

Please pray:

- ✿ International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, USA, February 12-14.
- ✿ GTCA Laval: that key homes would be gained in Laval for the Lord's testimony; that saints in Montreal would be burdened to continue shepherding the contacts; for remaining fruit for the practical building up of the Body of Christ.
- ✿ The Caribbean: that the literature work might prevail and reach many seekers; that the Lord would thrust out many workers to reap the harvest; that the Lord would stir up many of His seekers to leave the denominations to meet in oneness as the local churches in their respective cities; for increased fellowship and blending among the saints in the different islands; that the Lord might gain His genuine testimony.
- ✿ Middle Eastern migrants in Europe: gospel trips in Germany from January to July; grace to the churches in Germany, including saints who are migrating there for this burden; the free mass distribution of care packages and literature; the shepherding of the seeking ones; the participation of brothers and sisters with an adequate knowledge of the truth and a proficiency in the Arabic and Farsi languages; the salvation and gaining of the Lord's chosen ones, both native Germans and Middle Eastern migrants, and their continued shepherding so that they may be remaining fruit for the churches; the Lord's protection of His present move from the attack of the evil one, Satan; the financial provision for this move.
- ✿ 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: Matt 15:21 – 17:27
- ✿ HWMR: The Recovery of the Priesthood for God's Building, week 6
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 42

Announcements

- ✿ Recently, we began a new cleaning schedule with designated responsible ones in each group. Please see the clean-up section of the newsletter for the new grouping and new schedule.
- ✿ The price for the annual HWMR subscription is \$60. The responsible ones for the HWMR in each group will record all those who want to renew or be added to the

subscription. We encourage all saints to sign up so we know how many books we need and in what language.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

February 7	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 ✿ Cleaning: All groups
14	✿ Serving: South Chinese B ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
21	✿ Serving: French & Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
28	✿ Serving: Eastern Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

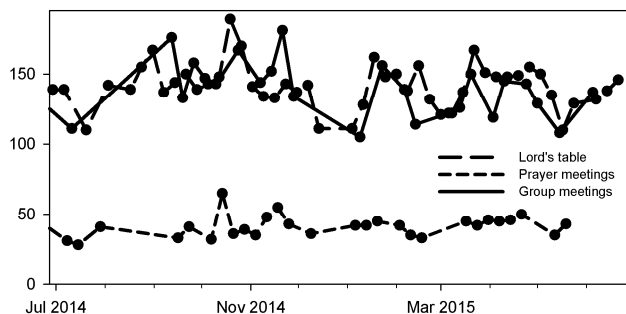
Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb 12-14, Anaheim, USA: **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
- ✿ Feb 19-21, Montreal: **Eastern Canada College Conference**
- ✿ Apr 8-10, Anaheim, USA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✿ Apr 16-17, Paris, France: **French conference**
- ✿ Jul 4-9, Anaheim, USA: **Summer Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

7 FEBRUARY LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
8 Monday	✿
9 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
10 Wednesday	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
11 Thursday	✿
12 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
13 Saturday	✿
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Attendance Statistics



IF ANYONE SINS

Scripture Reading: John 5:14; 8:11; Rom. 6:1-2; Num. 19:1-10, 12-13, 17-19; 1 John 1:7—2:2

After we are saved, we should sin no more. John 5 records the incident of the Lord Jesus healing one who had been sick for thirty-eight years near the pool in Bethesda. After the man was healed the Lord met him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; sin no more so that nothing worse happens to you" (v. 14). John 8 speaks of the Lord Jesus forgiving a woman who had committed adultery. He said to her then and there, "From now on sin no more" (v. 11). Once we are saved, we are charged by the Lord to sin no more! As saved ones, we surely should not continue in sin.

I. SINNING AFTER BEING SAVED

Since a Christian should not sin and should not continue in sins, is it then possible for a Christian not to sin? The answer is yes! It is possible for Christians not to sin because we have God's life within us. This life does not sin. It cannot tolerate any trace of sin. This life is as holy as God is holy. The life within us makes us very sensitive to sin. If we walk according to the sense of this life and if we live by this life, we will not sin.

However, it is possible for Christians to sin. We are still in the flesh. If we do not walk according to the Spirit and live in life, we can sin at any time. Galatians 6:1 says, "Brothers, even if a man is overtaken in some offense.." First John 2:1 says, "My little children..if anyone sins.." It is possible for Christians to be overtaken by sins. There is still the possibility of sinning. First John 1:8 says, "If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves." Verse 10 says, "If we say that we have

not sinned, we make Him a liar." Hence, our experience shows us that it is possible for Christians to fall accidentally into sin.

Will a saved person who has fallen accidentally into sin still perish? No! The Lord said, "And I give to them eternal life, and they shall by no means perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28). In other words, once a person is saved, he is saved forever. "They shall by no means perish forever." Nothing can be surer than this! First Corinthians 5 speaks of a brother who had committed fornication. Paul said, "To deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord" (v. 5). Even though the flesh of a believer who sins may be destroyed, his spirit will still be saved.

Does this therefore mean that after a person is saved, it does not matter whether he sins? No! If a person sins after he is saved, there will be two terrible consequences. First, he will suffer in this life. If you sin after you are saved, you will suffer the consequence of your sin. The person in 1 Corinthians 5 was delivered to Satan. This is a great suffering. After a person has repented and confessed to the Lord, God will forgive him and the blood will cleanse him. With some sins, however, there are further consequences that one must face. Although Jehovah removed David's sin of taking Uriah's wife, the sword never departed from his house forever (2 Sam. 12:9-13). Brothers and sisters, sin is like a venomous serpent; it is not an amusing plaything. If you are bitten by it, you will suffer.

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