

Pray for:

- ✿ China: for the saints in the local churches to see and practice the oneness of the Body; for leading brothers to give up ambition and maintain the unique headship of Christ; for the Lord's leading concerning whether or not the churches should legally register with the government; for opportunities to blend in large numbers within China.
- ✿ Cambodia: building up of the churches there in Phnom Penh, Siam Reap, Takoe, and Battambang; shepherding of 102 recently baptized contacts in the conference held last month.
- ✿ Bratislava, Slovakia: Shepherding of a group of seven Christian students who have recently left the denominations and are now meeting with the church; the blending between three of these students (with Hungarian ethnicity) and the church in Budapest, Hungary; a brother in the Methodist denomination who is being revived by reading brother Lee's books; that some of these contacts could attend the conference in the Netherlands on October 22-24.
- ✿ Toronto: Authorization from the city for the new meeting hall to be used for church meetings (a new ruling has zoned it as economic light industrial, which does not permit a place of worship).
- ✿ Montreal: The completion and launching of the new website; that the Lord might use the website to shepherd saints and to reach many contacts, both believers and unbelievers..
- ✿ The all Canadian brothers' fellowship in the end of October and the Montreal brothers fellowship on our direction for next 3-5 years in November 12-13.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 50, *Rom 8:3 – 10:15*
- ✿ HWMR: Living under the Unique Headship of Christ and in the Unique Divine Fellowship, Week 1
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 2

Announcements

- ✿ Deadline for the Winter training which is from Dec. 27, 2010 to Jan. 1, 2011 is in 2 weeks, on Oct 31. Those who want to register, please sign up with Monica.

- ✿ 2011 Chinese-Gospel calendar pre-order sale: sign up at the book room before Oct. 31, 2010 to reserve your copy.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

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
Nov 7	✿ Serving: Chinese N.D.G (B) ✿ Cleaning: English

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

17 <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
18 <i>Monday</i>	
19 <i>Tuesday</i>	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
20 <i>Wednesday</i>	✿ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, <i>Andrea's place:</i> College meeting
21 <i>Thursday</i>	
22 <i>Friday</i>	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting ✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/ English / French)

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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)

John 14:16-20 says, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." What facts can we discover here? These sentences first use He or Him but later change to I. There is a change in pronoun. Here is a fact: The words He and Him have been changed to I.

According to the four principles of reading the Bible, how should we deal with this passage? First, we should discover the facts. In this case, the pronoun change from He to I is a fact. Second, we must remember this fact. Third, we must analyze this fact. Here are two Comforters. The Lord says, "I will ask the Father, and He [the Father] will give you another Comforter." The word another in the expression another Comforter means this is the second one. "And He [the Father] will give you another Comforter." This means that the Father will give a second Comforter. If there is a second Comforter, there must be a first Comforter.

The first thing we can ascertain is that the Lord is speaking of two Comforters. The Lord said that the disciples already had one Comforter, but that He was going to give them another. What kind of Comforter is the second? "That He may be with you forever." Who is the He? The Lord Jesus said, "The world...does not...know Him; but you know Him." Why? "Because He abides with you." He was with them all the time. The world cannot receive Him and has not even seen Him. What about them? The disciples had seen Him; they knew Him. They knew Him because He was abiding with them all the time.

The Lord said, "Because He abides with you and shall be in you." After this point the pronoun He is no longer used. In the next sentence the Lord said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I

am coming to you." In studying this, we find that He is I, and I is He. In other words, while the Lord Jesus was living on earth, He was the Comforter. The Holy Spirit was in the Lord, and the Lord was the Comforter. When the Lord was on earth, the Holy Spirit was in Him; He and the Holy Spirit were one. This is why He said that the disciples beheld Him and knew Him and that He was with them.

But then what happened? The Lord went on to tell them that another Comforter would come. Following His death and resurrection, the Lord said that He would come back to them and that God would give them the Holy Spirit. But how was this to be accomplished? The Lord Himself would come to them again in the Holy Spirit. He did not leave them orphans. After a little while they would see Him no longer, but then they would see Him again, and He would abide in them. Verse 17 says, "He...in you." Then verse 20 says, "I in you." Thus, the I in the second section is the He in the first section. Once we see the change in pronouns, we see the difference in the two Comforters. The first section refers to the Holy Spirit in Christ. The second section refers to Christ in the Holy Spirit. He refers to the Holy Spirit in Christ. I refers to Christ in the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Lord Jesus in another form. The Son is the Father in another form. In the same way, the Holy Spirit is the Son in another form. There is only a change in form.

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