

Pray for:

- ✿ International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones in Anaheim, March 26-28.
- ✿ Italy: raising up of lampstands in Florence and Rome; that seekers would come out of Babylon and return to the genuine ground of oneness; native Italians to be fully gained in order to participate in a faithful and clear translation of the ministry of the age; saints to be released for migration to Italy for the building up of the Body of Christ
- ✿ Athens, Greece: obtaining a hall in Athens for church meetings, Rhema distribution, and seminars; residence permits for three full-time workers whose renewals were recently rejected; translation of the HWMR and hymns.
- ✿ Defense and Confirmation Project: that there would be adequate prayer and financial contributions to support the ongoing work in defending and confirming the truth and practice of the New Testament ministry.
- ✿ Follow-up for the BfC Bible distribution in Montreal: coordination in following-up on the Bible recipients, especially the seminar attendees.
- ✿ That the college/university age, the teen-agers, and the children meeting with the church in Montreal would grow to love the Lord and pursue Him.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 20, *Luke 5:27 – 7:50*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God, Vol. 2, Week 12
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 1, Calling on the Name of the Lord

Announcements

- ✿ College saints from the Midwest and Newington will be coming tonight for several days. They will be visiting the city on Monday, Quebec City, Tues. with the Midwest saints leaving Wed. and Newington visiting Montreal on Wed., leaving Thurs. As many saints to participate and go around Montreal with them are welcome. There will be a blending meeting with all the saints on Monday night at 7:30pm and all the saints are welcome to come to blend, to have a time together to get to know them and spend time with them.

- ✿ There are approximately 300 such saints in the Concepción area, where the devastation is heaviest from the earthquake that took place off the coast of Chile on February 27. Those who desire to materially aid the saints and churches in Chile, please contact brothers for detailed information.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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 21	✿ English
28	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
April 4	✿ French/Spanish/College
11	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ March 26 – 28, Anaheim, CA: International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones
- ✿ April 1 – 4, NYC, NY: 2009 Northeast spring young people's conference
- ✿ April 3 – 4, Chicago, IL: Midwest Spring Conference in Chicago
- ✿ April 3 – 4, Halifax, NS: Conference in Halifax
- ✿ April 23 – 25, Madison, WI: Conference in Madison

This Week's Activities

MARCH 21 Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
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	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
22 Monday	✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Blending meeting with College saints from Midwest and Newington
23 Tuesday	✿ Visiting Quebec City with College saints from Midwest and Newington ✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
24 Wednesday	✿ Visiting Montreal with College saints from Newington
25 Thursday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
26 Friday	✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
27 Saturday	✿ 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

E. Things Disapproved of by Weak Believers

Things which stumble a weak conscience are another class of things that constitute the world. God's children must learn to turn away from them. The previous discussion concerns things which the world considers improper. Here we are talking about things which a young Christian considers improper. If a Gentile thinks that we should not do a certain thing, we will lose our testimony if we do it. Similarly, we should avoid anything that a Christian disapproves of, even if the one who disapproves is the youngest and weakest of all Christians. This is the biblical commandment. It is not the words of the strong Christian but the words of the weak Christian that should determine what we should or should not do. What they say may not be correct; what they consider forbidden may not be wrong. But we should not stumble them because their conscience is weak. They may think that we are on the wrong way. If we take such a way, we will stumble them. Paul said, "All things are lawful to me, but not all things are profitable" (1 Cor. 6:12). All things are lawful, but others may consider these things to be a form of the world. Therefore, we should not do them for their sake.

Paul spoke of the example of eating meat. He said that if eating meat would stumble a brother, he would never eat meat. This is not easy. Who can abstain from meat forever? Paul's word does not suggest that one should not eat meat. In 1 Timothy he clearly said that it is wrong to abstain from meat. However, he showed us that he was willing to carry such caution to the extreme. It did not matter to him whether or not he ate meat. He might have been clear about what he was doing, but others who followed him may not have known what he was doing. We may know at which point we should stop, but those who follow may not know this. What would happen if they take a few steps further? There is nothing wrong if we eat meat, but after awhile those who follow us may go to the temple to eat the sacrifices or perhaps worship the idols as well. Many things may not be directly related to the world, but we should still exercise care in touching them because others may consider them a form of the world.

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