile: that the recent earthquake would not hinder the saints' going on; that the logistics of the upcoming Bible distribution would not be affected but would be in resurrection
- ✿ Germany: That the Lord will place the serving ones where He needs them, to open jobs for those who will take up a job and to open classes at the University for those who want to study again; that the serving ones will be able to acquire health insurance, which is compulsory in Germany and is very expensive.
- ✿ Belleville conference March 19-21: That the Lord would speak His present word to Eastern Canada; that almost all the college and university students, young working saints, and serving saints in Montreal might attend.
- ✿ Various saints from the US, Canada, and Latin America who are considering migrating here to work, study or serve full-time.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for prayer, gospel preaching, shepherding, and pursuing the truth.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 18, *Luke 1:5 – 2:39*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God, Vol. 2, Week 10
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 1, The Mystery of Human Life

Announcements

- ✿ Church in Halifax invites all the saints to their first conference in Halifax from April 3rd to 4th. Brother Paul Onica from Anaheim will join us for a time of ministering and blending. Hospitality will be provided. Please register with brother John Chao as soon as possible.
- ✿ We would like to announce to you all that the 2009 Northeast spring young people's conference will be held at the Queens meeting hall of the church in New York City on the weekend of April 1-4. The general subject of the conference will be the Lord's second coming, under the title "Prepare to Meet Your God". The deadline for registration is March 15. Please register with brother Simon Huang.

- ✿ Annual General Meeting of the corporation will be held on March 14 at 12:00 PM in the meeting hall.
- ✿ Midwest Spring Conference in Chicago will be at the weekend of April 3 and 4. This conference will be at the Chicago hall and is open to all the saints. The brothers ministering will endeavour to bring us into the speaking of the Spirit to the churches from the March 2010 ITERO conference. Please register with brother John Chao.
- ✿ A conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin April 23 - 25, please register with brother John Chao.
- ✿ Young Working Saints and College Saints conference in Belleville, Mar 19-21, 2010. Cost is \$100 per adult with the church subsidising the remaining \$100. Registration deadline Feb. 22, please register with sister Monica asap so we can arrange rooms and transportation. Anyone with a burden to help support the saints, please put it in the offering box designated for Belleville Conference.
- ✿ Any saint willing to help in the Bookroom or with the Library, even on a part-time basis, please see Monica.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

March 7	✿ French/Spanish/College
14	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
21	✿ English
28	✿ Chinese (East, Central)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ March 14 at 12:00 PM, meeting hall: Annual General Meeting of the corporation
- ✿ March 19 – 21, Belleville, ON: YWS/College Conference
- ✿ April 3 – 4, Chicago, IL: Midwest Spring Conference in Chicago
- ✿ April 3 – 4, Halifax, NS: Conference in Halifax

This Week's Activities

MARCH 7 Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
8 Monday	✿
9 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in

	various homes
10 <i>Wednesday</i>	✿
11 <i>Thursday</i>	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
12 <i>Friday</i>	✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
13 <i>Saturday</i>	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

Separation from the world

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

II. AREAS THAT REQUIRE SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

B. Things Incompatible with the Lord (continued)

Galatians 6:14 shows us that the cross stands between the world and the Lord. The Lord is on one side, and the world is on the other side. The cross stands in between. We and the world stand on opposite sides of the cross. The world crucified our Lord on the cross; therefore, the world is on the other side of the cross. Since I am on the Lord's side, I would have to go through the cross before I could reach the world. There is no way to go around the cross because the cross is a fact; it is also history. I cannot annul this fact, and I cannot annul history. The world has crucified our Lord. I cannot take another way. If the cross is a fact, the crucifixion of the world to me is also an eternal fact. If I cannot annul the cross, I also cannot annul the fact that the world has been crucified to me. Today there is no way for me to go to the world's side, unless I remove the cross. The cross is here, and I have no way to avoid it because the crucifixion of my Lord is a fact. Today, I am a person on the other side of the cross.

Suppose a person's parents or brothers are killed. Others may offer a reasonable excuse for the murderer, but the person may say, "My folks are already dead. An excuse cannot change this fact. If my folks were not yet dead, there would be something to talk about. But now that they are dead, there is nothing more to say." In the same principle, we can say that the cross is already here; what more is there to say? The world has already crucified our Lord on the cross. Today, we are on the Lord's side, and we can only say, "World, from your point of view, I am crucified. From my point of view, you are also crucified." Today, it is impossible for these two sides to communicate. It is impossible for the world to come over. It is

also impossible for us to go over. The cross is a fact. If I have no way to annul the cross, I have no way to win the world over to my side. My Lord has died, and there is no longer any possibility of reconciliation.

Once we see the cross we can say, "I boast in the cross." As far as we are concerned, the world is crucified on the cross. As far as the world is concerned, we are crucified on the cross (Gal. 6:14). The cross will be forever history and a fact. As Christians, we are on one side, while the world is on the other side. The cross is in between. As soon as we open our eyes, we will see nothing but the cross. If we want to see the world, we have to see the cross first.

A new believer must be led by the Lord to see that his condition should match the Lord's condition. Some people ask many questions. They ask, "Will we touch the world if we do this?" And they ask, "Can we do that?" We cannot tell people what to do item by item. We only need to give them the general principle. The world is against the cross; it is against our Lord. If our heart is open and soft before God and if we go to Him, the difference between the world and the cross spontaneously will become clear to us.

As soon as we go to the Lord, we will find out what the world is and what the world is not. We only need to ask, "What is my relationship with this matter, and what was the Lord Jesus' relationship with it while He was on the earth?" As long as our relationship with the world is the same as the Lord's, we are all right. If our position is different from the Lord's position, we have erred. The Lamb was slain, and we are the followers of the Lamb. We are those who follow the Lamb wherever He may go (Rev. 14:4). We take the same stand as that of the Lord. Anything that is not on the same ground as the Lord or that stands against the Lord is the world, and we must depart from it.

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