

Please pray:

- ✳ GTCA Vaughan (Jan. 28 - Feb. 2) and London, Ontario (Feb. 4 to 8, 2019): 1) Pray that the trainees and the saints sent would be strengthened in their tripartite being to testify concerning the Lord; 2) that there may be wonderful coordination, blending and building up between the local saints, sent saints from other localities and trainees; 3) that the Lord would prepare those whom He has chosen to receive the gospel and have further contacts with the saints; 4) that the local saints may be strengthened to shepherd the contacts after GTCA. 5) that many would be added into the church life and become remaining fruit.
- ✳ Eastern Canada college conference in Montreal (Feb. 22 - Feb. 24): Pray for the releasing of the college students to register and attend this conference; that the students may be prepared by being emptied and unloaded to receive the Lord's personal speaking during this time; that all the coordination and preparations may be covered by the Lord; that all the serving ones may learn to serve in their spirit and shepherd the students according to God; that the speaking brothers may be strengthened and one with the Lord in His burden; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Brexit: Please pray for the Lord to rule over the UK's withdrawal from the EU. In particular, pray that the saints from other parts of Europe will still be able to come to the UK for trainings and conferences.
- ✳ Germany: 1) Please pray for the establishing of a regular gospel living on the university campus in Aachen and the preparation of the saints and contacts for the Lord's table meeting; 2) A stand-alone house for meetings near the university campus in Bielefeld with adequate space for all functions, and the saints from the adjacent cities to come together in one accord for the testimony in Bielefeld; 3) An adequate meeting hall for the church in Berlin in the best location, at an affordable price, and readily accessible to public transportation; 4) The gaining of university students in Stuttgart by shepherding them into the church life.
- ✳ 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: 1 Pet 1:1 - 1:25
- ✳ HWMR: The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man, week 2

Announcements

- ✳ The library has not been maintained for a number of years. Anyone who has time or a burden to help set it up and/or serve on the library service, please contact Monica. We would like to try to restart the Library to help saints get into the ministry more as this is a current burden in the recovery.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD for the Winter Training 2018 or the Thanksgiving Conf. 2018, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.
- ✳ There are new guidelines for registration and attendance of the Semiannual Trainings and International Trainings for Elders and Responsible Ones. Please see these new guidelines on the bulletin board.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

3 Feb	✳ Serving: Chinese South (陳世山, 劉學成...)
	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible) and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)
10	✳ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
17	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳.....)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, John responsible)
24	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ February 15-17, 2019, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-speaking Conference.**
- ✳ February 22 - 24, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Winter College conference
- ✳ April 5 - 7, 2019, Anaheim, CA: International Training for Elders and Resp ones
- ✳ April 19 - 21, 2019, Toronto, ON: Eastern Canada Young People spring retreat
- ✳ April 26 - 28, 2019, Toronto, ON: Eastern Canada parents and serving ones conference

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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

Scripture Reading: James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

I. SATAN'S WORK(continued)

C. Satan's Work on Man's Conscience

1. The Difference between Satan's Accusation and the Holy Spirit's Reproach

Second, each time we yield to the rebuke of the Spirit, we find the power of sin diminishing in us. Each rebuke of the Spirit diminishes the power of sin a little. Therefore, any rebuke from the Spirit weakens the power of sin; it results in a diminishing of sin. This is not the case with Satan's accusation. Every time he accuses us, we find the power of sin to be just as great as before.

Third, the reproach of the Holy Spirit brings us to the Lord, whereas Satan's accusation brings us disappointment. The more we are reproved by the Holy Spirit, the more we are strengthened within to deal with our problem before the Lord. But Satan's accusation brings about despair and resignation. The reproach of the Holy Spirit causes us to come before the Lord and to rely on Him; Satan's accusation causes us to turn back to ourselves and to be disappointed.

Fourth, if it is the reproach of the Holy Spirit, confession before the Lord will follow. This confession will result in at least peace, if not joy. There may or may not be joy, but there is always peace. Satan's accusation, however, is totally different. There is no joy and no peace, even after one confesses his sins. This is like coming out of a major illness or going through a theatrical performance—nothing remains after the act is over.

The reproach of the Holy Spirit has a result—peace, if not joy. However, Satan's accusation leads us nowhere.

Fifth, the reproach of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the blood of the Lord. With Satan's accusation, there is always the Satan-injected thought: "There is not much use. Perhaps the Lord will not forgive you." This thought will be there even when we know that we have the blood. In other words, the reproach of the Holy Spirit leads to faith in the Lord's blood, while Satan's accusation causes us to lose our faith in the Lord's blood. When a certain feeling comes, simply check whether we are reminded of the blood as a result of this feeling or whether we have been distanced from the blood. This will tell us whether the feeling is a reproach of the Holy Spirit or an accusation from Satan.

Sixth, the result of the reproach of the Holy Spirit is power from God; one will rise up on his feet and run faster. He will go on with renewed zeal, cast aside his trust in himself, and have more faith in God. However, the result of Satan's accusation is the debilitation of the conscience. The conscience of such ones is smitten before God. They have no faith in themselves, and they have no faith in God either. It is true that the reproach of the Holy Spirit takes away our strength and our trust in ourselves. But at the same time it causes us to have more faith in the Lord. Satan's accusation is not like this. It takes away our confidence in ourselves as well as our faith in the Lord. The result is that we become a debilitated person.

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