

## Please pray:

- ✳ The church in Ottawa, in the process of purchasing a property for the saints to meet, has made an offer of \$2.3 million that was accepted by the seller. Inspection of the property will begin to uncover any deficiencies and to meet the building codes of the city; may all the saints in the churches in Canada as well as those that have received this burden, pray and offer to meet their financial needs.
- ✳ GTCA contacts: Pray for all the contacts made during the two weeks of GTCA; may they read the Recovery Version Bible and ministry literature and may they be protected from any negative speaking; pray for the follow-up of the seeking ones, for appointments and for the opening up of saints' homes for shepherding of these new ones; pray that saints will rise up to meet the needs of these new ones.
- ✳ International Chinese-speaking Conference in Taipei (16-18 February): On 16-18 February 25,000 to 30,000 saints gathered in Taipei from 62 countries for the International Chinese-speaking conference. Five messages were given on the general subject "The Goal of the Lord's Recovery—to Bring Forth the One New Man." Please pray that all the saints in the Lord's recovery will see the vision of the one new man and will have the personal experiences needed to bring forth and live out the one new man on earth today.
- ✳ New term at the Full time training: Pray that the trainees would receive the training inwardly to let the Lord capture and transform them deep within; pray that the Lord will equip them for His move on this earth; that the 4th termers learn how to follow the Lamb wherever He may go as they decide where to go and what to do after the training.
- ✳ 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 31:1 - 43:5 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 3, week 19

## Announcements

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## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>Feb</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese South B
<b>25</b>	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan

	responsible)
<b>March 4</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese East ✳ Cleaning: Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
<b>11</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese North ✳ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
<b>18</b>	✳ Serving: English A ✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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

<b>25</b>	✳ 9:30am – 10am: Lord's table
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	✳ 10am– 12:15pm: Review and overflow
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: <b>Lunch</b>
<b>26</b>	✳
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>27</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>28</b>	✳
<b>Wednesday</b>	✳
<b>1</b>	✳
<b>MARCH</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 meetings
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: <b>Lunch</b>

## OUR LIFE

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

### II. I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST (continued)

You have to believe in this truth. Your eyes need to be open to see that your sins were upon Christ and your person was also upon Christ. Your sins were on the cross, and your person was also on the cross. Your sins were taken away, and your person was also crucified. All this has been

accomplished by Christ. Many people fail because they keep looking at themselves. Those who have faith should look at the cross and see what Christ has accomplished. God placed me in Christ. When Christ died, I also died!

But why is this "person" still living today? Since you have been crucified, why are you still living? To solve this problem you must believe and exercise your will to identify yourself with God. If you are looking at your own "self" every day, hoping that it will improve, this self will become more alive; it will not die by itself. What is death? When a person is so weak that he cannot be weakened any further, he has died. Many people do not admit their own weakness. They are still demanding so much from themselves. This means that they are not yet dead.

Romans 6 says that God has crucified us with Christ. But Romans 7 tells us of one person who is still trying to will. Even though God has crucified him, he still wills to do good. He cannot die, yet he cannot do good either. If he would say, "Lord, I cannot make it, and I do not believe I will make it. I cannot do good, and I will not will to do good," everything would be fine. But Romans 7 tells us that man is not willing to die. God has already crucified our old man, but we are unwilling to die; we still exercise our will to do good. Today many Christians are still trying when they know very well that they cannot make it. Nothing can be done about these Christians. Suppose there is a person who cannot be patient. What can he do? He may try his best to be patient by himself. Whenever he prays he asks for patience. Even while he is working he thinks about patience. But the more he tries to be patient, the less patient he becomes. Instead of trying to be patient, he should say, "Lord, You have already crucified this impatient person. I am impatient. I do not want to be patient and do not intend to be patient." This is the way to victory.

The Lord has crucified you. You should say simply, "Amen." He has crucified you, and it is futile for you to try to be patient by yourself. God knows you cannot make it. This is why He crucified you. Even though you still try to be patient, God considers you hopeless. He has even crucified you. It is a great mistake to think you can make it. It is also a great mistake to try to live the Christian life. God already knows that you cannot make it; the only way He has for you is crucifixion. Even though you think that you can make it, God says that you cannot make it and that you should die. How foolish it is to still make resolutions and to struggle! God knows that you cannot make it, and it would be well with you if you agreed with Him. God knows that you deserve to die. If you would say, "Amen, I will die," everything would be well. The cross is God's assessment of us. In God's view we cannot make it. If we could make it, God would not have crucified us. He knows that

the only way for us is death. This is why He crucified us. If we saw things the same way God sees them, everything would be settled. Brothers and sisters, God must bring us to the point where we accept His verdict.

Here we see two aspects: First, Christ died, and we were crucified. This is something God has done. Second, we have to acknowledge this fact; we need to say, "Amen." These two sides must work together before God's work can take effect on us. If we constantly frustrate Him by trying to do good and be patient and humble, the work of Christ will have no effect on us. Our resolution to be humble or to be patient only makes things worse. Instead, we should bow down our head and say, "Lord, You have said that I am crucified, and I will say the same thing; You have said that I am useless, and I will say the same thing; You have said that I cannot be patient, and I will no longer try to be patient; You have said that I cannot be humble, and I will no longer try to be humble. This is what I am. It is useless for me to try to make any further resolutions. I am only fit to remain on the cross." If we did this, Christ would live Himself out of us!

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