

Please pray:

- ✿ Krakow, Poland: that suitable housing be found for the migrating full-timers and that they be blended together in prayer and fellowship to serve in one accord; that the labour of the saints and full-timers be fruitful in bringing local seeking ones and students into the church life; that a golden lampstand would be raised up as the testimony of Jesus in Krakow.
- ✿ Senior coworkers in the Lord's recovery: that the Lord would keep them strong and healthy in spirit, soul and body as they take the lead in the Lord's move; for the health of many older brothers and that of their family members; that the Lord would continue to mature and perfect many saints to take the way of ministry to become genuine ministers of the new covenant for the building up and going on of the churches.
- ✿ Canada: for increase in life, truth, and numbers in all the churches; visitation and genuine blending among the churches throughout the country; perfecting of more brothers with pure and absolute hearts to take the lead as the Lord moves and spreads; mass distribution of literature through Bibles for Canada and the labour of saints and churches; gaining and shepherding of contacts and raising up churches in every province and territory; gaining and shepherding students in the colleges and universities; migration to establish and strengthen new and smaller churches; that Canada be filled with shining golden lampstands from sea to sea to sea to maintain the genuine testimony of Jesus.
- ✿ For the raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✿ Laval: to gain and strengthen the families for the Lord's move; for increase in life and numbers for the weekly Bible study; that the Lord's name be sanctified in Laval and that He gain remaining fruit.
- ✿ 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: Num 35:1 – 5:33 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Church as the Temple of God—The Goal of God's Eternal Economy, week 6
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 76

Announcements

- ✿ Registration is now open for the Live Winter Training to be held December 26 – 31. The cost is \$150. The registration deadline is October 30.
- ✿ If you want to receive the Chinese Gospel Calendar with verses in English and Chinese, please pre-order with the bookroom no later than October 23.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

October 9	✿ Serving: Chinese south (B)
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
16	✿ Serving: French / Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
23	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
30	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: French: (Chitu, Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Oct. 28-30, All Saints, Antigua: **Conference in Antigua**
- ✿ Nov 24 - 27, San Jose, CA, USA: **International Thanksgiving conference**
- ✿ Dec 26 – 31, Anaheim, CA : **Winter training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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

Saturday

16	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
OCTOBER		
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

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)

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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