

## Please pray:

- ✳ Prayer for the saints to experience the filling of the Spirit inwardly and outwardly: 1) Pray that the saints would experience the filling of the Spirit inwardly by living a life of breathing and drinking the Spirit, daily enjoying the Lord as their breath and water by calling on His name, praying unceasingly and doing everything in the inner flow of the divine life; 2) Pray that the saints would experience the filling of the Spirit inwardly and would express the inward filling of the Spirit by the overflow of life and the fruit of the Spirit; 3) Pray that the saints would experience the filling of the Spirit inwardly by applying their co-death with Christ on the cross, consecrating themselves to the Lord completely, and believing in the inward filling; 4) Pray that the saints would experience the filling of the Spirit outwardly as the wind and the fire for their spiritual work to have power.
- ✳ Eastern Canada Young People's conference (Apr 9-11): Pray that the young people will be released to attend this time; pray that they will be prepared inwardly to receive the Lord's speaking; that the Lord will speak a timely word to each one's need; pray for the group sessions that were especially arranged to discuss the messages and how to apply it to themselves; pray that the speaking brothers be covered and strengthened to be one with the Lord in releasing of the messages; that the serving ones be strengthened with the Lord to shepherd the young ones according to the Lord.
- ✳ Spring ITERO (Apr 16-18): Pray that the brothers will be released to attend this time; that the brothers will be emptied and unloaded to receive the Lord's fresh speaking and dispensing; that the Lord will use this time to release what is on His heart to the churches; may the Lord gain what He is after in this time.
- ✳ Israel: 1) Continue to pray for the producing of the Arabic hymns. We are sending out our last two hymns for saints to record their parts before it is all put together in a blended way; 2) Please pray for the translation of the ministry into Hebrew, which is a growing burden these days. The Life-study of Galatians has been translated and the translation of the HWMR "Topics for New Believers" is almost finished. Please also pray for the printing of these publications over the next few months.
- ✳ 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 20:1 – 30:31
- ✳ HWMR: A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery, week 2

## Announcements

- ✳ The Church in Montreal Annual General Meeting will be held online during the combined LD meeting on Sunday April 4, 2021.
- ✳ The summer 2021 semiannual training will be held from July 5 to 10. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, only the video training will be available. The registration donation is \$155. Please register with your district brothers by May 1st.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ April 16-18, 2021, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✳ July 5-10, 2021: **The Summer Semiannual Video Training**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>21</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
<b>March</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✳	1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
<b>22</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>23</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>24</b>	✳	
<b>Wednesday</b>		

<b>25</b>	✳	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>26</b>	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
<b>Friday</b>		(English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>27</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		
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## CONSECRATION

Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:1-2, 40-41; 29:1-25; Lev. 8:14-28; Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15

Let us now turn to the matter of Christian consecration.

Whether or not a person consecrates himself depends on whether he has a healthy salvation experience. If he views his faith in the Lord Jesus as being a favor to the Lord and his faith in God as a courtesy to Him, it will be impossible to talk to him about consecration. It is equally futile to talk about consecration to a person who feels that he is promoting the cause of Christianity and that his conversion is a great honor to it. Such a one does not have a good start in his Christian faith; he does not have a good beginning. It is impossible to expect him to consecrate himself. We must realize that it is the Lord who has graced us and granted mercy to us. It is the Lord who loves us and has saved us. This is why we consecrate our all to Him.

Teaching concerning consecration can be found in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Many passages in the New Testament, such as Romans 6 and 12, speak of consecration. In the Old Testament consecration is spoken of with special reference to Aaron and his household. Exodus 28 and 29 and Leviticus 8 speak of the consecration of Aaron and his household. Although consecration is the first basic experience of our service to God, we do not find many direct teachings from God's Word concerning it. In order to understand the meaning of consecration, we need to study the above referenced verses.

### I. THE BASIS OF CONSECRATION

Second Corinthians 5:14-15 clearly shows us that the constraining power of the Lord's love is the basis for God's children to live unto Him who died for them and has been raised. A man lives unto the Lord because he is constrained by the Lord's love. According to the original language, the word constrained can be translated "pressed on from all sides," that is, tightly confined on all

sides. It means to be tightly bound and wrapped up. Love has bound us up, and we cannot run away. When a person is in love, he will have a sense of bondage. We are bound by Him; we have no way out. He has died for us, and we should live unto Him today. Hence, love is the basis of consecration. A man consecrates himself to the Lord because of the Lord's love. No one can consecrate himself unless he first touches the Lord's love. A man must touch the Lord's love before he can consecrate himself to Him. When one touches the Lord's love, consecration spontaneously follows.

Consecration is based on the Lord's love. But it is also based on the Lord's right. This is the truth revealed in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "You are not your own...For you have been bought with a price." Our Lord gave His own life for us; He even became the ransom to purchase us back to Himself. We are those who are purchased by the Lord. Because the Lord has redeemed us, we willingly lose our own freedom for Him. We are no longer our own; we are the Lord's. We must glorify God in our bodies because we are not our own; we have been bought by the Lord with a price. The blood which the Lord shed on the cross is the price He paid. Therefore, as far as the Lord's right is concerned, we belong to the Lord.

We must be clear that we are those purchased by the Lord. He has purchased us with the highest price. He bought us, not with silver or gold, but with His own blood. Here we see the Lord's love as well as His right. We serve the Lord because He loves us, and we follow Him because He has a right over us. The right secured through redemption constrains us to give ourselves to the Lord. The love that results from redemption also constrains us to give ourselves to Him. The basis of consecration is His right as well as His love. It is a legal right, and it is beyond all human sentimental love. These are the two reasons that we have to give ourselves to the Lord.

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