

Pray for:

- ✿ Poland: Follow-up from Rhema literature distribution in Krakow (July 2-3); the shepherding of seeking ones so that a lampstand can be raised up in Krakow (2nd largest city).
- ✿ Israel: fierce opposition and persecution by Christian leaders in Galilee--pray for one brother who is having fellowship with some opposers; shepherding of Israeli contacts at Tel Aviv University; building up of the young people, especially their development in the Hebrew language.
- ✿ For final approval of the meeting hall in Toronto, the church shall be contacting neighbours in the immediate area, the next door neighbours and the French school, for support to our application. We ask the Lord for wisdom, and to favour and support from the neighbours. Please petition the Lord if He will open the door for a barbeque whereby to invite the neighbours.
- ✿ For Martin and Monica Plante's niece, Melanie (daughter of Martin's brother) who recently fell into a bonfire and got seriously burned. Following treatment, she is in severe pain. May the Lord also use this experience to allow the whole family to experience Him in a much deeper way.
- ✿ Preparations for children's camp, BfC distribution, and Summer School of Truth.
- ✿ 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.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 35, *John 13:12 – 15:27*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God in Romans, Vol 1, Week 6
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: The All-inclusive Christ, Chapter 8

Announcements

- ✿ The church in Lausanne - Bussigny would like to invite you to the international conference held from September 24th to 26th 2010 in Leysin, Switzerland. The Topic is 'The Gospel of Christ to Build the Church'. The detailed information will be posted on the board. Please register at the Amana website Events 2010 by Sep 1st, 2010: <http://www.amanatrust.org.uk/events/conf2010/>

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

July 4	✿ Serving: English ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
11	✿ Serving: Chinese N.D.G. ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
18	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: English
25	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish

Upcoming Events

- ✿ July 10-17: *Tour of historic and Biblical sites in Israel.*
- ✿ July 23 -30, Franklin, NJ: *Chinese Speaking Perfecting Training*
- ✿ July 25 – 31, Male Ciche, Poland: *YP Camp in Poland*
- ✿ July 27 – 31, Montreal, QC: *Eastern Canada Children's Camp*
- ✿ Aug 2 – 7, BfC *Bible Distribution in Montreal*
- ✿ 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.*
- ✿ Sep 17-19, Paris, France: *Chinese-speaking Conference*
- ✿ Sep 24-26, Leysin, Switzerland: *French-speaking Conference in Switzerland*
- ✿ Oct 21-31: *Tour of historic and Biblical sites in Israel.*

This Week's Activities

JULY 4 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
5 Monday	✿
6 Tuesday	✿ Prayer meeting by district in various homes
7 Wednesday	✿
8 Thursday	✿

9 Friday	☼ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
	☼ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
10 Saturday	☼ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

II. COMMON MISTAKES

E. Love of Man's Glory

Why did the rulers in John 12 not confess the Lord? They did not confess the Lord because they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. Many people dare not confess because they want both; they want Christ, and they also want the synagogue. They want Christ; this is why they believe. But they also want the synagogue; this is why they will not confess Him. If a person wants both, he will not be absolute in either.

If you want to serve the Lord, you must make a choice between the Lord and the synagogue. Otherwise, you can never be a good Christian. You must make a choice between the Lord and man. The rulers were afraid of losing men's favor. They were afraid that if they confessed the Lord they would be put out of the synagogue. But a person who chooses the Lord in an absolute way will not be afraid of being put out of the synagogue.

If people do not persecute you after you have believed in the Lord, you should say, "Lord, I thank You." If people persecute you after you have confessed the Lord with your mouth, you should also say, "Lord, I thank You." What is so strange about this? We cannot be like those rulers who, for the sake of their love for the synagogue, refused to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus. If everyone in the church had been like them, there would be no church on earth today. If Peter had returned home and remained silent after he believed in the Lord, if Paul, Luke, Darby, and the rest had remained silent after they believed, and if everyone in the church had remained silent and dared not confess the Lord, their troubles definitely would have been less, but there would be no church on earth today!

One characteristic of the church is that it dares to believe in the Lord. Another characteristic is that it dares to confess its faith

in Him. To be saved is not just to believe in the Lord Jesus; it is to believe and to confess that one is a believer. The confession is important. Christianity is not only manifested in one's conduct but also in one's mouth. The mouth must confess. One must confess, "I am a Christian." It is not enough for a Christian to just have good conduct; he must also confess with his mouth. If you take away the mouth, there will be no Christianity. The Scripture is very clear. The heart believes unto righteousness and the mouth confesses unto salvation. Christianity is believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth.

III. CONFESSING THE LORD AND THE LORD'S CONFSSION

The Lord said, "Every one therefore who will confess in Me before men, I also will confess in him before My Father who is in the heavens" (Matt. 10:32). Thank the Lord that if we confess the Lord today, on that day He will also confess us. The Lord also said, "But whoever will deny Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father who is in the heavens" (v. 33). "But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:9). What a great contrast! All we have to do is confess that this excellent One, this chiefest among ten thousand, is the Son of God. He will then confess us before the heavenly Father and the angels of God. If you think it is difficult to confess such a Lord before men, the Lord will find it difficult to confess such a person as you when He descends in the glory of the Father. Today we must not shrink back from confessing the Lord through fear of men (Isa. 51:12). If today we find it difficult to confess Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, then on that day, when our Lord comes back, He will find it difficult to confess us before His Father and all the glorious angels. What a serious thing this is!

In reality, it is not difficult for us to confess the Lord. It is especially easy when we compare our confession with His confession of us. It is difficult for Him to confess us because we are prodigal sons who have come home, and there is nothing good in us. Since He will confess us in the future, let us also confess Him well before men today.

May all the newly-saved brothers and sisters be bold to confess the Lord from the beginning. We should never try to be Christians in secret.

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