

Please pray:

- ✳ YP Conference Registration in Toronto (Apr 19-21): 1) Pray that many YP will be released to attend the conference; 2) pray that many serving ones would rise up to serve in the conference and to shepherd the young people.
- ✳ North America College Training 2019 (Jul 14 - 20): Please pray that many college students, especially from Montreal, would be released to attend this time; may the Lord start to prepare our hearts to be soft, emptied, unloaded and pure toward Him so that we could gain the most benefit from the training; that this generation of college students be gained to be the overcomers who will bring the Lord back.
- ✳ Israel: 1) Please pray for the seed of the gospel to be sown bountifully all over Israel. We believe that the Lord still has hundreds in this land who were appointed to eternal life (Acts 13:48) for the testimony of Jesus in the cities of Israel. 2) Please remember in your prayers the upcoming elections in Israel on April 9th. The results could be crucial for the Lord's move in Israel. We stand with the sovereign Lord in His selection for His own purpose.
- ✳ Turkey: 1) Pray for the Turkish people and may the Lord open a way for more seeking ones to be found. 2) Pray for the working saints to separate their time to enjoy God and to experience God as their everything in all the complicated situations.
- ✳ 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: Ezek 1:1 – 11:25
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Leviticus, Vol 3, week 17

Announcements

- ✳ The Parent-Serving Ones Conference will be held at the meeting hall of the Church in Toronto the weekend of April 26 - 28. The first meeting will be start on Friday evening. If there is anyone who would like to join this time in Toronto, please register with YP serving ones. The registration deadline for the PSO is April 14th.
- ✳ Registration for Live summer training and video training is now open. Deadline to register is April 29, 2019. Please be reminded that there will be no late registration for the July 2019 Semi annual Training.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

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| 7 | Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) |
| April | Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, John responsible) |
| 14 | Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible) |
| 21 | Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible) |
| 28 | Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: Whole Church |

Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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**
 - ✳ May 18, 19, Montreal: **Victoria weekend conference**
 - ✳ May 24-27, Seattle, Washington: **Memorial Day conference**
 - ✳ May 25-26, Les Abymes, Guadeloupe: **French speaking conference**
 - ✳ June 21-23, London, ON: th grade conference
 - ✳ July 1-6, 2019, Anaheim, CA : **Summer Training**
 - ✳ July 14-20: **North America College Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

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| 7 | ✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings |
| APRIL | |
| LORD'S DAY | ✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast |
| 8 | ✳ |
| Monday | |
| 9 | ✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts |
| Tuesday | |
| 10 | |
| Wednesday | ✳ |
| 11 | ✳ |
| Thursday | |
| 12 | ✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) |
| Friday | |
| 13 | ✳ |
| Saturday | |
| 14 | ✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings |
| APRIL | |
| LORD'S DAY | ✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast |

WITHSTANDING THE DEVIL

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

II. WITHSTANDING SATAN BY FAITH (continued)

D. Believing That the Ascension of the Lord Is Far above the Power of Satan (continued)

Ephesians 6:11 and 13 say, "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil...and having done all, to stand." Chapter two shows us that we are seated together with the Lord in the heavenlies. Chapter six shows us that we need to stand firm. Chapter two says that we need to sit, while chapter six says that we need to stand. What does it mean to sit? To sit means to rest. It means that the Lord has overcome and that we can now rest in His victory. This is what it means to depend on the Lord's victory. What does it mean to stand? To stand means that spiritual warfare is not a matter of assault but of defense. To stand does not mean to attack; it means to defend. Because the Lord has overcome completely, we have no need to attack again. The victory of the cross is complete, and there is no further need to attack. Here we see two attitudes: One is to sit, and the other is to stand. To sit is to rest in the Lord's victory, while to stand is to withstand Satan and to stop him from taking away our victory.

Christian warfare is a matter of warding off defeat; it is not a matter of fighting for victory. We have already overcome. We fight from the position of victory, and we fight to maintain our victory. We are not fighting to win a victory. We fight from victory; victory is something that is in our hands. The warfare spoken of in Ephesians is the warfare of the overcomers. We do not become overcomers through fighting. We need to distinguish between these two things.

How does Satan tempt us? He causes us to forget our own position and our victory. He blinds our eyes to our own victory. If we give in to his tactics, we will feel that victory is far away and beyond our reach. We must remember that the victory of the Lord is complete. It is so complete that our whole life is included in this victory! Once we believe, we overcome. Satan is defeated and we have overcome in Christ. Satan wants to steal away the victory which we have gained. His work is to taunt us to secretly find out if we still have the faith. If we do not know that victory is already ours, we will fail. But if we know our victory, his work will fail.

Therefore, we counter the work of Satan with the work of the Lord Jesus. We withstand Satan through the Lord's manifestation, death, resurrection, and ascension. We are standing today upon the accomplished work of the Lord. We do not need to try to overcome in any way when Satan attacks us.

Once we have the slightest thought of trying to overcome, we have failed, because our position is wrong. How great is the difference between a person who tries to overcome and one who withstands by knowing that he has already overcome. To withstand the devil means that we withstand him by the victory of Christ.

This matter indeed needs revelation. We need to see the manifestation of the Lord. We need to see His death, resurrection, and ascension. We need to know all these things.

As Christians we must learn to withstand the devil. We must say to Satan under all circumstances, "Get away from me!" May God be gracious to us so that we may all have such a faith. May we have faith toward the four things the Lord has accomplished for us, and may we exercise strong faith to withstand Satan and reject his work upon us.

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