

Please pray:

- ✿ Online Conference in Antigua (Oct 30 - Nov 1): Pray that the Lord will release the saints to attend this conference; pray that all the preparations may be covered and headed up in Christ; pray that the speaking brothers may be strengthened and covered in the Lord and in the Body; may the Lord release an up to date speaking in this conference; may the serving saints in translation be strengthened and serving in spirit; may this conference encourage and bless the Lord's work in the region of the Caribbean.
- ✿ New Jersey, New York and Eastern Canada College Conference (Oct 30-31): The topic will be "Faith, Love, and Hope for the Lord's Coming": Pray for the releasing of the college students for this time; that the Lord will speak a timely word to the college saints.
- ✿ GTCA (Gospelize, Truthize, Churchize, North America) cities in Canada: 1) That the saints can be one in the Spirit; 2) for the brothers and families in those cities to rise up; 3) for the migration of the saints in cooperation with the Lord's move. We thank the Lord that saints in Guelph as well as from other localities gather on Wednesday nights to pray for the raising up of a golden lampstand in that city. We bring Airdrie, Alberta before the Lord, where there are around 35 saints with 35 children residing in that suburb of Calgary. We also pray for an additional lampstand in the Chilliwack, Abbotsford, and Langley areas, where some saints already reside.
- ✿ 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 have 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.
- ✿ 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: Luke 17:1 – 19:27
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy, week 1

Announcements

- ✿ The 2021 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please contact your district serving ones. Deadline is TODAY.

- ✿ The **Children's Meeting** is held via Zoom on Lord's Day 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).
- ✿ 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 30-31, 2020: **The New Jersey, New York and Eastern Canada College Conference** via Zoom
- ✿ Nov 26-29: **Thanksgiving Conference**, Online LSM Webcast
- ✿ Dec 21-25, Anaheim: **Semi-annual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

25 October LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✿ 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
26 Monday	✿ 9:30am - 11:00am: Video message and group fellowship
27 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
28 Wednesday	✿
29 Thursday	✿
30 Friday	✿ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
31 Saturday	✿
1 November LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting

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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

III. THE TYPE OF THE ASHES OF THE RED HEIFER (continued)

After the red heifer was killed, it was burned. The skin, the flesh, the blood, and the dung were all burned. The whole red heifer was burned. As it was being burned, the priest cast cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet into the midst of the fire. What do cedar wood and hyssop signify? First Kings 4:33 said that Solomon discoursed about trees, from the cedar to the hyssop. Cedar wood and hyssop therefore signify all the trees. In other words, they signify the whole world. What does scarlet signify? This word is also translated scarlet in Isaiah 1:18, which says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, /They will be as white as snow." Scarlet, therefore, signifies our sins. For the cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet to be burned together means that the sins of the whole world were gathered together with the red heifer when it was offered up to God; they were all burned together. Here, we see a picture of the cross. The Lord Jesus offered Himself up to God. He embraced all our sins. The gross sins were there as well as the lesser sins. The sins of the past, the present, and the future were also there. The sins for which man feels the need of forgiveness, as well as the sins for which man does not feel the need of forgiveness, were there. All sins were upon the heifer, and they were all burned with it.

After they were burned, what was done next? Numbers 19:9 says, "A man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and place them outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the assembly of the sons of Israel for the water for impurity; it is a purification of sin." What does this mean? This is what makes the red heifer so distinct. After the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet were burned with the heifer, the ashes were gathered up and kept in a clean place. Thereafter, if any of the Israelites touched something unclean and became unclean before God, another clean person could mix the water for impurity with the ashes and sprinkle it on the unclean person. This would remove the person's uncleanness. In other words, the ashes were used to remove uncleanness. They were prepared for the future. They would be used when uncleanness was detected at a later time.

In the Old Testament, sinners needed to offer up sacrifices to the Lord. If a person had offered up a sacrifice and then touched something unclean, he would become unclean again before God and could no longer fellowship with Him. What did he have to do? Another person would take some ashes of the red heifer on this person's behalf, put them in a vessel, pour in living water, mix it into the water for impurity, and sprinkle it on his body. The man's uncleanness would then be removed and his sin forgiven. When an Israelite brought a bull or a lamb to the Lord and offered it up as a sin offering, he did it because of some known sin. But the red heifer was related to another matter. The burning of the red heifer was not for known sins which had been committed in the past, but for future uncleanness. The burning of the red heifer was not for past sins but for future transgressions.

This shows us another aspect of the Lord Jesus' work. One aspect of the Lord's work is like that of the ashes of the red heifer. The efficacy of redemption is signified by the ashes. The sins of the whole world are in it, and the blood is also in it. Whenever a man becomes unclean or has touched some unclean things, he does not need to kill another red heifer and offer it to God. He only needs to take the ashes of the red heifer that was offered once and mix them with water and sprinkle them on the body. In other words, there is no need for the Lord to do anything a second time. His redemption accomplished everything. He made provision for all of our future uncleanness and future sins. Everything has been fully accomplished by His redemption.

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