

Pray for:

- ✿ Nepal: For the newly raised golden lampstand in Pokhara to be the Lord's glorious testimony; the preaching of the gospel with saints filled inwardly and outwardly with the Spirit.
- ✿ FTTND (Full time Training in New Delhi, India): that the training centre would be completed on time by the end of July, with all practical matters headed up by the Lord; that the Lord would touch many young graduates to give themselves to the Lord that they would be burdened to join the training.
- ✿ South America: that the hearts of the South Americans, especially university students, be open to receive the interpreted Word; practical coordination and preparation for the upcoming mass Bible distribution; that the churches and the saints in South America would be healthy.
- ✿ The re-establishment of the weekly college meeting.
- ✿ The re-establishment of the central region English prayer meeting.
- ✿ That the Lord would profoundly work in the saints in the church to consecrate themselves for a life of service.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 27, Luke 19:28 – 22:20
- ✿ HWMR: The Prayer of the Age, Week 6
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 3, Pray-reading the Word.

Announcements

- ✿ The registration deadline for the Victoria Day Conference in Toronto is May 11. Please register with the responsible brother in your district:
 - English – br Chew
 - French/Spanish – br Aaron Chao
 - Young Adults – John Yang/Jonathan Chong
 - Chinese – North: Kent Yeow, West: James Yang, East: Aaron Chen, Central: Shi-Hsun Chen, NDG: Paul Hsiao, South: sister Yu-Chin Jia
 The responsible brothers should register with Aaron Chen.
- ✿ There will be a service meeting for all those who will be participating in serving at this year's children camp in the afternoon starting at 1pm in the Chinese meeting room. Please bring your lunch with you.

- ✿ There are 18 saints from Surrey, BC visiting Eastern Canada next week. They will be arriving in Montreal the morning of May 19 and leaving for Ottawa on May 21. There will be hospitality requirements for 2 nights. Brother Peter Huang will arrange hospitality. While in Montreal, they would like to visit Montreal and Quebec City and local saints are encouraged to blend with them if they are available.
- ✿ There will be a blending time on the evening of May 19 at the meeting hall with a love feast. Saints are encouraged to come and blend with visiting saints.
- ✿ Please pick up a copy of the 'Material Offering and God's Move'. We will read one week of this book per month.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

May 9	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
16	✿ English
23	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
30	✿ French/Spanish/College

Upcoming Events

- ✿ May 14 – 16, Stockholm, Sweden: Nordic Conference
- ✿ May 22 – 23, Toronto, ON: Canadian National Conference
- ✿ May 28 – 31, Jacksonville, Florida: Memorial international conference
- ✿ June 28 – 3, Anaheim, CA: Summer Training
- ✿ July 25 – 31, Male Ciche, Poland: YP Camp in Poland
- ✿ July 27 – 31, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Children Camp
- ✿ Aug 8 – 13, Ancaster, ON: Eastern Canada's Summer School of Truth
- ✿ Aug 16 – 22, NYC, NY: New York Summer School of Truth.

This Week's Activities

MAY 9 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
	✿ 1:00 PM, Service meeting for children camp in the Chinese meeting room
10 Monday	✿

11 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
12 Wednesday	✿
13 Thursday	✿
14 Friday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting ✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
15 Saturday	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

CONFESSON WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSING WITH THE MOUTH

Once a person has believed in the Lord, he should not keep the matter a secret; he has to confess the Lord with his mouth. Confessing the Lord with our mouth is a very important matter.

A. Opening the Mouth as Soon as One Believes

As soon as one believes in the Lord, he should confess the Lord before men. Suppose a person gives birth to a child. What would we think if the child could not speak by the age of one or two, or even three? Would we say only that he is slow in speech development? Is it possible for such a person to begin saying, "one, two, three, four," at the age of thirty and then learn to say "daddy" and "mommy" at fifty years of age? No. If a person is dumb in his infancy, he probably will be dumb for the rest of his life. If he cannot say "daddy" and "mommy" when he is young, he probably will not be able to say it for the rest of his life. Likewise, if a new believer does not confess the Lord immediately after he believes in the Lord, I am afraid he will be dumb for the rest of his life. If he cannot speak when he is young, he probably will not be able to speak when he grows up.

Some have been Christians for ten or even twenty years. Yet they remain dumb. This is because they did not open their mouth during the first and second week of their Christian life. They will continue to be dumb until they die. Confessing the Lord begins at the time a person believes. If you open your mouth the day you believe in the Lord, the way of confession will be opened to you. If a person is dumb in the first weeks, months, or year, he is likely to remain dumb for the rest of his

life. Therefore, as soon as a person believes in the Lord, he should endeavor to speak to others about the Lord. Even if he finds it hard to speak and even if he dislikes speaking, he still must speak. He must speak to his relatives and friends. If he does not learn to speak openly, I am afraid he will be a dumb man before God for the rest of his life. We do not wish to see dumb believers. This is why we must learn to open our mouth from the very beginning. If a person fails to do this in the beginning, he will find it more difficult to do it later. Unless God grants special mercy or there is a revival, these ones will never open their mouth. It will take a great effort for them to open their mouth at a later date. Every new believer should seek the opportunity to confess the Lord before men. Such a confession is a great matter and reaps much profit.

B. Confession with the Mouth unto Salvation

Romans 10:10 says, "For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation." "With the heart there is believing unto righteousness." This is something before God. "With the mouth there is confession unto salvation." This speaks of salvation before man. Whether or not you have believed is something before God; no one can see it. If you have sincerely believed, you are justified before God. However, if you only believe in your heart, but do not speak with your mouth, others will not recognize you as a saved person; they will still consider you an unbeliever. They will not see any difference between you and them. This is why the Bible strongly stresses the need to confess with the mouth in addition to believing in the heart. We must speak with our mouth.

Every new believer must look for opportunities to confess the Lord. Among our classmates, colleagues, friends, relatives, and all those who come into contact with us, as soon as an opportunity arises, we should say to them, "I have believed in the Lord Jesus." The sooner we open our mouth, the better it is. Once we open our mouth, others will immediately know that we have believed in the Lord Jesus. In this way, we will be delivered from the company of unbelievers.

We have seen some people who hesitated in their acceptance of the Lord, but once they stood up and proclaimed, "I believe in Jesus," they became sure. The worst thing that can happen to a Christian is for him to keep his mouth shut. Once he speaks, he takes a firm step forward and becomes secure. Many believers hesitate initially, but as soon as they say, "I believe," they become certain.

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