

## Pray for:

- ✿ International Memorial Day Weekend Conference in Jacksonville, FL, May 28 - 31.
- ✿ Recently completed Bible distribution in South America: that the Lord would gain the consecration of the South American young people; the healthy and proper follow up of the ones already being contacted that they will be organically shepherded into the New Testament ministry.
- ✿ Saints migrating to Montreal: we still need a full-time player-coach to lead the campus team; various saints considering coming here to study, work, 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 gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✿ The newly re-established weekly college meeting. Praise the Lord!
- ✿ The re-establishment of the central region English prayer meeting.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 29, *Luke 24:36 – John 2:22*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God in Romans, Vol 1, Week 1
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: The All-inclusive Christ, Chapter 2

## Announcements

- ✿ The deadline for the 6th Grade conference is May 30. All the saints who want to register their children please submit the registration form with fees by next week to Br. Chew or the other children serving ones.
- ✿ Please pick up a copy of the new HWMR, The Gospel in Romans, after the meeting. We will pursue this book starting this week. They are available downstairs.
- ✿ We would like to announce to you that the 2010 Northeast Summer School of Truth teachers' training will be held on Saturday, June 5 at the meeting hall of the church in Franklin, NJ. We will have 5 sessions beginning at 9am and ending by around 8:30pm. There will be a light breakfast provided starting at 8:30am. Lunch and dinner will also be provided. Please register with brother Simon, as soon as possible with the information about: how many

will be attending from your locality so that the saints in Franklin can coordinate the food service; how many would need hospitality either on Friday or on Saturday night in either Franklin or in NYC.

- ✿ There will be a video training of the summer training at Anaheim from Aug 14 – 28, at the meeting hall. Please register on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

## Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

May 23	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
30	✿ French/Spanish/College ✿ Whole meeting hall cleaning
June 6	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
13	✿ English

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ *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's Camp*
- ✿ *Aug 8 – 13, Ancaster, ON: Eastern Canada's Summer School of Truth*
- ✿ *Aug 14 – 28, Meeting hall: Video Training*
- ✿ *Aug 16 – 22, NYC, NY: New York Summer School of Truth.*

## This Week's Activities

<b>MAY 23</b> 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
<b>24</b> Monday	✿ Brothers' fellowship with Albert Lim at 7:30pm in John Chao's house
<b>25</b> Tuesday	✿ Sisters' fellowship with Albert Lim at 10:00 AM with Albert Lim. 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
<b>26</b> Wednesday	✿
<b>27</b> Thursday	✿

**28**  
Friday ✿ Evening: Various home meetings  
(English / French / Chinese)

**29**  
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

D. Not Confessing the Lord Leading to Accusations in the Conscience

There is another serious problem for a person who does not confess the Lord with his mouth. Many of the Lord's believers experienced this when the Lord was on the earth.

The Lord Jesus was rejected by the Jews. They vehemently opposed and rejected Him. In John 9 the Jews made a decision: Whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue (v. 22). In chapter twelve the Bible says that many Jewish rulers believed in the Lord Jesus secretly, but they dared not confess Him because they were afraid of being put out of the synagogue (v. 42). Do you think that these people had peace in their hearts? Perhaps they felt uneasy about confessing the Lord, but they felt even more uneasy about not confessing the Lord. What kind of place was the synagogue? It was a place where people opposed the Lord Jesus. They plotted, conspired, and discussed plans to trap the Lord there. Such were the dark things that went on in the synagogue. What should a genuine believer do among such people? How much strength would he need to keep his mouth shut? Under such circumstances it would be difficult for anyone to confess the Lord with his mouth, but it would be even harder for him to not confess the Lord with his mouth.

The Jewish synagogue is a picture of the world's opposition to the Lord. The world always criticizes the Lord Jesus. It always considers Jesus of Nazareth a problem. It has all kinds of things to say against our Lord. In a place like this, can you listen to the people and pretend to be like one of them? To pretend is painful; to pretend is also difficult. You have to muster enough strength to control and repress yourself before you can pretend. Under such circumstances, is it not true that something within you will want to cry out, "This man is the Son of God; I believe in Him"? Is there not something within you that wants to proclaim, "This man is my Savior, and I have already believed in Him," or, "This man can deliver me from my sins. You may not believe in Him, but I do"? Is there not something within you that wants to make such a declaration?

Are you going to force yourself to be quiet just because you want man's respect and position? It seems to me it would have been easier for the Jewish rulers in John 12 to simply be put out of the synagogue. They would have felt much better if they had confessed the Lord. If you are a false believer, it probably will make no difference whether or not you confess. But as a genuine believer, you will surely offend your conscience if you pretend and sympathize with the Lord's opposers. When others oppose the Lord, you have no peace in your heart, yet you must force yourself to say, "What you are saying is interesting." Is this not the most painful thing to do as a human being?

There is nothing more painful than not confessing the Lord. The greatest suffering is to refuse to confess the Lord before men. I would not want to trade places with those rulers. Their suffering was too great! If you are not a believer, there is nothing to say. But if you have believed, the easier and more joyful and happy thing to do is come out of the synagogue. You may feel that there are many obstacles, but past experience indicates that the obstacles will be greater and your heart will suffer more if you do not go this way.

Suppose you hear someone maliciously slander your parents, saying this and that about them. Suppose that you try to sit still and listen to them or, worse still, pretend to sympathize with them. If you do this, I would wonder what kind of a person you were. Our Lord has given His life to save us. If we do not say something for the very Lord whom we worship and serve, how much more timid are we? We must be bold to stand up and proclaim for the Lord, "I belong to Him!"

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