

Please pray:

- ✳ May the Lord bind the enemy behind the current conflict between US and China and reduce tension significantly so that Chinese government can further open up its domestic policy and give more freedom for the churches in China to assemble together and more blending with other churches in the world.
- ✳ Pray for the political situation in Taiwan so that the severe tension between mainland China and Taiwan can be eased and avoid potential war in the Island. Pray to the Lord that because of the presence of a strong recovery in Taiwan, the Lord may preserve the peace of that land for His move in the world.
- ✳ The 2020 October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO): The general subject was on the Christian life, the church life, the consummation of the age and the coming of the Lord. May this speaking impress the leading brothers to take the lead and bring the saints along with them to live a Christian life and the church life in view of the consummation of the age and in view of the coming of the Lord. May the brothers become patterns of the faith so that the saints may be imitators of their faith. May this vision and faith strengthen us to live a life of losing our soul-life, so that we could participate in the rapture of the overcomers and receiving the end of our faith which is the salvation of the soul.
- ✳ Do remember Guelph, where about 20 saints plus 5 young people currently reside. We ask the Lord for the start of a regular gathering when the saints there as well as burdened ones could join in prayer. We also bring Airdrie, Alberta before the Lord, where there are around 35 saints with 35 children residing in that suburb of Calgary. Also pray for an additional lampstand in British Columbia, since we already have some saints spread out among the Chilliwack, Abbotsford, and Langley areas. We have the anticipation that the Lord's testimony as shining lampstands will be raised up in these cities within this year.
- ✳ Quebec: shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Ste-Adèle, Laval, Longueuil and Gatineau; that saints in Montreal be strengthened to visit contacts in other cities; the Lord's advance in His testimony throughout this province.
- ✳ 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: Num 35:1 – Deut 5:33
- ✳ HWMR: Knowing and Experiencing the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ, week 4

Announcements

- ✳ There will be an **Orientation for all new and returning children serving ones** via Zoom TODAY from 3:00PM-4:30PM.
- ✳ The **Eastern Canada Young People's Retreat** will be held via Zoom on Oct 23-25, 2020. See young people's serving ones for registration details.
- ✳ The **Children's Meeting** will be held via Zoom on Lord's Day's starting Sept 27 from 11:00AM-11:45AM for the Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) and from 1:30PM-2:15PM for the Grade 2 children and down (Juniors).
- ✳ The 2021 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please contact your district serving ones. Deadline is Oct 25, 2020.
- ✳ All church 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 Central/NDG/West - Dennis L. host
 2. French - Allan Y. host
 3. Chinese East 1, 2 & 3 & Central 1 & 3 - Aaron C./John Y. host
 4. Chinese South - William L./John C. host
 5. Chinese West & North - John Ya. Host**Prayer meeting** - By districts/groups
Group meetings - By districts/groups

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 23-25, 2020: The **Eastern Canada Young People's Retreat** via Zoom
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

4 October LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
	✳ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
	✳ 3pm-4:30pm: Orientation for all new and returning children serving ones via Zoom
5 Monday	✳ 9:30am - 11:00am: Video message and group fellowship
6 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls

7	✿	
Wednesday		
8	✿	
Thursday		
9	✿	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
10	✿	
Saturday		
11	✿	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom
October		
LORD'S DAY	✿	11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✿	1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom

If Anyone Sins

Scripture Reading: John 5:14; 8:11; Rom. 6:1-2; Num. 19:1-10, 12-13, 17-19; 1 John 1:7—2:2

After we are saved, we should sin no more. John 5 records the incident of the Lord Jesus healing one who had been sick for thirty-eight years near the pool in Bethesda. After the man was healed the Lord met him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; sin no more so that nothing worse happens to you" (v. 14). John 8 speaks of the Lord Jesus forgiving a woman who had committed adultery. He said to her then and there, "From now on sin no more" (v. 11). Once we are saved, we are charged by the Lord to sin no more! As saved ones, we surely should not continue in sin.

I. SINNING AFTER BEING SAVED

Since a Christian should not sin and should not continue in sins, is it then possible for a Christian not to sin? The answer is yes! It is possible for Christians not to sin because we have God's life within us. This life does not sin. It cannot tolerate any trace of sin. This life is as holy as God is holy. The life within us makes us very sensitive to sin. If we walk according to the sense of this life and if we live by this life, we will not sin.

However, it is possible for Christians to sin. We are still in the flesh. If we do not walk according to the Spirit and live in life, we can sin at any time. Galatians 6:1 says, "Brothers, even if a man is overtaken in some offense.." First John 2:1 says, "My little children..if anyone sins.." It is possible for Christians to be overtaken by sins. There is still the possibility of sinning. First John 1:8 says, "If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves." Verse 10 says, "If we say that we have not sinned, we

make Him a liar." Hence, our experience shows us that it is possible for Christians to fall accidentally into sin.

Will a saved person who has fallen accidentally into sin still perish? No! The Lord said, "And I give to them eternal life, and they shall by no means perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28). In other words, once a person is saved, he is saved forever. "They shall by no means perish forever." Nothing can be surer than this! First Corinthians 5 speaks of a brother who had committed fornication. Paul said, "To deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord" (v. 5). Even though the flesh of a believer who sins may be destroyed, his spirit will still be saved.

Does this therefore mean that after a person is saved, it does not matter whether he sins? No! If a person sins after he is saved, there will be two terrible consequences. First, he will suffer in this life. If you sin after you are saved, you will suffer the consequence of your sin. The person in 1 Corinthians 5 was delivered to Satan. This is a great suffering. After a person has repented and confessed to the Lord, God will forgive him and the blood will cleanse him. With some sins, however, there are further consequences that one must face. Although Jehovah removed David's sin of taking Uriah's wife, the sword never departed from his house forever (2 Sam. 12:9-13). Brothers and sisters, sin is like a venomous serpent; it is not an amusing plaything. If you are bitten by it, you will suffer.

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