

## Pray for:

- ✿ France: the availability of saints to labour and for the financial cost of publishing the ongoing labour of the HWMR in French; that the church in Paris might obtain a meeting hall; follow-up on new student contacts at Nanterre University and Sorbonne University.
- ✿ Italy: for a Singapore family who wants to study in Rome for the Lord's testimony to obtain a scholarship; vitalization of university students in Milan in the recovery to pray and preach the gospel to gain Italian students.
- ✿ Atlantic Canada: the strengthening and building up of the church in Halifax; the raising up of the Lord's testimony in other Maritime cities such as Edmunston, Fredericton, Moncton, Sydney, Antigonish and St. John's.
- ✿ That the Lord would lead the saints to grow in their relationship of giving financially to Him.
- ✿ The Lord to remove the cross from the top of the meeting hall in Montreal; that no saints, especially young people, would be stumbled by the cross while waiting to remove it.
- ✿ That the Lord would prayerfully prepare the brothers in Montreal with His burdens for the brothers' fellowship time November 12 and 13.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 49, *Rom 5:12 – 8:2*
- ✿ HWMR: Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today, Week 5
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 1

## Announcements

- ✿ There will be a blending conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, during the weekend of October 15 – 17, 2010. Brother Matt Miller and one other brother from Anaheim will be with us. The conference will be at the meeting hall of the church in Winnipeg. Please see Br. Martin for registration and hospitality.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Oct 10	✿ Serving: French / Spanish ✿ Cleaning: English
17	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish

24	✿ Serving: Chinese Central (B) ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
31	✿ Chinese West ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central) ✿ Whole church hall cleaning

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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, USA: International Thanksgiving Conference*
- ✿ Dec 27, 2010-Jan 1, 2011, *Anaheim, CA, USA: Winter Training*

## This Week's Activities

<b>OCT 10</b> <i>Lord's Day</i>	✿ 9:30am to 10am, <i>Meeting hall:</i> Lord's table and prophesying meetings ✿ 10am-11:30: Eastern Canada Thanksgiving Conference meeting ✿ 11:30am-12:30pm: <i>Sandwich lunch</i> ✿ 12:30pm-2:30pm: Eastern Canada Thanksgiving Conference meeting
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**11**  
*Monday*

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*Tuesday* ✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes

**13**  
*Wednesday* ✿ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, *Andrea's place:* College meeting

**14**  
*Thursday*

**15**  
*Friday* ✿ 10:00am, *Meeting hall:* Chinese speaking pursuing meeting  
✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/ English / French )

**16**  
*Saturday* ✿ 2:30pm to 5:15pm, *Meeting hall:* Chinese-speaking perfecting training  
✿ 7:00pm – 9:30pm, *Meeting hall:* Young People Meeting

## READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

## II. BASIC PRINCIPLES IN READING THE BIBLE (continued)

For example, gravity is a fact. The law of gravity existed long before Newton, yet for thousands of years no one discovered it. One day, an apple fell on Newton while he was asleep under a tree. Through this he discovered the law of gravity. There is no question about the existence of facts. The question is whether or not these facts have been discovered.

For example, the Bible mentions something in some places and does not mention it in other places. One place mentions one thing while another place skips it. One place says it one way while another place says it a different way. The same word can be in the plural form in one place and in the singular form in another. Sometimes the Bible emphasizes the Lord's name while at other times it emphasizes a man's name. Chronology is clearly mentioned in some places, but totally skipped and seemingly neglected in other places. These are all facts.

A person who is good at reading the Bible is surely a careful person before God. He cannot be sloppy or muddled. Every iota or serif of the Bible is unalterable. God's Word says it, and it is so. The moment God's Word is opened up, you should know what its emphasis is. Many people are very careless. They listen to men's words carelessly and read God's Word carelessly. They do not see what God's Word emphasizes and are ignorant of the depths in His Word. The first thing a person has to do is discover the facts. Afterwards, he has to memorize these facts and analyze, categorize, and compare them. Only then will he receive light from the Lord. In this way he will get the supply and also supply others. He will receive nourishment and also nourish others.

Here I will give a simple illustration. If we read the Bible carefully, we will find the New Testament expressions in the Lord, in Christ, in Christ Jesus, etc. It never says in Jesus or in Jesus Christ. It only says in Christ Jesus, not in Jesus Christ. These are facts. We must memorize and jot down these facts one by one. Find where it says in the Lord and what the context is. Find where it says in Christ and what the context is. Find yet another place where it says in Christ Jesus and what the context is. If we know all these portions by heart, we can compare them. Why does it say in Christ in one instance instead of in Jesus? Why does one place say in Christ Jesus and not in Jesus Christ? Why does the Bible never say in Jesus or in Jesus Christ? What is the reason for this? When we analyze and compare the Scriptures in this way, looking to God for enlightenment, we will see something.

Once the light comes, everything will become very clear. Jesus is the name given to the Lord while He was on earth. Christ is the name given to Him after His resurrection when God anointed Him. "God has made Him both Lord and Christ." Do you remember these words in Acts 2? Christ is the name given to Him in His resurrection. In reading Romans we find the words Christ Jesus, which mean that the Christ today is the very Jesus who was on earth in the past. Christ Jesus is His name today. This means that the Christ today is the very Jesus who was on earth before. His name before resurrection was Jesus Christ. This name implies that Jesus would one day be the Christ. Jesus was His name when He lived on earth as a man. These two expressions—Christ being once Jesus, and Jesus eventually becoming Christ—mean two different things. Moreover, we can only be in Christ, not in Jesus. We can only be in the Lord and in Christ Jesus, not in Jesus Christ. When the Lord was on earth, we could not be in Him. If we had been in Him when He was on earth, we would have taken part in His cross and His redemption. This is contrary to the truth. We have no part in His incarnation at Bethlehem. He was the only begotten Son of God, and we have no part in that.

How then can we be in Christ? First Corinthians 1:30 says, "But of Him [God] you are in Christ Jesus." It does not say in Jesus. After the Lord Jesus died and resurrected, we became joined to Him in His resurrection. Through His death and resurrection, God has made Him the Christ, and God has joined us to Him through the Spirit. We received His life at the time of His resurrection. Regeneration does not come through incarnation but through resurrection. Now we should be clear.

This is the way to read the Bible. This is how we study the Bible. First, discover the facts. Then memorize, analyze, categorize, and compare these facts. After this pray to the Lord and wait on Him; He will enlighten you and give you sight. These are the four principles of reading the Bible. We cannot skip any one of them.

Let us give another illustration. Consider the word about the coming of the Holy Spirit in John 14 and 15. In reading these passages, we must pay attention to the promise of the Lord Jesus and discover whether there are any special facts related to it.

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