

Please pray:

- ✳ Chinese speaking gospel meeting (Dec 15): Pray that all the ones chosen by the Lord for this time will be released to come; the Lord will prepare their hearts to receive Him during this time; the speaking brother and all the saints will be one with the Lord and full of the Spirit; that the Lord will add to the church through this gospel meeting; that saints from other language groups would have a burden to help in the services to release the Chinese speaking saints.
- ✳ Elders and leading ones in Montreal: that the Lord would be their life, love and Head in all they do; that they be one with the Lord in their church service and in their normal human lives to be a pattern to the other saints; that they and their families be protected against the attacks of the enemy.
- ✳ UK (Brexit - British Exit EU): May the Lord's will be done during this crucial period. Pray that the ability of saints to come to the UK from Europe for trainings and conferences would be unaffected, and that the Lord's move would be unhindered.
- ✳ Israel: We pray for the scattered saints in the north of the country. We pray the Lord will gather them in small home and group meetings with day to day contact.
- ✳ 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: Isa 56:1 – 62:12
- ✳ HWMR: Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him in and for the Church Life, week 1

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a Chinese speaking gospel meeting at the meeting hall on December 15 at 6:00PM.
- ✳ 2019 Chinese Gospel Calendar has arrived. Please come by the bookroom to pay and pick up your calendar.
- ✳ Please register for the video training. Deadline has passed, late fees are now in effect. Cost is CAD \$130 plus late fee of CAD \$35. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- ✳ 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 has passed, late fees are now in effect.. Cost is CAD \$260 with late fee of CAD \$65.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

2	✳ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...)
Dec	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church
9	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...)
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
16	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
23	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...)
	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ December 15, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking gospel meeting
- ✳ Dec. 24-29, 2018, Anaheim, CA: **Winter training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

2	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
DEC	
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
3	✳
Monday	
4	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings
Tuesday	(English /French/Chinese)
5	
Wednesday	✳
6	✳
Thursday	
7	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday	(English/French/Chinese)
8	✳
Saturday	
9	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
DEC	
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:28; Matt. 10:29-31; Jer. 48:11; Gen. 47:7-10

III. OUR ATTITUDE

What should our attitude be when we face all these things?

Romans 8:28 says, "All things work together for good to those who love God." In other words, when God works, it is possible for us to receive the good, and it is also possible for us not to receive the good. This is quite related to our attitude. Our attitude even determines how soon we will receive the good. If our attitude is right, we will receive the good immediately. If we love God, everything that is of God will work for our good. If a man claims that he has no choice of his own, that he asks nothing for himself, and that he only wants everything that God gives to him, he should have only one desire in his heart—to love God. If he loves the Lord in his heart, all of the things around him will work together in love and for his good, no matter how confusing they may seem.

When something happens to us and we do not have the love of God within us, when we crave and seek things for ourselves, or when we pursue private interests apart from God, the good that God has reserved for us will not come. We are very good at complaining, struggling, murmuring, and groaning about many things. Brothers and sisters, please bear in mind that although all things do work together for good, we will not receive the good immediately if our hearts do not love God. Many of God's children have indeed encountered many problems, but they have not received any good. They experience much discipline, and God has arranged many things around them, but these things do not result in any riches on their part. The only reason for this poverty is that they have other goals besides God. Their hearts are not pliable towards God. They do not feel God's love; neither do they love God. They have a wrong attitude. As a result, they may have received many dealings, yet nothing remains in their spirit.

May God be merciful to us that we learn to love Him from our hearts as soon as we become Christians. Being short in knowledge does not mean much, because the way to know God lies in love, not in knowledge. If a man loves God, he will know God even though he may lack knowledge. However, if he knows much but does not love God in his heart, all of his knowledge will not help him to know God. There is a good line in one hymn: "To bring thee to thy God, Love takes the shortest route" (Hymns, #477). If a man loves God, whatever he encounters will turn out to his good.

Our heart must love God, and we must learn to know His hand and humble ourselves under it. If we do not see His hand, our eyes will be distracted by men. We will feel that others are wrong

or have betrayed us. We will feel that our brothers, sisters, siblings, parents, and friends are all wrong. As we condemn everyone, we fall into disappointment and disillusion ourselves, and nothing works to our good. When we say that the brothers and sisters in the church are all wrong and that nothing is right and everything is wrong, we are gaining nothing for ourselves except anger and criticism. If we remember the Lord Jesus' word, that "not one of them will fall to the earth apart from your Father" (Matt. 10:29), and if we realize that everything is of God, we will humble ourselves under His hand and receive the good.

Psalms 39:9 says, "I was dumb; I did not open my mouth; /For You have done this." This is the attitude of one who obeys God. Because God has done it and because God has allowed it to come upon us for our good, we humble ourselves and say nothing. We will not say, "Why did that happen to others, and why is this happening to me?" When we love God and know His hand, we will not open our mouth. In this way we will witness God's breaking and constituting work in us.

Some may ask, "Should we accept everything from Satan's hand too?" The basic principle is that we will take whatever God allows to come upon us. As for attacks from Satan, we have to resist.

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