

## Please pray:

- ✳ Pray that the saints would see the real significance of loving the Lord as revealed in His Word and would fully enter into it in their experience (Mark 12:30; 1 Cor. 2:9 and note 93; 2 Tim. 3:1-4 and note 22).
- ✳ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳ May 2021 be a year where we gain one remaining fruit each, being built up and vitalised in twos and threes with our vital group and have at least three people under our care by shepherding, cherishing and nourishing. May this year be a year where the church gains the increase in life and in numbers.
- ✳ Vietnam: 1. Pray for the brothers' coordination to be full of His shining, leading and blessing, for the preparation of the full-time training in Vietnam, beginning in March 2021; 2. Pray for the online distribution of the 7 Rhema ebooks in Vietnamese.
- ✳ 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: Judge 8:1 – 18:31
- ✳ HWMR: The Will of God, week 2

## Announcements

- ✳ There will be a whole church parents fellowship on February 21 at 3:00PM on Zoom. This will be for parents of children and young people.
- ✳ We will have the French prayer meeting on the first and the 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ February 13-14, 2021, Online: **2021 International Chinese Speaking Conference**
- ✳ February 21, 2021, Online: **Whole Church Parents Fellowship**
- ✳ April 16-18, 2021, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>24</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
<b>January</b>	✳	11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
<b>25</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>26</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>27</b>	✳	
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>28</b>	✳	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>29</b>	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>30</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		
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## CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

### I. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSING WITH THE MOUTH (Continued)

#### B. Confession with the Mouth unto Salvation

Romans 10:10 says, "For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation." "With the heart there is believing

unto righteousness." This is something before God. "With the mouth there is confession unto salvation." This speaks of salvation before man. Whether or not you have believed is something before God; no one can see it. If you have sincerely believed, you are justified before God. However, if you only believe in your heart, but do not speak with your mouth, others will not recognize you as a saved person; they will still consider you an unbeliever. They will not see any difference between you and them. This is why the Bible strongly stresses the need to confess with the mouth in addition to believing in the heart. We must speak with our mouth.

Every new believer must look for opportunities to confess the Lord. Among our classmates, colleagues, friends, relatives, and all those who come into contact with us, as soon as an opportunity arises, we should say to them, "I have believed in the Lord Jesus." The sooner we open our mouth, the better it is. Once we open our mouth, others will immediately know that we have believed in the Lord Jesus. In this way, we will be delivered from the company of unbelievers.

We have seen some people who hesitated in their acceptance of the Lord, but once they stood up and proclaimed, "I believe in Jesus," they became sure. The worst thing that can happen to a Christian is for him to keep his mouth shut. Once he speaks, he takes a firm step forward and becomes secure. Many believers hesitate initially, but as soon as they say, "I believe," they become certain.

## C. Confession Saving Much Trouble

There is great profit when one confesses with his mouth after he has believed in his heart. It saves him much trouble in the future.

Suppose you do not open your mouth and say, "I have decided to follow the Lord Jesus; I am His now." Others will still consider you the same as they. When they sin or indulge in lustful things, they will consider you to be one of them. In your heart you realize that you are a Christian and that it is wrong for you to be among them. But you cannot reject them, because you want to please them. You may come up with an excuse to turn them down. But the next time they will still drag you along, and you will have to think of another excuse to refuse them. You may come up with excuses once or twice, but the pressure will always come back. So why not put the signboard out from the very first day and confess that you are a believer? You only need to confess once or twice, and others will give up trying to persuade you.

If you do not confess with your mouth, that is, if you are a Christian secretly, you will experience much more difficulty than those who are Christians openly. Your temptation will be many times greater than the temptation of those who openly confess the Lord. You will be bound by human affections and past relationships. You cannot excuse yourself from others every time by saying that

you have a headache or that you are busy. You cannot use excuses every time. This is why you must declare from the first day, "I have believed in the Lord Jesus. I have accepted Him." Once you put out this signboard, your colleagues, classmates, relatives, and family will know the kind of person you are. This will save you much trouble. Otherwise, you will have all kinds of frustrations. If a person confesses the Lord with his mouth, he will be saved from much trouble.

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