

Pray for:

- ✿ Defense and Confirmation Project: for the distribution of recently published materials defending the Lord's recovery; for the Lord's covering of the saints in Christianity who have turned to support and defend the local churches.
- ✿ Israel: the gospel activity at Tel Aviv University; the establishment and blending of two new families that recently migrated to Israel for the Lord's move; shepherding of contacts in Galilee; bringing parents of the children in the churches into one accord for the Lord's move in the children.
- ✿ Chinese gospel forum in Montreal Friday September 10.
- ✿ Once a month we have a Chinese perfecting meeting. May the Lord encourage saints to pay the price to be perfected for building up the Body of Christ.
- ✿ For the children, young people, and college and university students in the church to go back to school with a view of living vital lives and being seeds of the gospel in their various schools.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Various saints and contacts in Montreal with special needs.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 44, Acts 17:19 – 20:38
- ✿ HWMR: Being Saved in Life to Reign in Life for the Body Life, Week 1
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Glorious Church*, Chapter 1

Announcements

- ✿ 10th September, Friday, there will be a Chinese gospel forum hold at the meeting hall. The love feast starts at 6pm. The meeting is from 7pm to 9pm. All the Chinese speaking home meetings are cancelled and everyone comes to the meeting hall with the invited friends.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Sep 05	✿ Serving: Chinese South (A)
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
12	✿ Serving: Young Working
	✿ Cleaning: English
19	✿ Serving: Chinese Central (A)
	✿ Cleaning: French / Spanish
26	✿ Serving: English
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sep 17-19, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking Conference**
- ✿ Sep 24-26, Leysin, Switzerland: **French-speaking Conference in Switzerland**
- ✿ Oct 22-24, Baarlo, the Netherlands: **International European Conference**
- ✿ Oct 28-30, Southern Galilee, Israel: **Fall Conference**
(There will be a **pre-conference tour** from Oct 23-28. It will cover both biblical and historical sites.)
- ✿ Nov 25-28, Columbus, Ohio: **International Thanksgiving Conference**

This Week's Activities

SEP 05 <i>Lord's Day</i>	✿ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
06 <i>Monday</i>	
07 <i>Tuesday</i>	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
08 <i>Wednesday</i>	✿ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
09 <i>Thursday</i>	
10 <i>Friday</i>	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
	✿ 6:00pm to 8:45pm, Meeting hall: Chinese gospel forum. (6pm to 7pm: love feast / 7pm to 8pm: truth forum / 8pm to 8:45pm: hymns, testimonies, messages)
	✿ Various home meetings (English /

French)

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

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

II. COMMON MISTAKES

A. Replacing Confession with Good Behaviour

B. Being Afraid of Failing to Persevere to the End

Some people think, "If I confess with my mouth and then fail to persevere in my Christian conviction, will this not become a joke to others? Suppose I can no longer make it as a Christian after three or five years, what should I do then? It is better for me not to say anything now. Let me wait for several years, until I find out whether or not I can make it." We can tell such ones that if they do not confess because they are afraid of stumbling or failing, they will surely fail. They have already opened a back door and are trying to avoid the front door. They have already made preparations to back out of their own confession. They want to wait to have assurance before they confess. We are sure that such ones will fail. It is better to stand up and say, "I am for the Lord." If you close the back door first, it will become much harder for you to back out or backslide later. Consequently, you will have a much better chance of going forward than of sliding backward. In fact, this is the only possible way for you to go forward.

If you want to wait until you have good behaviour before you confess, your mouth will never open up. You will always be dumb. Even after you have good conduct, you will still be dumb. If you do not open your mouth at the beginning, it will be much harder to open your mouth later. If you open your mouth, the chance of having good conduct will be greater. If you want to wait until your behaviour is good before you confess, you will lose both your chance of opening your mouth as well as your

chance of having good behaviour; both will be lost, and you will fail in both.

One assuring thought is that God is not only the God who redeems us but also the God who preserves us. What should we liken redemption to? Redemption is like buying something. What then is preservation? Preservation is like putting the purchased object in one's own hand. How many people in this world buy things with the view of throwing them away? When we buy a watch, we want to use it for five or ten years; no one buys a watch with the view of throwing it away. God is saving people everywhere. He does not save them and then throw them away. He wants to preserve what He has saved. Since God has saved us, He will preserve us. Since God has redeemed us, He will preserve us until that day. God loves us so much that He was willing to forsake His Son to redeem us. If He had no intention of preserving us, He would not have paid such a great price. It is God's purpose as well as His plan to preserve us. Do not be afraid to stand up and say, "I believe in the Lord." You may say, "What happens if I fail in a few days?" Do not worry about this; God will be responsible for it. It is better for you to stand up and say, "I belong to God." Commit yourself to God. God knows that you need support, comfort, and protection. We have the assurance to say that God preserves man's salvation. This preservation makes redemption meaningful.

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