

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth (Aug 13-18): Pray that the Lord would prepare all the young people's hearts to be emptied and unloaded to receive a fresh dispensing and speaking from the Lord; pray that all the serving ones would be strengthened in their trip-partite being; pray for the security of all the ones attending; pray that the Lord would gain what He is after in this time.
- ✿ Church in Montreal Open House (Aug 12): Pray that the Lord would head up all the preparations, services and coordinations for this time; pray that the new ones whom the Lord has chosen to come to be released from any entanglements and distractions; pray that some would have the desire to continue to be contacted after the open house; pray that the saints would be full of the humanity of Jesus to care, love and shepherd these new contacts during and after the open house.
- ✿ Church in Tel Aviv, Israel: Please pray that the Lord would release according to His timing an appropriate meeting place for the Lord's Table meeting.
- ✿ The vision of the universal Body of Christ: Pray that the Lord would grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see the vision of the universal Body of Christ; pray that our lives, our living, our preaching of the gospel, and our service would all be governed by this vision; pray that we would care for the Body, have a consciousness of the Body and love the Body by caring for and loving the members of the Body.
- ✿ GTCA Ottawa and Laval: Pray that the Lord would give us a heart to shepherd the new contacts; that the new contacts would be shepherded according to their needs; that the Lord would give us remaining fruits; that the Lord would gain what He is after in Ottawa and Laval.
- ✿ 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 23:16 - 27:26 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Direction of the Lord's Move Today, weeks 3 and 4

Announcements

- ✿ We will doorknock/distribute neighborhood invitations to Open house Aug 12 after lovefeast at 1pm TODAY.
- ✿ Welcome all! Church in Montreal is inviting you to a BBQ. We will have some games for families. **On August 12,**

from 4pm to 8pm - gospel friends, neighborhood and "ALL" existing saints are encourage to come.

- ✿ There will be a Perfecting training in Montreal from Aug. 18-20, 2017. The topic is "GAINING CHRIST IN HIS EXCELLENCY TO BUILD UP HIS BODY IN ALL ASPECTS"
- ✿ From Aug 25 to Sept 1, 2017, there will be the Fall 2017 College retreat & Student Internship in Sainte-Adele. Please sign up/apply by Aug 21, 2017 with College serving ones.
- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. However, there is a continued need for translator and editor support. The French translation fund is currently low. Please pray for this need.
- ✿ The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be completed by Aug. 2018. They will be printing only about what they have as existing orders; therefore, the collection will be unable to be ordered after completion. Any who wishes to order them, can go on standing order to receive them at a 40-45% discount. There are several payment plans available. See bulletin board.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Aug 6	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
13	✿ Serving: English A Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
20	✿ Serving: English B Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
27	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Aug 12, Meeting Hall: **Church Open House / BBQ**
- ✿ Aug 18-20, **Montreal: Perfecting Training**
- ✿ Aug 25 to Sept 1, Sainte-Adele: **Fall 2017 College retreat & Student Internship**
- ✿ Aug 13-18, Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, ON: **Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

6	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
AUGUST LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

7	✳	
Monday		
8	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
9	✳	
Wednesday		
10	✳	
Thursday		
11	✳	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
12	✳	4-9pm: Church Open House / BBQ
Saturday		
13	✳	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
AUGUST		
LORD'S DAY	✳	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

Scripture Reading: Lev. 6:1-7; Matt. 5:23-26

I. A CONSCIENCE VOID OF OFFENSE

After we have believed in the Lord, we must build up a habit of confessing and recompensing. If we have offended anyone or have come short of anyone, we should learn to confess or to recompense. On the one hand, we have to confess to God, and on the other hand, we have to confess to and recompense man. If a man does not confess to God nor apologize or recompense man, his conscience will easily become hardened. Once the conscience becomes hardened, a serious and fundamental problem develops: It becomes difficult for God's light to shine into a man. A person must build up a habit of confessing and making recompense so that he can maintain a sensitive and keen conscience before the Lord.

There was once a worker of the Lord who used to ask others, "When was the last time you confessed to someone?" If it has been a long time since a person's last confession to another person, there has to be some problem with this person's conscience. We often offend others. If a person has offended someone yet has no feeling about it, his conscience must be sick or abnormal. The length of time since your last confession is an indication of whether or not there is a problem between you and God. If the period of time is long, it proves that there is a lack of light in your spirit. If the time is short, that is, if you recently have made a confession to others, it proves that the feeling of your conscience is still sensitive. In order to live under God's light, we need a sensitive conscience, and in order for our conscience to remain sensitive, we need to continually condemn sin as sin. We need to confess to God,

and we also need to make confessions and recompenses to man.

If we have offended God and the offense has nothing to do with man, we do not need to confess to man. We should not overdo anything. If a brother or sister's sins are unrelated to man, having only offended God, he or she only needs to confess to God; there is absolutely no need to confess to man. I hope that we will pay attention to this principle.

What kind of sins offend man? How should a person apologize to another person or recompense another person when he offends him or comes short in his dealings with him? In order to be clear about this, we need to carefully study two portions of Scriptures.

II. THE TRESPASS OFFERING IN LEVITICUS 6

There are two sides to the trespass offering: One is revealed in Leviticus 5 and the other in Leviticus 6. Chapter five tells us that we should confess to God and offer up sacrifices for forgiveness of our miscellaneous sins. Chapter six tells us that it is not enough to offer up a sacrifice to God if we have offended a person materially; we should also restore something to the offended party. Chapter six says that if we have offended anyone in material things, we should take care of the matter with men. Of course, we also need to confess to God and ask for His forgiveness. But just dealing with God is not enough. We cannot ask God to forgive us on behalf of the ones whom we have offended.

How should we take care of the matter from man's side? Let us look at the trespass offering in Leviticus 6.

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