

## Please pray:

- ✳ Pray that the saints would become energizing priests in practicing their New Testament priesthood by being revived and renewed day by day (Rom. 15:16 and note 16<sup>1</sup>; Lam. 3:22-24 and 24<sup>1</sup>; 2 Cor. 4:16 and 16<sup>3</sup>; 1 Cor. 15:10 and note 10<sup>1</sup>).
- ✳ Pray that the Lord would fill the church life with the characteristic of mutuality as the essential feature of all relationships in the Body and the basic principle of the meetings of the church (Rom. 12:10; 15:7a; 1 Cor. 12:25; 14:24a, 26, 31; Gal. 5:13b; 6:2a; Eph. 5:19a, 21; Col. 3:13a, 16b; 1 Thes. 5:11; Heb. 10:24-25).
- ✳ 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 the 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.
- ✳ 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 31:1 – 2 Sam 7:29
- ✳ HWMR: A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery, week 4

## Announcements

- ✳ The Church in Montreal Annual General Meeting will be held online during the combined LD meeting Today.
- ✳ Spring ITERO will be held online from Apr 16 to 18. Please register with brothers in your district to join.
- ✳ 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>4 April</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12pm: The Church in Montreal Annual General Meeting
	✳ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
<b>5 Monday</b>	✳
<b>6 Tuesday</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>7 Wednesday</b>	✳
<b>8 Thursday</b>	✳
<b>9 Friday</b>	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>10 Saturday</b>	✳
<b>11 April</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
<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

## 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

### IV. THE WAY OF CONSECRATION

Leviticus 8:14-28 speaks of a bull, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread. The bull was for the sin offering; the first ram was for the burnt offering; and the second ram and the basket of unleavened bread were for the consecration offering.

#### A. The Sin Offering

In order to receive the holy service before God, that is, in order to consecrate oneself to God, the first thing that has to be taken care of is the propitiation for sin. Only a saved person, one who belongs to the Lord, can consecrate himself. The sin offering is the basis of consecration.

#### B. The Burnt Offering

Following this, we see two rams. We need to study Leviticus 8:18-28 carefully. One ram was for the burnt offering; it was to be burned. The other was for the offering of consecration; it enabled Aaron to serve God.

What is a burnt offering? A burnt offering is an offering which is burned completely. The priest could not eat the flesh of the burnt offering. All the flesh of the burnt offering was burned completely. The problem of our sin is settled by the sin offering, but the burnt offering makes us acceptable to God. The Lord Jesus bore our sins on the cross. This refers to His work as the sin offering. At the same time, while the Lord Jesus was on the cross, the veil was rent from top to bottom, bringing us into the Holy of Holies. This is His work as the burnt offering. The sin offering and the burnt offering start at the same place, but they arrive at different destinations. They start where the sinner is. The sin offering stops at the propitiation of sin, but the burnt offering brings the sinner further by making him acceptable to God. The burnt offering is the offering which makes a sinner acceptable in the Beloved. It goes further than the sin offering. The burnt offering is the sweet savor of the Lord Jesus before God that secures God's acceptance of Him. Today when we offer Him to God, we are accepted by God as well. We are not only forgiven through the sin offering but also accepted through the Lord Jesus.

#### C. The Offering of Consecration

##### 1. The Sprinkling of the Blood

After the first ram was slain, the second ram followed. What was done with the second ram after it was slain? The first thing that was done was the putting of blood upon the tip of the

right ear of Aaron and his sons, upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the big toe of their right foot. This means that since God has accepted us in Christ, we should acknowledge the blood's separation of our ears, hands, and feet fully unto God. We should declare that our ears, hands, and feet are fully God's. Because of redemption, our ears, which were made for hearing, should now hear for God; our hands, which were made for working, should now work for God. Our legs, which were made for walking, should now walk for God. We apply the blood upon the tip of our right ear, the thumb of our right hand, and the big toe of our right foot. This means that our ears, hands, and feet have all been purchased by the Lord. We should say to the Lord, "Because of Your redemption, Lord, from this day forward, I will no longer consider my two ears to be my own, or my two hands and my two feet to be my own. Because You have redeemed me, Lord, my entire being will henceforth belong to You; it is no longer mine."

Blood is the mark of possession. It is also the symbol of love. Both the "price" spoken of in 1 Corinthians 6 and the "love" spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5 refer to this blood. Because there is blood, love, and possession, our entire being is not our own. The Lord has shed His blood, and we must acknowledge the rightful claim of this blood upon us. Because the Lord loves us, we will confess that our entire being belongs to Him alone.

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