

Please pray:

- ✿ Working saints conference in Montreal (Feb 23-25): Pray for the releasing of the serving ones for practical services, homes for hospitality 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.
- ✿ Israel: Remember the college students in Tel Aviv as the individual shepherding and weekly meetings are taking place. Also pray with us for a clear controlling vision to be imparted to these younger ones. Some have expressed a desire to attend a college conference in Russia in March. We pray that veils will be taken away during that conference.
- ✿ Pakistan: Pray for the saints in Lahore to have a life of corporate intercession and pursuing.
- ✿ Districting in Montreal: As we have started the districting on Feb 11th, let's pray that all the saints would rise up to pick up the burden to function in the meetings; they would live a daily living of learning how to cultivate Christ as the good land and bring their enjoyment to the meeting for the building up of the Body; that that Lord would give us the wisdom to take care of all the practical services in both districts.
- ✿ 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: 2 Cor 3:12 - 5:21 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 3, week 18

Announcements

- ✿ There will be the 2nd message of the Lesson for the Sisters this afternoon at 1:30.
- ✿ Today (February 18) is the last day to register for Working saints conference. Please pay the \$30 in advance to the district serving brothers and we also need more hospitality spots.
- ✿ There will also be a service meeting in preparation for the Working saints conference during lunch in the children opening time room and after the cleaning, we need to arrange the chairs in the meeting hall for the conference.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Feb 18	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
25	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
March 4	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
11	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb 23 - 25, Montreal, QC: **Working saints conference**
- ✿ March 11, Meeting Hall, Noon: **Annual general meeting**
- ✿ March 30 - Apr 1, Toronto, ON: **Spring YP Retreat**
- ✿ Apr 13-15, Anaheim, CA: **Spring ITERO**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

18 FEBRUARY LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
	✿ 1:30pm: Lesson for the sisters, Message 2
19 Monday	✿
20 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
21 Wednesday	✿
22 Thursday	✿
23 Friday	✿ 6pm - 7pm: Supper
	✿ 7pm - 9pm: Working saints conference, Message 1
24 Saturday	✿ 9:30am - 11am: Message 1 & Group Fellowship
	✿ 11:15am - 12:30pm: Working saints conference, Message 2 & Group Fellowship
	✿ 12:30pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
	✿ 6pm - 7pm: Supper
	✿ 7pm - 9pm: Working saints conference, Message 3
	✿ 9pm-10pm: Snack & Blending

25	☼	9:30am – 10am: Lord's table
FEBRUARY	☼	10am– 12:15pm: Review and overflow
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch

OUR LIFE

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

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

Hence, God's way is not for us to imitate Christ or to walk like Christ. Neither is it to plead on our knees for strength to walk like Christ. God's way is for us to experience that it is "no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." Do we see the difference here? This is not a matter of imitating Christ's life, nor of being empowered to live this life, but a matter of no longer being the ones living at all. God does not allow us to live according to ourselves. We do not come to God by ourselves; we come to God through Christ living in us. It is not a matter of imitating Christ or of receiving some power from Christ, but of Christ living in us.

This is the living of a believer. The living of a believer is one in which it is no longer him who lives, but it is Christ living in him. In the past I was the one who lived, not Christ. But today, it is not I who live, but Christ. Another One has come to live in my place. If a person cannot say, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me," this person does not know what Christianity is; he does not know the life of Christ, nor the life of a believer. He is merely aspiring to be "not I but Christ." But Paul did not say that he was striving to be this way. He told us that this was how he lived. His way was to stop living by himself and to let Christ live instead.

I III. I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

Perhaps some will ask, "How can we experience it is no longer I who live? How can 'I' be eliminated?" The answer to this question lies in the first part of Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ." If I am not crucified with Christ, I cannot be eliminated. If I am not crucified with Christ, I am still I. How can I say, "It is no longer I"? Only those who are "crucified with Christ" can say, "It is no longer I."

In order for our crucifixion with Christ to become experiential, there is the need of cooperation from two sides. It is impossible to experience this crucifixion if there is cooperation on only one side; cooperation on both sides is essential.

Our inner eyes have to be opened. When Christ was crucified on the cross, God put our sins on Christ and crucified them on the cross. This is God's side of the work. Christ died

for us and took our sins away. This occurred more than nineteen hundred years ago, and we believe it. Similarly, when Christ was crucified, God put us into Christ. Just as our sins were settled more than nineteen hundred years ago, our person was also dealt with at the same time. When God laid our sins on Christ, He also put our person in Christ. On the cross our sins were removed. On the cross our person was also dealt with. We must remember Romans 6:6: "Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him." We do not have to hope to be crucified with Christ. We have been crucified with Him, forever and unchangeably crucified with Him. God has put us into Christ. When Christ died on the cross, we died on the cross as well.

If you take a piece of paper, write a few letters on it, and then tear the paper apart, you tear the letters apart as well. You are tearing the paper, but as the paper is torn, the letters are torn. The Bible tells us that the veil of the temple was embroidered with cherubim (Exo. 26:1). When the Lord died, the veil was split (Matt. 27:51), and therefore the cherubim were split as well. The veil refers to the body of Christ (Heb. 10:20). The cherubim had the face of a man, the face of a lion, the face of an ox, and the face of an eagle (Ezek. 1:10; 10:20). This signifies all created beings. When the body of the Lord Jesus was split, all the creation in Him was split as well. He died that He might "taste death on behalf of everything" (Heb. 2:9). The whole old creation passed away with Him. You have been trying in vain to do good and to be a successful Christian for years. Now God has crucified you with Christ. When Christ was crucified, the whole old creation was split, and you were split as well.

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