

Please pray:

- ✳ Prayer for the saints to cooperate with the law of the Spirit of life by setting their mind on the spirit: Pray that the saints would cooperate with the inward operation of the law of the Spirit of life by setting their mind on the spirit and the things of the spirit, not on the flesh and the things of the flesh (Rom. 8:5-6 and notes 51, 53, and 61; Hymns, #593, ss. 4-7).
- ✳ French speaking gospel meeting (Mar 12) at 7:30 p.m.: May the Lord head up all the preparation; may the Lord prepare the hearts of those whom He has chosen to be at the gospel meeting; may these new ones be ready to receive the Lord's speaking in this time; may the Lord gain remaining fruit from this gospel meeting.
- ✳ All Canada sisters meeting (Mar 13): May the Lord speak to the sisters a timely and encouraging word; may the sisters all over Canada be released inwardly and outwardly to attend this meeting; may the Lord use this time to gain what He is after in the sisters.
- ✳ Political situation around the world especially Taiwan and China and in Myanmar according to 1Ti 2:1-4: I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Saviour God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ 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: 1 Sam 12:1 – 19:24
- ✳ HWMR: The Will of God, week 8

Announcements

- ✳ Praise the Lord for another opportunity for the sisters to be together. There will be a meeting for the sisters from all across Canada on March the 13 with brother Minoru Chen continuing his sharing to the sisters. The sharing will be in English with translation provided into Chinese, French, Korean and Spanish. It will begin at 12:00 pm.
Please find more details here:
<https://lordsmoveincanada.org/announcement/>
Schedule:

- 12:00 pm Message 1
- 01:15 pm Break
- 01:45 pm Message 2
- 03:00 pm Breakout and blending
- 03:15 pm End of meeting

- ✳ 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

- ✳ March 12: **French Gospel Meeting**
- ✳ March 13: **Whole Canada Sisters Conference**
- ✳ April 16-18, 2021, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

7	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
March	✳ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
LORD'S DAY	✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
8	✳
Monday	
9	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday	
10	✳
Wednesday	
11	✳
Thursday	
12	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday	
13	✳ 12pm – 3:15pm: Whole Canada Sisters Conference
Saturday	
14	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
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CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

II. COMMON MISTAKES (continued)

D. Being Shy (continued)

By nature Peter was a strong-willed person. He wanted to distinguish himself among the disciples and to be ahead of others in everything. But one day he denied the Lord and became like a little mouse. When he was questioned, he was afraid. Humanly speaking, Peter was a "hero" and a born leader among the disciples. Yet he trembled even before others tried to take his life. He trembled and swore when all that was said to him was, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." This was indeed too poor. All those who refuse to confess the Lord are poor. Peter was most shameful; it was a shame for him to deny the Lord (Matt. 26:69-75).

All those who are too shy to open their mouths are full of shame. The really noble ones are the ones who confess their allegiance to Jesus of Nazareth, even at the point of being burned at the stake or thrown into the sea. They may be beaten, burned alive, or thrown into the lions' den, but they still proclaim, "I belong to Jesus the Nazarene." This is the most glorious thing in the whole world. The most shameful ones are those who are ashamed to confess the Lord. This kind of people are useless. They will even loathe themselves and be ashamed of themselves! The most shameful thing is for a person to despise himself and be ashamed of what he has.

Therefore, we should not have any fear or shame. All those who learn to follow the Lord should learn to confess Him boldly before man. If light is shameful and darkness glorious, if holiness is shameful and sin glorious, if spirituality is shameful and carnality glorious, and if following the Lord is shameful and following man glorious, then we would rather choose shame. We would rather suffer humiliation with Christ as Moses did, which humiliation is far better than the glories of men (Heb. 11:26).

E. Love of Man's Glory

Why did the rulers in John 12 not confess the Lord? They did not confess the Lord because they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. Many people dare not confess because they want both; they want Christ, and they also want the synagogue. They want Christ; this is why they believe. But they also want the

synagogue; this is why they will not confess Him. If a person wants both, he will not be absolute in either.

If you want to serve the Lord, you must make a choice between the Lord and the synagogue. Otherwise, you can never be a good Christian. You must make a choice between the Lord and man. The rulers were afraid of losing men's favor. They were afraid that if they confessed the Lord they would be put out of the synagogue. But a person who chooses the Lord in an absolute way will not be afraid of being put out of the synagogue.

If people do not persecute you after you have believed in the Lord, you should say, "Lord, I thank You." If people persecute you after you have confessed the Lord with your mouth, you should also say, "Lord, I thank You." What is so strange about this? We cannot be like those rulers who, for the sake of their love for the synagogue, refused to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus. If everyone in the church had been like them, there would be no church on earth today. If Peter had returned home and remained silent after he believed in the Lord, if Paul, Luke, Darby, and the rest had remained silent after they believed, and if everyone in the church had remained silent and dared not confess the Lord, their troubles definitely would have been less, but there would be no church on earth today!

One characteristic of the church is that it dares to believe in the Lord. Another characteristic is that it dares to confess its faith in Him. To be saved is not just to believe in the Lord Jesus; it is to believe and to confess that one is a believer. The confession is important. Christianity is not only manifested in one's conduct but also in one's mouth. The mouth must confess. One must confess, "I am a Christian." It is not enough for a Christian to just have good conduct; he must also confess with his mouth. If you take away the mouth, there will be no Christianity. The Scripture is very clear. The heart believes unto righteousness and the mouth confesses unto salvation. Christianity is believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth.

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