

Please pray:

- ✿ Canada brothers' fellowship, November 8-10, Calgary.
- ✿ London, UK: the Lord's blessing on the one-week trainings in London from October 28 to November 30 for saints from around Europe; that the attendees would be perfected in the divine truths, in their daily life with the Lord, in practicing the vital groups, in participating in the spread of the divine truths throughout Europe, in becoming fruit-bearing branches in the vine, and in developing their organic functions for the building up of the Lord's testimony in Europe.
- ✿ Prayer meetings of the church: that we might be perfected to be one with the Lord, being mingled with His heart, His desire, and His burden; that our prayers might give Him the way to accomplish on the earth what He has already established in heaven; that the Lord release more saints to join the prayer meetings and participate in His ministry of intercession.
- ✿ Ottawa: Establishing the saints in the apostles' teaching; raising up of a vital group church life; increased blending and regular visits by saints from Montreal; gaining of contacts in Gatineau.
- ✿ 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:
Rom 14:13 - 1 Cor 1:4
- ✿ HWMR: The Experience, Growth, and Ministry of Life for the Body, Week 7
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 43 - 45

Announcements

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Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Nov 3	✿ Serving: English (B)
	✿ Cleaning: South
10	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
17	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
	✿ Cleaning: East with YP
24	✿ Serving: NDG
	✿ Cleaning: North

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Nov 8-10, Calgary: Canada brothers' fellowship

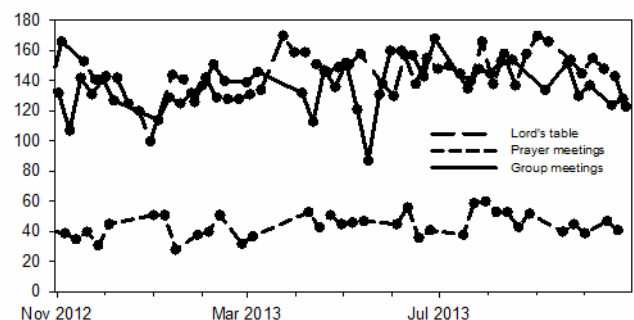
- ✿ **Nov 16, Meeting hall: 96 Lessons, Series 2, Lessons 1 and 2 (E/F/C)**
- ✿ Nov 28-Dec1, Schaumburg, Illinois: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✿ Dec 14, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons, Series 3, Lessons 4 and 5 (E/F/C)**
- ✿ Dec 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter live training**
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

3 NOVEMBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
4 Monday	✿
5 Tuesday	✿ 2:30pm-3:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
6 Wednesday	✿ 2pm-3pm, Concordia Library 4 th floor, Concordia: Bible Study*
7 Thursday	✿ 11:30am-12:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
8 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
9 Saturday	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
10 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

* Since the room number may sometimes change, please contact Dennis or James if you would like to attend

Attendance Statistics



Withstanding the Devil

Scripture Reading: James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

II. WITHSTANDING SATAN BY FAITH

B. Believing That the Lord's Death Has Destroyed Satan *(continued)*

The Lord's death on the cross takes away not only our sins but also the whole old creation. Our old man has been crucified with him. Although Satan reigns through death, the more he reigns through death, the worse his lot becomes, because his reign stops at death. Since we are already dead, death can no longer sting us. He has no further reign over us.

"For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." God said this so that man would not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But man ate it and sinned. What then should be done? The result of sin is death; there is no way to change this. However, there is a way to salvation, a salvation which goes through death. When the Lord Jesus was crucified on the cross for us, the old creation and the old man were both crucified with Him. This means that Satan's authority can only go as far as death. The Scripture says, "Through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

Thank and praise the Lord. We are those who are already dead. If Satan attacks us, we can say to him, "I am already dead!" He has no authority over us because we are already dead. His authority extends only to the point of death.

Our crucifixion with Christ is an accomplished fact; it is God's doing. The Bible does not say that our death with the Lord is something that belongs to the future. It is not some experience that we hope to attain one day. The Bible does not tell us to pursue death. It shows us that we are already dead. A person is not dead if he is still pursuing death. However, our death with Christ is a gift from God in the same way that His death for us is a gift. If a man is still pursuing crucifixion, he is standing on fleshly ground, and Satan has full control over those who stand on fleshly ground. We must believe in the Lord's death. We must also believe in our own death. Just as we believed in the Lord's death for us, so also we should believe in our death in Him. Both are acts of faith, and neither has anything to do with human pursuits. As soon as we strive to realize these facts, we expose ourselves to Satan's attack. We have to lay hold of the accomplished facts and declare: "Praise and thank the Lord; I am already dead."

We must see that, in the eyes of God, our death with Christ is an accomplished fact. Once we see this, Satan can no longer do anything with us. Satan can deal only with those who are not dead. He can rule over only those who are facing death and who are on their way to death. But we are no longer facing death; we have already died. Satan can do nothing about us.

In order to withstand Satan, we must realize that the Lord's manifestation was a manifestation of authority, and the work of His cross has released all those who are under Satan's

hand. Satan no longer has any authority over us anymore. We are above him. We are those who are already dead. Satan's way is terminated by death, and there is nothing more that he can do.

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