

## Please pray:

- ✳ GTCA (Jan 26 - Feb 12): As GTCA is going on right now, let us pray for Ottawa/Montreal, Kitchener/Guelph, Hamilton/St. Catharines, Windsor, and in the west coast, Lethbridge, Alberta; pray that the Lord will prepare the ones whom He has predestinated to be contacted; pray that the trainees will be strengthened in their tripartite being during this time; pray that many saints will be able to cooperate with the Lord in this move in going, in praying and in shepherding the contacts; pray that the Lord will gain what He is after in these cities through this move.
- ✳ Thessaloniki, Greece: Pray that the Lord will preserve the new contact (a middle-age brother) in his enjoyment of meeting with the brothers and open up a time to meet with him again soon; that the contacts we are now meeting with, and many Greeks in general, would be granted a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see God's economy and come fully out of the religious system; that the application of a serving couple for a new three-year residence permit will be approved and released shortly.
- ✳ Bibles for Concordia club: Concordia students and serving ones have a burden to establish a club on Concordia campus to facilitate contacting the students and having our presence on campus. Please pray for the releasing of the club for His purpose; that the Lord will open the doors that no one could shut; that the Lord will gain what He is after in this campus.
- ✳ Galilee, Israel: There is a deep desire for the newer ones in the Galilee to ask for, and receive a clear, controlling vision of the Lord's recovery that would direct the hearts in every detail of their human life and church life. From the younger ones to the older ones, a clear vision is needed. Pray also with us for a dear brother whose situation has limited his availability to meet.
- ✳ Laval: May we continue to pray for this land; that the Lord may continue to shepherd the contacts in their situations; may the Lord gain a proper testimony in the city of Laval according to His timing.
- ✳ 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: Job 42:1 - Psa 15:5 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 3, week 16

## Announcements

- ✳ Please confirm and pay for your 2018 HWMR annual subscription (\$75) to your district serving one. The deadline for this signup and payment is TODAY. If you are not a subscriber, you can purchase them from the bookroom, subject to availability.
- ✳ As part of GTCA, we will have a bible distribution as well as a seminar/gospel meeting here in Montreal on February 10. Saints can participate by bringing food for the love feast at lunch and joining the distribution or bringing food for the love feast at 6pm for dinner and then join the seminar/gospel meeting.
- ✳ We will conclude the remainder of the first message of the Lesson for the sisters TODAY starting at 1:30pm.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>Jan 28</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese North
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
<b>Feb 4</b>	✳ Serving: English A
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
<b>11</b>	✳ Serving: English B
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
<b>18</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ Jan 27 - Feb 11, Ottawa/Montreal: **GTCA**
  - ✳ Feb 18 1:30pm Meeting Hall : **Lesson for the sisters, Message 2**
  - ✳ Feb 23 - 25, Montreal. QC: **Working saints conference**
  - ✳ Apr 13-15, Anaheim, CA: **Spring ITERO**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>28</b>	✳ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>29</b>	✳
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>30</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>31</b>	✳

<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>1</b>	✳	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>2</b>	✳	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>3</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>4</b>	✳	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## OUR LIFE

**Scripture Reading:** Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20

### I. CHRIST OUR LIFE

Many Christians have a wrong concept about the Lord Jesus. They think that the Lord set up a good pattern for us while He was on earth and that we should imitate this pattern. It is true that the Bible charges us to imitate the Lord (Rom. 15:5; 1 Cor. 11:1; etc.). But the Bible does not tell us to do this by ourselves. There is something we must see before we can imitate Him. Many people want to imitate the Lord, but they repeatedly fail. They regard the Lord like they regard good Chinese calligraphy, something to be copied stroke by stroke. They do not realize how frail man is and that no fleshly energy could give man enough strength to imitate Him.

Some Christians think that they can ask the Lord to empower them simply because the Bible says, "I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me" (Phil. 4:13). They feel that there are many things that need to be done, many biblical precepts that need to be obeyed, and many examples of the Lord that need to be imitated. They also feel that none of this can be done unless they have more power. Therefore, they ask the Lord for power. They think that if the Lord would only give them the power, they would be able to do all things. Many people just wait and hope daily for the Lord to give them the power to conduct their activities.

It is true that we need to look to the Lord for power. But in addition to asking for power, we need to see something further. Without seeing this one thing, we will not always have the power, even though we may be looking to the Lord. We can pray to the Lord every day for power. But sometimes the Lord answers such prayer, and sometimes He does not. To some people this means that they can do all things when He empowers them and that they can do nothing when He does not empower them. This is precisely the reason so many

Christians fail again and again. We have to ask the Lord to empower us. But if we take this as an isolated commandment or as the only way, we will fail.

The fundamental relationship between Christ and us is conveyed in the words Christ our life. We can imitate the Lord only because He has become our life. We can ask Him for strength only because He has become our life. There is no way to imitate Him or be empowered by Him unless we understand the meaning of Christ our life. Hence we must first understand, see, and grasp the secret of Christ our life before we can imitate Him or ask Him for strength.

Colossians 3:4 says, "Christ our life." Philippians 1:21 says, "For to me, to live is Christ." This shows us that the way to victory is for Christ to be our life. Victory is, "For to me, to live is Christ." If a Christian does not know what is meant by Christ our life, and what is meant by for to me, to live is Christ, he will not experience the Lord's life on earth; he will not be able to follow the Lord, to experience victory in Him, or to proceed on the course before him.

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