

Pray for:

- ✿ Distribution of the Recovery Version New Testament in South America.
- ✿ That the Lord would recover the spirit of migration in the United States and Canada.
- ✿ The urgent financial needs of the church: Belleville conference payment; snow removal; heating bill; electricity bill; full-timer support.
- ✿ That the Lord would profoundly work in the saints in the church to consecrate themselves for a life of service.
- ✿ That the Lord would lead the saints to grow in their relationship of giving financially to Him.
- ✿ The children's camp in Montreal for having enough serving ones from here and from other localities to help.
- ✿ Conference in Stockholm, Sweden: the blending of saints and His move in Europe.
- ✿ Various saints and contacts in Montreal with special needs.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 22, *Luke 9:37 – 11:13*
- ✿ HWMR: The Prayer of the Age, Vol. 1, Week 2
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 2, A Time with the Lord

Announcements

- ✿ 26 trainees came to Montreal either for BFC or for the children's camp this past year. Some sisters prepared care packages with the thank you cards on behalf of the saints in Montreal. Brother Chew delivered them to the trainees during ITERO in Anaheim. If you have a burden, please see Rebecca to contribute financially towards these packages.
- ✿ The Summer Training will be from June 28 to July 3. Cost is \$150. Deadline for registration is May 1, please register with sister Monica.
- ✿ The saints in the Nordic countries warmly invite you to the annual conference in Stockholm, Sweden from May 14 to 16, 2010. We believe this will be a time of rich fellowship with much light and life from the ministry. We trust that the Lord will pour out His blessing during this time of blending for His move in Europe. There is 20 € recommended

contribution. Please register by latest April 23th, by email to: churchinstockholm@telia.com.

- ✿ There will be an Eastern Canada Children Camp from Tuesday, July 27 to Saturday, July 31 at the church in Montreal. Children entering Grade 4 this Fall and completing Grade 6 this June can register with a payment of \$100 per person (for each child) by June 20, 2010. Please contact the children serving ones for more details.
- ✿ Book Inventory will be done Sunday afternoon after lunch, April 4. Anyone able to help, please come to the bookroom after lunch.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

April 4	✿ French/Spanish/College
11	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
18	✿ English
25	✿ Chinese (East, Central)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ April 23 – 25, Madison, WI: Conference in Madison
- ✿ May 14 – 16, Stockholm, Sweden: Nordic Conference
- ✿ June 28 – July 3, Anaheim, CA: Summer Training
- ✿ July 27 – 31, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Children Camp

This Week's Activities

APRIL 4 <i>Lord's Day</i>	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
	✿ 2pm, Book Inventory
5 <i>Monday</i>	✿
6 <i>Tuesday</i>	✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
7 <i>Wednesday</i>	✿
8 <i>Thursday</i>	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
9 <i>Friday</i>	✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)

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Saturday

✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

CONSECRATION

Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:1-2, 40-41; 29:1-25; Lev. 8:14-28; Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15

Let us now turn to the matter of Christian consecration.

Whether or not a person consecrates himself depends on whether he has a healthy salvation experience. If he views his faith in the Lord Jesus as being a favor to the Lord and his faith in God as a courtesy to Him, it will be impossible to talk to him about consecration. It is equally futile to talk about consecration to a person who feels that he is promoting the cause of Christianity and that his conversion is a great honor to it. Such a one does not have a good start in his Christian faith; he does not have a good beginning. It is impossible to expect him to consecrate himself. We must realize that it is the Lord who has graced us and granted mercy to us. It is the Lord who loves us and has saved us. This is why we consecrate our all to Him.

Teaching concerning consecration can be found in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Many passages in the New Testament, such as Romans 6 and 12, speak of consecration. In the Old Testament consecration is spoken of with special reference to Aaron and his household. Exodus 28 and 29 and Leviticus 8 speak of the consecration of Aaron and his household. Although consecration is the first basic experience of our service to God, we do not find many direct teachings from God's Word concerning it. In order to understand the meaning of consecration, we need to study the above referenced verses.

I. THE BASIS OF CONSECRATION

Second Corinthians 5:14-15 clearly shows us that the constraining power of the Lord's love is the basis for God's children to live unto Him who died for them and has been raised. A man lives unto the Lord because he is constrained by the Lord's love. According to the original language, the word constrained can be translated "pressed on from all sides," that is, tightly confined on all sides. It means to be tightly bound and wrapped up. Love has bound us up, and we cannot run away. When a person is in love, he will have a sense of bondage. We are bound by Him; we have no way out. He has died for us, and we should live unto Him today. Hence, love is the basis of consecration. A man consecrates himself to the

Lord because of the Lord's love. No one can consecrate himself unless he first touches the Lord's love. A man must touch the Lord's love before he can consecrate himself to Him. When one touches the Lord's love, consecration spontaneously follows.

Consecration is based on the Lord's love. But it is also based on the Lord's right. This is the truth revealed in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "You are not your own...For you have been bought with a price." Our Lord gave His own life for us; He even became the ransom to purchase us back to Himself. We are those who are purchased by the Lord. Because the Lord has redeemed us, we willingly lose our own freedom for Him. We are no longer our own; we are the Lord's. We must glorify God in our bodies because we are not our own; we have been bought by the Lord with a price. The blood which the Lord shed on the cross is the price He paid. Therefore, as far as the Lord's right is concerned, we belong to the Lord.

We must be clear that we are those purchased by the Lord. He has purchased us with the highest price. He bought us, not with silver or gold, but with His own blood. Here we see the Lord's love as well as His right. We serve the Lord because He loves us, and we follow Him because He has a right over us. The right secured through redemption constrains us to give ourselves to the Lord. The love that results from redemption also constrains us to give ourselves to Him. The basis of consecration is His right as well as His love. It is a legal right, and it is beyond all human sentimental love. These are the two reasons that we have to give ourselves to the Lord.

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