

## Please pray:

- ✳ Please pray that many local students and saints would pick up the burden to shepherd the new contacts whom we have contacted during GTCA; may the Lord keep the contacts hungry and open for continual fellowship and shepherding; may the Lord give us some remaining fruit through this move.
- ✳ Continuing distribution of ministry publications and shepherding of seeking ones in Europe: Please pray for the radio broadcasts in the UK and Spain and the continuing distribution of the New Testament Recovery Version and other free ministry publications in all the European languages.
- ✳ Working saints conference in Montreal (Feb 23-25): Please pray that the working saints, serving ones and families in eastern Canada be released to attend the conference; pray for the releasing of the serving ones for practical services and for all the preparations; pray that the speaking brothers will be one with the Lord to release what is on His heart; pray that the saints would be emptied and unloaded to receive, digest, experience and practice the speaking.
- ✳ India: Pray for the 513 young ones who have joined the National College Students Training last month, that the Lord can continue to speak in each one of them and cause them to live a life of knowing, seeing and gaining God in this age of godlessness for the sake of His testimony on the earth.
- ✳ 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: Psa 16:1 - 30:12 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 3, week 17

## Announcements

- ✳ AAll the saints who are going to join the Working saints conference from February 23 to 25 need to register. Please contact the serving brothers in your districts to access the registration form and to pay your fee. The deadline is February 18th.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>Feb 11</b>	✳ Serving: English B
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
<b>18</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>25</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese South B
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
<b>March 4</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese East
	✳ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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>11 FEBRUARY LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>12 Monday</b>	✳ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>13 Tuesday</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>14 Wednesday</b>	✳
<b>15 Thursday</b>	✳
<b>16 Friday</b>	✳ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>17 Saturday</b>	✳
<b>18 FEBRUARY LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✳ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
	✳ 1:30pm: <b>Lesson for the sisters, Message 2</b>

## OUR LIFE

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

## II. FOR TO ME, TO LIVE IS CHRIST (continued)

This experience clearly shows that they are practicing the Christian life in a wrong way. Paul said, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." This is the secret of Christian living. It is the Lord in you who is living the Christian life, not you living it by yourself. If you live the Christian life by yourself, endurance will be a suffering to you, as will love, humility, and bearing the cross. But if Christ lives in you, endurance will be a joy; so will love, humility, and bearing the cross.

Brothers and sisters, you may be tired of trying to live the Christian life. You may feel that the Christian life is consuming you and binding you. But if you see that you no longer need to live, you will agree that this is a great gospel to you. Every Christian can be spared such a wearisome living. This is a great gospel! You no longer have to exert so much effort trying to be a Christian. You no longer have to bear such a heavy burden for your Christian life! You can say, "In the past I heard the gospel which told me that I could be spared death. Thank God, I no longer need to die. Today I am tired and weary of living. God says that I can be spared living. Thank God, I no longer need to struggle to live."

It is, of course, a suffering for us to die. But it is equally a suffering for us to live before God. We have no idea what God's holiness is all about. We do not know what love is and what the cross is. For men like us to try to live unto God is indeed an unbearable burden. The more we try to live, the more we sigh and suffer. It is a big struggle to labor and strive to live the Christian life. In fact, it is altogether impossible for us to do it. We could never satisfy God's demands. Some people always have a bad temper. Others can never be humble; they are always proud. For a proud person to try to live in God's presence and act humbly every day is a very wearisome and tiring task. Paul was a weary and worn-out Christian in Romans 7. He said, "For to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not" (v. 18). Every day he willed, but every day he failed. This is why he could only sigh, "Wretched man that I am!" (v. 24). Actually, being a Christian is not an exercise akin to putting a carnal man in heaven and subjecting him to slavery there. Fortunately, no carnal man can enter heaven. Otherwise, as soon as he entered it, he would run away quickly; he would not be able to stand even one day there. His temperament would be too different from God's temperament, and his thought too far from God's thought. His ways would be too different from God's ways, and his views too different from God's view. How would he ever be able to meet God's

demands? There would be nothing he could do before God except run away.

But this is a gospel for you. God does not want you to do good. He does not want you to make up your mind to do good. God only wants Christ to live in you. God does not care about good or bad; He cares about who is doing the good. God is not satisfied with good alone; He wants to know who is doing the good.

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