

Please pray:

- ✳️ Pray that the saints would prophesy in the divine way and with the divine element and would be gained by the Lord to minister Christ with all His riches to one another through their speaking.
- ✳️ College students' summer break: Praying for the college students to redeem the opportunities this summer by getting into the truth, and getting into Bible pursuit; pray that college students will participate in the eight week summer truth pursuit that begins on May 9; may this summer be sanctified to the Lord.
- ✳️ India: 1. Pray for the COVID affected saints in India in different states, that their spirit, soul, and body can be preserved complete, for the sake of the Lord's testimony. 2. Pray for the strengthening of the enjoyment of the saints and the strengthening of the church life during the 2nd wave of pandemic. 3. Pray for the continual spreading of the gospel of the kingdom to friends, relatives and neighbors of the saints so that many more can be brought to salvation. 4. Pray for the spreading of the ministry and the various seekers' meetings online in various states so that the Lord can manifest many seekers of the truth.
- ✳️ Israel: 1. There was a picnic of the church in Netanya on Saturday, April 24. The Lord brought 37 new ones (including children), in addition to the 78 saints (including children) that were present. These new ones had never been to a meeting before with the saints. Some of them were ones who recently ordered a Recovery Version, others were believers that the saints invited and others were unbelieving gospel friends. We had a short meeting with singing and spontaneous sharing after the songs. There was also a short gospel word given at the end. As this was done openly in the park, several bypassers gathered to witness the meeting. Please pray for the gospel seeds that were sown into all of these ones. 2. There was also a small group of Christians at the park who overheard the singing from their table. During the love feast following the meeting, they met the saints and had a wonderful time of fellowship with us. They indicated that they would like to have more fellowship with us in the future. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done in meeting this small group of Christians.
- ✳️ 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.
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- ✳️ 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: 2 Sam 19:1 – 1 Kings 1:53
- ✳️ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 2

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 and pay them the fee 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

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

7 Friday	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
8 Saturday	✳	
9 May LORD'S DAY	✳	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

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.

D. Not Confessing the Lord Leading to Accusations in the Conscience

There is another serious problem for a person who does not confess the Lord with his mouth. Many of the Lord's believers experienced this when the Lord was on the earth.

The Lord Jesus was rejected by the Jews. They vehemently opposed and rejected Him. In John 9 the Jews made a decision: Whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue (v. 22). In chapter twelve the Bible says that many Jewish rulers believed in the Lord Jesus secretly, but they dared not confess Him because they were afraid of being put out of the synagogue (v. 42). Do you think that these people had peace in their hearts? Perhaps they felt uneasy about confessing the Lord, but they felt even more uneasy about not confessing the Lord. What kind of place was the synagogue? It was a place where people opposed the Lord Jesus. They plotted, conspired, and discussed plans to trap the Lord there. Such were the dark things that went on in the synagogue. What should a genuine believer do among such people? How much strength would he need to keep his mouth shut? Under such circumstances it would be difficult for anyone to confess the Lord with his mouth, but it would be even harder for him to not confess the Lord with his mouth.

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