

## Please pray:

- ✳ Reading week for McGill University (Mar 5-9): Pray that this week would be a time to cherish and nourish our own students and contacts; that students who did not meet for a while would be re-connected with us; that students would redeem this week to pursue after the Lord and gain more oil in their vessels.
- ✳ The church in Ottawa: The offer made for the purchasing of the property for the saints to meet has been accepted by the seller. They are now in the process of inspecting the property 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.
- ✳ Senior coworkers in the Lord's recovery: that the Lord would keep them strong and healthy in spirit, soul and body as they take the lead in the Lord's move; for the health of many older brothers and that of their family members; that the Lord would continue to mature and perfect many saints to take the way of ministry to become genuine ministers of the new covenant for the building up and going on of the churches.
- ✳ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; that each saint would rise up and learn how to function according to their measure; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the 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: 2Cor 6:1 - 10:6 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 3, week 20

## Announcements

- ✳ The next lessons for Sisters will be happening Live in Toronto, March 17 starting at 9am at the Toronto meeting hall. In Montreal, we will watch the video of the messages

after the Lord's day meeting's on March 25 and April 1 after lunch from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<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)
<b>25</b>	✳ Serving: English B
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ March 11, Meeting Hall, Noon: **Annual general meeting**
- ✳ Mar 17, Toronto: **Live Lessons for sisters**
- ✳ 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>4</b>	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table and
<b>MARCH</b>	Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: <b>Lunch</b>
<b>5</b>	✳
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>6</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese
<b>Tuesday</b>	prayer meetings by districts
<b>7</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	✳
<b>8</b>	✳
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>9</b>	✳ Various home meetings (English / French /
<b>Friday</b>	Chinese)
<b>10</b>	✳
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>11</b>	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table and
<b>MARCH</b>	Prophesying meetings
<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)**

We should not think that this is a difficult thing to do. Every brother and sister should learn this lesson after he or she is saved. From the beginning we must learn not to live. Instead, we should let the Lord live. The basic problem is that many Christians have not given up on themselves. They still try to solve their problems themselves. The Lord Jesus has already given up on them, but they are still struggling and trying to come up with ways to live. They stumble again and again, only to rise up to try again and again. They sin again and again, only to make more and more resolutions. They have not given up on themselves. The day will come when God grants mercy to them and opens their eyes. On that day they will see that as God considered them hopeless, they should consider themselves hopeless as well. Since God has pronounced death to be the only way, they also should pronounce death as the only way. Only then will they come to God and confess, "You have crucified me, and I do not want to live anymore. I have been crucified with Christ. From now on, it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me."

For years we have been so wrong. We have committed so many sins and have been bound by so much weakness, pride, and temper. It is about time that we give up on ourselves. We should come to the Lord and say, "I have done enough; nothing has worked. I give up. You take over! I have been crucified on the cross. From now on live in my place!" This is the meaning of "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me."

## **IV. LIVING BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD**

The other part of Galatians 2:20 is also very important: "And the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God." Christ lives in us. From this point forward, we live by faith in the Son of God. We believe daily that the Son of God lives in us. We say to the Lord, "I believe that You are living for me. You are my life; I believe that You are living in me." When we believe this way, we live this way. No matter what happens, we will no longer make any move. The fundamental lesson of Romans 7 is that we should not make any resolutions. The basic teaching is that it is better that we not will to do anything, because such a willing is useless. Since it is useless to do anything by ourselves, we should simply stop all our moves.

The purpose of Satan's temptation is not only for us to sin but also for the old man within us to move. When temptation comes, we must learn to refuse to move and to say

to the Lord, "This is not my business. This is Your business. I look to You to live in my place." Always learn to look to Him. Never try to move on your own. We are saved through faith, not through works. In the same way our life is based on faith, not on works. We were saved through looking to the Lord alone. Today we live through looking to Him as well. Just as salvation is accomplished by the Lord, without the involvement of any of our work, so also our living on earth today is a living of the Lord Himself, without the need for any involvement of ourselves. We must look up to the Lord who saves us and say, "It is You alone, not I."

After we say this, if we still move on our own, we are saying this in vain. We must stop our own activity before these words can be meaningful in any way. Brothers and sisters, we must remember that failure comes not because we do too little, but because we do too much. As long as man keeps on working, God's grace will not operate and man's sins will not be forgiven. In the same way, as long as man is occupied with his own work, trying to do everything by himself, Christ's life will not be manifested. This is a rule. The cross will not produce any effect on those who trust in their own work. When we insist on our own goodness, we will not be saved. But when we turn away from ourselves to the Lord, we will be saved. The same is true today. If we are working and operating, instead of the cross working in us and the life of Christ operating in us, this speaking will be in vain. We must learn to condemn ourselves. We must confess that we will never overcome by ourselves. Do not will and do not try to do anything. Simply look to the Lord and say, "I look to You as the One who is living in me! Live on my behalf. I look to You for victory! I look to You to express Your life through me." If we say this, the Lord will accomplish it for us. But if we frustrate our faith by our own work, the Lord can do nothing. We have to settle this question once and for all. We have to believe daily and speak to the Lord daily in a definite way: "Lord, I am useless! I take Your cross. Lord, keep me from moving. Lord, be my Master and live out of me." If we can believe, hope, and trust in this way, we will be able to testify daily, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives."

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