

Please pray:

- ✳ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.
- ✳ Young people retreat in Toronto, Oct 19-21: (1) Pray that the hearts of the young people may be prepared to receive the Lord's personal speaking; (2) that they may be captured by a vision and consecrate themselves to the Lord; (3) that the serving ones may be strengthened and learn how to shepherd the young people in spirit and meet them where they are; (4) that the Lord would cover all the travelling; (5) may the Lord gain this generation to be His age turners.
- ✳ Consecration of our finances: (1) May we be touched by the Lord concerning the consecration of our finances; (2) may our heart not be on the things of the earth but on the things in heaven; (3) may the Lord gain our hearts completely through this matter.
- ✳ After the conclusion of the Fall ITERO in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, we pray that the Lord will bless the burden released and that it will be lived out in the local churches everywhere here on earth. Our God has a deep longing that His life will be propagated, that we all will be His duplication, and His Body can be enlarged.
- ✳ The Caribbean: (1) for the upcoming conference in Antigua from Oct 26-28; (2) for the oneness and one accord among the saints in all the Caribbean Islands and nations; (3) for the gaining and maturing of more saints, especially brothers; (4) that the literature work might prevail and reach many seekers; (5) that the Lord would thrust out many workers to reap the harvest; (7) that the Lord would stir up many of His seekers to leave the denominations to meet in oneness as the local churches in their respective cities; (8) that the Lord might gain His genuine testimony.
- ✳ Israel: We look to the Lord that on the campuses in Israel He would prepare the sons of peace that we have yet to meet and bring them into contact with us. A brother gained on the Tel Aviv campus (originally from Mexico) will attend a two-week training in London. We pray for a clear controlling vision.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 2 Tim 3:14 – Titus 3:15
- ✳ HWMR: Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today, week 1, 2 and first half of week 3

Announcements

- ✳ On Oct 19-21, there will be the Eastern Canada Fall YP Retreat at the meeting hall of the church in Toronto. Registration deadline is Oct 12 and cost will be \$55. Please register with Br. Aaron.
- ✳ Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up in the bookroom. Deadline is Oct. 28, 2018.
- ✳ Please register for the video training by Oct 31, 2018.
- ✳ Video training schedule for all languages:
 - Tues Dec 25 to Sat Dec 29 messages # 1 to 10 every evening at 5pm and 7:30pm
 - LD Dec 30 Message #11 at 1:30pm
 - Tues Jan 1 - Message #12 at 7pm.
 - Study sessions by district from 9am to noon from Tues to Sat
- ✳ Winter training dates are Dec. 24-29, 2018 in Anaheim. If you are planning to go to the live training, please sign up with Monica. Deadline is Oct 28, 2018.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

14 Oct	✳ Serving: Chinese Central : 賈筱榮……
	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church
21	✳ Serving: Chinese South : 陳世山、劉學成…
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
28	✳ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真……)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
4 Nov	✳ Chinese North : 黃育鳳……
	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 19-21, 2018, Toronto: **Eastern Canada Fall YP Retreat**
- ✳ Oct 26-28, 2018, Antigua: **Antigua Conference**
- ✳ Oct 28, 2018, Montreal: **Sister's Training, 1:30 pm**
- ✳ Nov 22-25, 2018, Charlotte, NC: **International Thanksgiving Day Conference**
- ✳ Dec. 24-29, 2018, Anaheim, CA: **Winter training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

14 OCT	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

15	✿	
Monday		
16	✿	7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings
Tuesday		(English /French/Chinese)
17	✿	
Wednesday		
18	✿	
Thursday		
19	✿	7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday		(English/French/Chinese)
20	✿	
Saturday		
21	✿	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table &
OCT		Prophesying meetings
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THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

V. DISCIPLINE BEING FOR OUR BENEFIT (continued)

B. The Constitution of a Holy Character

After we accept the Lord and become God's children, He daily arranges many things in our environment to discipline and chastise us. All these things are lessons to us. Time after time these lessons come to us for the purpose of adding His holiness to us. We need much discipline before God can work out a holy character in us! In the eyes of God we have only a limited number of years to live our Christian life. If we neglect God's discipline, and if it does not produce the needed effect in us, our loss will be an eternal loss indeed!

C. Holiness as a Gift and Holiness as a Constitution

God not only gives us His holiness as a gift, but He also wants us to partake of His holiness through His discipline. He wants us to be constituted with His holiness; He wants to wrought holiness into our being little by little. Carnal persons like us require years of discipline from God before His holy character and nature can become ours. We need all kinds of blows, situations, guidance, frustrations, urgings, and chastisement before we can partake of God's holy character. This is a great matter! God does not merely give us holiness as a gift. This holiness must be wrought into us. God has to constitute us with His holiness!

This is one distinctive feature of salvation in the New Testament. God first gives us something, and then He works the same thing into us. He constitutes us with the same thing little by little. When we have both aspects, we have full salvation. One is a gift from Christ, and the other is a

constitution of the Holy Spirit. This is a distinctive feature of the New Testament. One is a gift, and the other is a constitution. Among all the crucial things in the New Testament, there is this clear statement: God is making us partakers of His holiness through His discipline.

VI. THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS YIELDED THROUGH DISCIPLINE

Verse 11 says, "Now no discipline at the present time seems to be a matter of joy, but of grief; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it."

Here the apostle draws special attention to the words at the present time and afterward. It is a fact that one does not feel happy at the time of discipline, but grievous. Do not think that suffering is wrong when you experience God's discipline. Discipline is surely a suffering. The Bible does not say that the cross is a joy. It says rather that the cross is affliction. The cross brings us suffering. The Lord despised the shame for the joy set before Him. This is a fact. The Bible does not say that the cross is a joy; the cross is not a joy. It is always a suffering. It is not wrong to grieve and feel afflicted when we are disciplined.

But we must learn obedience. Only through obedience can we partake of God's holiness. Discipline indeed is not a matter of joy "at the present time." Instead, it is grief to us. This is not surprising; it is in fact quite normal for us to feel this way. Our Lord did not consider the trials a matter of joy when He passed through them. Of course, we can make it a matter of joy. Peter said that we can exult in various trials (1 Pet. 1:6). On the one hand, they are a suffering. On the other hand, we can reckon them to be a joy. How we feel is one thing, and how we reckon is another thing. We can feel grieved, but at the same time, we can reckon it to be a joy.

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