

Please pray:

- ✳ Pray that the saints would learn how to practice group meetings that include fellowship, intercession, mutual care, and shepherding as the beginning and base of the group meetings (Gal. 6:2 and note 21; Phil. 2:1-3; 1 Cor. 12:23-27).
- ✳ On April 30th, the college students across eastern Canada will come together virtually for the end-of-term celebrating meeting. Please pray that each of our college-age saints can be released to join this time and that there would be a rich exhibition of Christ from all the students.
- ✳ Europe: Please pray for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich.
- ✳ Israel: Thank the Lord that several of the recent Recovery Version (RcV) recipients are enjoying it, along with ministry books. One encouraging example is a sister who has been reading the RcV with her two daughters. The second time the saints visited the family, this sister testified that before reading the RcV she always found the genealogy of Christ boring. They were quite impressed with the footnotes about the five women included in Christ's genealogy and that He is the Savior not only of the Jews but also of Gentiles and all sinners. Please pray for many more home meetings with these dear seekers of the Lord that He has reserved for Himself in Israel.
- ✳ 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: Acts 2:1 – 4:22
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 1

Announcements

- ✳ 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 June 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

- ✳ May 28-31, 2021: **2021 International Memorial Day Conference**

- ✳ July 5-10, 2021: **The Summer Semiannual Video Training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSING WITH THE MOUTH

Once a person has believed in the Lord, he should not keep the matter a secret; he has to confess the Lord with his mouth. Confessing the Lord with our mouth is a very important matter.

A. Opening the Mouth as Soon as One Believes

As soon as one believes in the Lord, he should confess the Lord before men. Suppose a person gives birth to a child. What would we think if the child could not speak by the age of one or two, or even three? Would we say only that he is slow in speech development? Is it possible for such a person to begin saying, "one, two, three, four," at the age of thirty and then learn to say "daddy" and "mommy" at fifty years of age? No. If a person is dumb in his infancy, he probably will be dumb for the rest of his life. If he cannot say "daddy" and "mommy" when he is young, he probably will not be able to say it for the rest of his life. Likewise, if a new believer does not confess the Lord immediately after he believes in the Lord, I am afraid he will be dumb for the rest of his life. If he cannot speak when he is young, he probably will not be able to speak when he grows up.

Some have been Christians for ten or even twenty years. Yet they remain dumb. This is because they did not open their mouth during the first and second week of their Christian life. They will continue to be dumb until they die. Confessing the Lord begins at the time a person believes. If you open your mouth the day you believe in the Lord, the way of confession will be opened to you. If a person is dumb in the first weeks, months, or year, he is likely to remain dumb for the rest of his life. Therefore, as soon as a person believes in the Lord, he should endeavor to speak to others about the Lord. Even if he finds it hard to speak and even if he dislikes speaking, he still must speak. He must speak to his relatives and friends. If he does not learn to speak openly, I am afraid he will be a dumb man before God for the rest of his life. We do not wish to see dumb believers. This is why we must learn to open our mouth from the very beginning. If a person fails to do this in the beginning, he will find it more difficult to do it later. Unless God grants special mercy or there is a revival, these ones will never open their mouth. It will take a great effort for them to open their mouth at a later date. Every new believer should seek the opportunity to confess the Lord before men. Such a confession is a great matter and reaps much profit.

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.

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