

Please pray:

- ✿ Ontario: that the Lord would quickly establish the 20 saints meeting in Guelph on the ground of the church of that city; that the saints in Windsor would enter into healthy fellowship with the genuine local churches; the strengthening and increase of the churches in St. Catherines and in Hamilton.
- ✿ Defense and confirmation: that the Lord would use the new website <http://www.an-open-letter.org> to defend and confirm the truths in the Lord's recovery; that many confused people would be encouraged to know and enjoy the truths and church life in the recovery.
- ✿ Israel: that a family in Tel Aviv that is having an unusual difficult in getting their visa renewal might be permitted to remain long-term for the building up of the church; the Lord's leading concerning how to care for the young people this summer; the Lord's blessing on a young family that is moving near Hebrew University; shepherding of new contacts in Haifa; that the young people who desire to attend the annual Poland conference might be able to go.
- ✿ Shepherding: That the Lord might give us a heart to shepherd each other; that we might be burdened to shepherd the saints who meet regularly, the new ones, and the backslidden ones; that we might permit the Lord's shepherding life express His care for each one in the church.
- ✿ Bible distribution June 19 to 24: that the Lord would prepare the hearts of many Montrealers to seek Him and His word; that the saints might be nourished with the Word to be able to present it to others as a precious treasure; that the saints might be drawn in their consecration and released from their human schedules to participate in this activity.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Acts 8:1 – 10:33
- ✿ HWMR: Daniel and Zechariah, week 2

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a children's blending activity on June 8, 2013 at the Centre de la nature de Laval from 11:30 am to 3 pm. There are small animals and a big lawn for activities:
 - All families with children are invited to participate. Parking is \$7 per car, park in Lot 4. We will have our picnic spot listed with a sign indicating Eglise a Montreal. Bring your own sac lunch but no

BBQ's allowed. You can find a map with the parking lot 4 indicated at the URL below. Upon entering Lot 4, go toward the left to park and walk toward the picnic tables to find our spot. There is a donation of \$3 per person above 5 years old to be collected by the responsible saints at the park.

http://www.centredelanature.laval.ca/carte_cdn.html

- ✿ The 2013 Bible distribution will be from June 19 to 24. The schedule is:
 - Wed June 19: Evening only
 - Thu, Fri, Sat, Mon June 20, 21, & 22, 24: 10am to 4 pm
 - LD June 23: From 1:30pm
- Saints should please sign up as soon as possible.
- ✿ The Grade 6 Conference will be held from June 21 to 23 in Markham. Please register with the serving ones.
 - ✿ This year's Summer School of Truth will be held from **August 18th to August 23rd, 2013**. The venue this year is Upper Canada Camp (UCC) at 1713 Concession Road 2, Adjala Palgrave, Ontario. The price for students and serving ones is \$260.00 per person. Please register no later than **June 30, 2013**.
 - ✿ The new multilingual website of the church has been launched. The new addresses are:
 - English: <http://churchinmontreal.ca>
 - French: <http://egliseamontreal.ca>
 - Chinese: <http://ch.churchinmontreal.ca>
- In the following weeks, those serving on the website will present the website and its details to saints on the Lord's day. Please prayerfully examine the website to consider how the Lord could use it for His testimony. If you have any feedback or suggestions, or would like to join the service team, please e-mail webservant@churchinmontreal.ca.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

2	✿ Serving: South Chinese
JUNE	✿ Whole Hall Cleaning
9	✿ Serving: English(B) ✿ Cleaning: English & College Students
16	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1
23	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2

Upcoming Events

- ✿ June 8, July 13, August 10: **Children Blending Activity**

- ✿ June 15, Montreal meeting hall: **96 Lessons**
 - ✿ June 21-23, Markham, ON: **Grade 6 Conference**
 - ✿ July 1-6, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**
- More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

2 JUNE	✿ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
3 Monday	
4 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts
5 Wednesday	✿
6 Thursday	
7 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
8 June Saturday	✿ 11am- 3pm, Children's Blending Activity
	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
9 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am–12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

Attendance Statistics

The Discipline of God

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

C. Holiness as a Gift and Holiness as a Constitution

God not only gives us His holiness as a gift, but He also wants us to partake of His holiness through His discipline. He wants us to be constituted with His holiness; He wants to wrought holiness into our being little by little. Carnal persons like us require years of discipline from God before His holy character and nature can become ours. We need all kinds of blows, situations, guidance, frustrations, urgings, and chastisement before we can partake of God's holy character. This is a great matter! God does not merely give us holiness as a gift. This holiness must be wrought into us. God has to constitute us with His holiness!

This is one distinctive feature of salvation in the New Testament. God first gives us something, and then He works the same thing into us. He constitutes us with the same thing little by little. When we have both aspects, we have full salvation. One is a gift from Christ, and the other is a constitution of the Holy Spirit. This is a distinctive feature of the New Testament. One is a gift, and the other is a constitution. Among all the crucial things in the New Testament, there is this clear statement: God is making us partakers of His holiness through His discipline.

VI. THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS YIELDED THROUGH DISCIPLINE

Verse 11 says, "Now no discipline at the present time seems to be a matter of joy, but of grief; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it."

Here the apostle draws special attention to the words at the present time and afterward. It is a fact that one does not feel happy at the time of discipline, but grievous. Do not think that suffering is wrong when you experience God's discipline. Discipline is surely a suffering. The Bible does not say that the cross is a joy. It says rather that the cross is affliction. The cross brings us suffering. The Lord despised the shame for the joy set before Him. This is a fact. The Bible does not say that the cross is a joy; the cross is not a joy. It is always a suffering. It is not wrong to grieve and feel afflicted when we are disciplined.

But we must learn obedience. Only through obedience can we partake of God's holiness. Discipline indeed is not a matter of joy "at the present time." Instead, it is grief to us. This is not surprising; it is in fact quite normal for us to feel this way. Our Lord did not consider the trials a matter of joy when He passed through them. Of course, we can make it a matter of joy. Peter said that we can exult in various trials (1 Pet. 1:6). On the one hand, they are a suffering. On the other hand, we can reckon them to be a joy. How we feel is one thing, and how we reckon is another thing. We can feel grieved, but at the same time, we can reckon it to be a joy.

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