

## Please pray:

- ✳ Prayer for the gospel (Rev. 6:1-2; Rom. 2:4; Acts 26:20; Mark 1:15; 1 Tim. 2:4a): Please pray for the white horse of the gospel to run and for the long-suffering God to lead men to repent, to turn to Him and believe the gospel according to His desire that all men be saved (Rev. 6:1-2; Rom. 2:4; Acts 26:20; Mark 1:15; 1 Tim. 2:4a).
- ✳ Rhema special gospel project for COVID-19 epidemic: Please pray the Lord will give the serving ones and translators the skill and wisdom how best to do this, and to direct those whom He has foreknown before the foundation of the world to find the glorious gospel on-line in the coming days; pray that the Lord will bless a dramatic increase in Rhema's advertising worldwide across 30+ languages to reach many with the gospel.
- ✳ BFA (Bibles for America): Bibles going out during the pandemic - As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing regulations, we are not able to package and ship out Bibles at the usual pace. Please pray that the serving ones would remain healthy and that their body, soul, and spirit would be covered by the Lord; that these Bibles can continue to go out in a timely way to all those who are eager to read God's Word.
- ✳ Israel: During this time, we are praying for the distribution of the spiritual food to the Arabic speaking people. The hymns and Podcast are done, but we need to find a way to distribute them technologically.
- ✳ Prayer to possess the all-inclusive Christ (Col. 1:12; Eph. 3:8, 17-18): For the saints to fully possess their allotted portion of the all-inclusive, all-extensive Christ by being strengthened with power through the Spirit into their inner man that Christ may make His home in their hearts (Col. 1:12; Eph. 3:8, 17-18).
- ✳ 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: Matt 27:27 – Marc 1:13
- ✳ HWMR: The Experience of Christ, week 6

## Announcements

- ✳ All meetings continue to take place online/via conference calls. These include the following: **Lord's Table Meeting** - Will be conducted online or via conference calls by the following districts/groups:
  1. English West - Martin P. host
  2. English Central/NDG - Dennis L. host
  3. French - Allan Y. host

4. Chinese East 1, 2 & 3 & Central 1 & 3 - Aaron C./John Y. host
  5. Chinese South - William L./John C. host
  6. Chinese West & North - John Ya. Host
  7. Prayer meeting - By districts/groups
  8. Group meetings - By districts/groups
- ✳ The co-workers in the Lord's recovery feel that now is the time to call on the saints in every place to pray in one accord as the one new man for the Lord's interests on the earth. To facilitate this burden, there is a website to:
    - Sign up to receive prayer burdens and reminders via email
    - Read an introductory letter from the co-workers
    - Select 15-minute daily time slots to pray
    - Pray over 21 suggested points for the saints' intercession
    - Confirm participation in this prayer ministry
 Please contact the serving brothers to obtain the website link.
  - ✳ To help facilitate the **daily prayer times**, the following groups have been set up. Please contact the saints in the group to join them at those times. If you already have a daily prayer time set up, feel free to continue.
    - 7:00am Lito, Liza, Anusha: Lito hosts
    - 11:00am Laura, Anusha: Laura hosts
    - 12:00pm Dennis, Brian: Dennis hosts
    - 10:00pm Ivan, Johnathan, Dennis, Taras: Dennis hosts
  - ✳ **The Children's Meeting** will be held via Zoom Meeting on **Saturday's at 1:00PM** for the **Toddlers to Group 2** children and at **2:00PM** for the **Group 3 and Group 4** children.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>12</b>	Serving: Cancelled
<b>April</b>	Cleaning: Cancelled Serving: Cancelled Cleaning: Cancelled
<b>19</b>	Serving: Cancelled Cleaning: Cancelled Serving: Cancelled Cleaning: Cancelled
<b>26</b>	Serving: Cancelled Cleaning: Cancelled
<b>3</b>	Serving: Cancelled
<b>May</b>	Cleaning: Cancelled

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ May 22-25, Online: **Memorial Day conference**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

12 April LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
13 Monday	☼
14 Tuesday	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
15 Wednesday	☼
16 Thursday	☼
17 Friday	☼ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom Meeting
18 Saturday	☼ 1-1:30pm: Childrens Toddlers to Group 2 meeting via Zoom Meeting ☼ 2:00pm: Childrens Group 3 and 4 via Zoom Meeting
19 April LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting

## SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

### II. AREAS THAT REQUIRE SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD (continued)

#### D. Everything That Fails to Give Others the Impression That We Are Christians (continued)

If we really want to take the way of separation from the world, we must pay attention to our speaking. We must also show our Christian stand every time we are in the company of others. If we cannot maintain our stand as Christians, it is better to turn away from where we are. Psalm 1:1 says that we should not "stand on the path of sinners,/Nor sit in the company of mockers." If we stand on the path of sinners, we will end up in their place sooner or later. If we sit in the company of mockers, we will become mockers sooner or later. Sin and mocking are contagious. We must learn to flee these things as if we are fleeing from germs.

#### E. Things Disapproved of by Weak Believers

Things which stumble a weak conscience are another class of things that constitute the world. God's children must learn to turn away from them. The previous discussion concerns things

which the world considers improper. Here we are talking about things which a young Christian considers improper. If a Gentile thinks that we should not do a certain thing, we will lose our testimony if we do it. Similarly, we should avoid anything that a Christian disapproves of, even if the one who disapproves is the youngest and weakest of all Christians. This is the biblical commandment. It is not the words of the strong Christian but the words of the weak Christian that should determine what we should or should not do. What they say may not be correct; what they consider forbidden may not be wrong. But we should not stumble them because their conscience is weak. They may think that we are on the wrong way. If we take such a way, we will stumble them. Paul said, "All things are lawful to me, but not all things are profitable" (1 Cor. 6:12). All things are lawful, but others may consider these things to be a form of the world. Therefore, we should not do them for their sake.

Paul spoke of the example of eating meat. He said that if eating meat would stumble a brother, he would never eat meat. This is not easy. Who can abstain from meat forever? Paul's word does not suggest that one should not eat meat. In 1 Timothy he clearly said that it is wrong to abstain from meat. However, he showed us that he was willing to carry such caution to the extreme. It did not matter to him whether or not he ate meat. He might have been clear about what he was doing, but others who followed him may not have known what he was doing. We may know at which point we should stop, but those who follow may not know this. What would happen if they take a few steps further? There is nothing wrong if we eat meat, but after awhile those who follow us may go to the temple to eat the sacrifices or perhaps worship the idols as well. Many things may not be directly related to the world, but we should still exercise care in touching them because others may consider them a form of the world

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