

## Pray for:

- ✿ Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth, August 8 to 13 in Ancaster, Ontario (100 young people and serving ones are expected).
- ✿ The raising up of the Lord's testimony in Oslo, Norway; Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Rome, Italy; and other major cities in Europe.
- ✿ The spreading of the Lord's testimony to the twelve new cities in the UK—Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Coventry, Peterborough, Southend-On-Sea, Southampton, Exeter, Cardiff, Glasgow, and Belfast
- ✿ Video training for summer training on Isaiah, August 14 to 28.
- ✿ Follow-up for the BfC Bible distribution in Montreal: coordination in following-up on the Bible recipients, especially the seminar attendees.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ That the Lord would fix our roof and stop all the leaks.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 40, Acts 4:23 – 7:60
- ✿ HWMR: the Gospel of God in Romans, vol. 2, week 10
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: The All-inclusive Christ, Chapter 13

## Announcements

- ✿ There will be a video training in Montreal 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 Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Aug 8	✿ Serving: Chinese West. ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
15	✿ Serving: Chinese N.D.G.(B) ✿ Cleaning: English
22	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish

29	✿ Serving: Chinese South ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
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## Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

<b>AUGUST 8</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>9</b> Monday	✿
<b>10</b> Tuesday	✿ Prayer meeting by district in various homes
<b>11</b> Wednesday	✿ 7pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College Meeting
<b>12</b> Thursday	✿
<b>13</b> Friday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting ✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>14</b> Saturday	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

## IF ANYONE SINS

Scripture Reading: John 5:14; 8:11; Rom. 6:1-2; Num. 19:1-10, 12-13, 17-19; 1 John 1:7—2:2

### V. AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER

First John 2:1 says, "My little children, these things I write to you that you may not sin." These things refer to the forgiveness and cleansing from our sins through God's promise and work. John wrote these things to us so that we may not sin. It shows us that the Lord has forgiven our many

sins and that, as a result, we do not sin. When we find out that we are forgiven, we do not become free to sin; rather, we will not sin.

Following this it says, "And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous." "With the Father"—this is a family affair; it is something that happens after we are saved. We have already believed and have become one of God's many children. Now we have an Advocate with the Father, who is Jesus Christ the Righteous; "He Himself is the propitiation for our sins." Through the Lord Jesus' death and by His becoming the propitiation for our sins, He has become our Advocate with the Father. These words are spoken to Christians.

The propitiation spoken of here is the reality of the type of the ashes of the red heifer in Numbers 19. It speaks of God's forgiveness of our future sins according to the accomplished work of the cross. There is no need to have a new cross. We only need the work of the cross once and it is sufficient. With the eternal redemption of the cross, our sins are forgiven. That sacrifice was not an ordinary sacrifice. It was a sacrifice whose efficacy could be applied at all times. It was ashes; therefore, it was applicable all the time. Based on His blood, the Lord Jesus Christ has become our Advocate. He has accomplished redemption on the cross. Based on His accomplished work, we can be cleansed. If we sin by accident, we should not be disheartened by our sin; we should not wallow in it or remain in it. When we sin, the first thing we should do is confess our sin to the Lord. God says that it is a sin, and we should acknowledge it as a sin. God says that this is wrong, and we also should say that it is wrong. When we ask God to forgive our sin, He forgives our sin, and our fellowship with Him is restored immediately.

In the eyes of God, no brother or sister should sin. However, if anyone sins by accident, the first thing to do is deal with it immediately before God. He or she should take care of the problem of sin immediately. Never delay. Deal with it as soon as possible. You must confess immediately. Tell God, "I have sinned!" Our confession is our judgment of ourselves. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When a child of God sins and does not confess his sin but instead remains in his sin, he loses his fellowship with God. There will be no further fellowship between him and God. There is a leak in his conscience, and he will not be able to stand up before God. He may still have a little fellowship with God, but that fellowship will not be pleasant. Indeed, he will

suffer. When a child who has done something wrong comes home, he will feel that something is not right because his father will not speak to him. He cannot have an intimate fellowship with his father. He knows that there is a barrier between him and his father. This is the pain that results from a loss of fellowship.

There is only one way to recovery—it is to go to God and confess our sins. We have to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has become our Advocate and has borne all our sins. We have to confess our failures and shortcomings before God in a humble way. We have to look to Him so that we will no longer be proud or loose when we set out on our journey again. We have to realize that we are no better than anyone else, and that it is possible for us to fall at any time. We have to ask God for mercy and strength to go on step by step. Once we confess this way, we will immediately recover our fellowship with God, and the joy and peace that were lost will come back.

Finally, we should point out once more that Christians should not sin. Sin results in suffering and loss. May God have mercy upon us, keep us, preserve us, and lead us on in the way of unceasing fellowship with Him!

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