

## Please pray:

- ✳ Continual distributions and gospel outreach: Pray that the ones that we have contacted in the past distributions will be interested to meet with us, join the Bible studies, home meetings, personal appointments and activities; may the Lord show us how to shepherd these ones; may He give us key ones on the campuses and in the community; may they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ New York, New Jersey, and Eastern Canada Fall 2021 College Conference (Nov 5-6): May the students in these areas be released inwardly and outwardly to attend this conference; may the Lord bless this blending time with much of His speaking, dispensing, and enjoyment; may the Lord use this time to gain the college students for Himself.
- ✳ All Canada brothers conference (Nov 13): May the brothers all over Canada be released to attend this conference; may the brothers be unloaded and be poor in spirit to receive a fresh and up to date speaking from the Lord; may the Lord release what is on His heart to the churches; may the Lord gain what He desires in and through this conference.
- ✳ Parents of the second generation church kids: That many parents in different languages have a heart and be released to gather together to pray for the second generation; that the parents will have a burden for their children and the children of other saints to be kept as remaining fruit in the church ; that the parents will learn how to bear one another's burdens and be built up in prayer and in love.
- ✳ Second generation church kids: that the second generation church kids of Montreal will have many connections, friends, and shepherds while growing up in the church life; that each would grow up to love the Lord and love the church life; that they may feel comfortable and related to the saints like a family; that we may have a heart to care for them and to shepherd them.
- ✳ 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: Ezra 9:1 – Neh 8:18
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, week 2

## Announcements

- ✳ The 2021 December Semiannual Training will be held December 20-25. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, only the video training will be available. The registration donation is \$155 CAD. Please contact your district serving one to register. Registration deadline is December 1.

- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Y. His email address is [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com). Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ November 13, Online : **Canada Brothers Conference**
- ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
- ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

31 October LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
1 Monday	✳
2 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
3 Wednesday	✳
4 Thursday	✳
5 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
6 Saturday	✳
7 November LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

## MEETING

Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:25; Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26

### V. IN CHRIST (continued)

The final distinction is between circumcision and uncircumcision. This distinction has to do with marks of piety in the flesh. The Jews have the mark of circumcision on their bodies. It shows that they belong to God, that they fear God, and that they reject the flesh. Yet they overemphasize

circumcision. Acts 15 speaks of some Jews who tried to compel the Gentiles to be circumcised.

Christians also have their "marks of piety in the flesh." For example, baptism, head covering, the breaking of bread, the laying on of hands, and so on can all become marks of piety. Baptism has a spiritual meaning, but it can also be a mark of piety in the flesh. Head covering with the sisters has a spiritual meaning, but it can also be a mark of piety in the flesh. Bread-breaking and the laying on of hands have spiritual meanings, but they can also become marks of piety in the flesh. All of these things have spiritual meaning; they are all spiritual matters. However, we may use these things to separate God's children, boasting about marks which others do not have, and the result is disunity. If we do this, we have downgraded these matters from their spiritual level and made them mere physical marks in the flesh. When this happens, we become, in principle, the same as the Jews who boasted in circumcision; our baptism, head covering, bread-breaking, and hand-laying have become our "circumcision." If we differentiate between God's children based on these things, we have made distinctions according to the flesh. However, in Christ there is no distinction between circumcision and uncircumcision. No physical mark of the flesh can be used to differentiate God's children. In Christ we are made one. The life in Christ is one. All of these things are outside of the life of Christ. Of course, it is good to have the spiritual reality that accompanies these physical marks. But if one has the spiritual reality yet is lacking in the physical marks, we cannot count him out. God's children should not allow physical marks to damage the oneness in the Lord and the oneness in the new man.

We all are brothers and sisters. We are the new man in Christ. We all are members in the Body, and we all are parts of the Body. Once we are in the church, we should not have any distinction outside of Christ. Everyone stands on new ground. Everyone is in the new man created by the Lord and everyone is in the Body built up by Him. We must see that all of God's children are one. There is no place for superiority or inferiority. We must eliminate the denominational and sectarian thoughts from our hearts. If we do this, there will be no division in the meeting of the church of God and in the fellowship between the saints. We have to pay attention to these matters in the meeting, and we have to live out such a life in our daily walk. May God bless us.

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