

## Please pray:

- ✳ We thank the Lord for His speaking this past Victoria day weekend conference; may we learn how to live our daily life and our church life under the development and ruling of the divine life so that we may have a rich entrance into the kingdom of God; may the church bring in the kingdom of God unto this earth by joining with Him in fighting prayers and preaching and spreading the gospel of the kingdom.
- ✳ Berlin, Germany: The church in Berlin is pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of securing a new meeting hall. We need your fighting prayers, particularly for the signing of the contract and that the city authorities will give us the approval for the property to be used for church purposes this week. Please pray that the key person would allow the property to be used for church purposes and allow needed modifications to the building to be made.
- ✳ Israel: This summer, we have many young people going to the European Young People's Conference in Poland, as well as a few parents and children who will be attending the Parents and Children Conference. We rejoice in this! Please pray that all obstacles would be removed so that all whom the Lord desires to be there would make it.
- ✳ The Caribbean: Pray for the upcoming French-speaking conference in Guadeloupe May 25-26; please pray for the French-speaking saints in Martinique and Guadeloupe; for the oneness and one accord among the saints in all the Caribbean Islands and nations; for the gaining and maturing of more saints, especially brothers; that the literature work might prevail and reach many seekers; that the Lord would thrust out many workers to reap the harvest; 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; that the Lord might gain His genuine testimony.
- ✳ Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Please pray that the Lord would grant the brothers involved a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they can begin the Full-Time Training in Addis Ababa in the fall.
- ✳ 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 31:1 – 39:29
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Leviticus, Vol 4, week 23

## Announcements

- ✳ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. We will be losing a piano player in 1 month and there is a desperate need for serving ones.
- ✳ 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

<b>19 May</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
<b>26</b>	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, John responsible)
<b>2 June</b>	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>9</b>	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ May 24-27, Seattle, Washington: **Memorial Day conference**
  - ✳ May 25-26, Les Abymes, Guadeloupe: **French speaking conference**
  - ✳ June 21-23, London, ON: **Grade 6 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

<b>19 MAY LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 9:30 am: Lord's Table meeting ✳ 10:30am: Victoria Weekend Conference, msg 3 ✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast ✳ 1:30pm: Victoria Weekend Conference, msg 4
<b>20 Monday</b>	✳
<b>21 Tuesday</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>22 Wednesday</b>	✳
<b>23 Thursday</b>	✳
<b>24 Friday</b>	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
<b>25 Saturday</b>	✳

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<b>26</b>	☼ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table &
<b>MAY</b>	Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	☼ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

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## LOVING THE BROTHERS

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Scripture Reading: John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

### III. IF ONE DOES NOT LOVE THE BROTHERS (continued)

Verse 15 says, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." We cannot imagine that any person would still murder after becoming a believer. The Bible tells us that to hate one's brother is to murder. A person who has eternal life should never hate his brother. Hating the brothers proves that there is no love in him. It means that eternal life is not in him.

God's children can be in many different conditions, but they can never hate. If there is a brother who is offensive in certain ways, we may not like him in our heart. If there is a brother who has committed a sin worthy of excommunication, we may deal with the matter with indignation. If there is a brother who has done something extremely evil, we may ask him to come to us and rebuke him severely before the Lord. But we can never hate our brothers. If a brother hates another brother, eternal life is not in him.

Every child of God has a life rich enough to love all the brothers and sisters. As long as a person belongs to the Lord, he deserves a believer's love. Our love for any one brother should be the same as our love for all the brothers. The brotherly love that is applied toward one brother should be equally applicable to all the brothers. This kind of love for the brothers makes no distinction. As long as one is a brother, he deserves this love. If anyone hates a brother, it proves that he does not have eternal life in him. He does not have to hate all the brothers. As long as he hates one brother, it is enough to prove that he does not have brotherly love in him. The brotherly love that we are speaking about is a love that loves all the brothers.

This is a very sobering thought. If a believer does not love his brother but hates him instead, or if he threatens or attacks his brother, we can say only, "May God be merciful to him! Here is a person who thinks that he is a believer and yet he is not saved at all!" As long as he hates a brother, it proves that he is not of the Lord. This is a serious matter!

Under normal circumstances, if a brother has done things which irritate you, you can exhort him and rebuke him, but you cannot hate him. If he has done something which provokes you, you may be angry with him and rebuke him severely. But there cannot be any hatred in you. Even if you "tell it to the church," according to Matthew 18, your intention should still be to

gain him and restore him. If you have no intention of restoring him and if your goal is only to attack him and tear him down, it proves that you are less than a brother. The brother spoken of in Matthew 18 told the church because he wanted to gain his brother. The whole issue is whether your goal is to tear down your brother or to gain him. This is quite a serious matter. We must not take it lightly!

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