

Please pray:

- ✳ Beseeching.org: 1) Pray that the saints would set aside a weekly time to pray with their vital companions for their work of contacting people, studying their cases and fellowshiping about them (Matt. 18:18-20). 2) Pray that the saints, on the foundation of their intimate and thorough fellowship, would be blended into one accord by much and thorough prayer with the release of their spirit (1 Cor. 12:24-27, Lev. 2:1-2, 4; Acts 1:14; Eph. 6:18).
- ✳ College students: After the end-of-term celebration, pray that the local saints can be a bridge to establish connections with the college-age saints. May their homes be a "nest" where clusters of students can be cared for. Also, pray that the upcoming college Truth Pursuit may be profitable during the summer months.
- ✳ Ontario: May we petition the Lord concerning the 14 Low German speaking families in southwestern Ontario who have been in fellowship with us in the recent number of years. Let us pray for these saints to enter into the present truths and a way for them to be solidly established in the churches.
- ✳ Israel: Approximately 100 Russian-speakers in Israel have ordered the Recovery Version over the past two months. We have noticed that these dear ones are primarily of three categories: seeking believers, nominal believers, or unbelievers seeking God. Please pray that the Spirit would brood over these ones, sanctify them (set them apart) and operate in their environment so that they would be able to receive the gospel of the kingdom. Please also pray for these ones to be healed by the Lord's humanity in the saints, either by phone or in person, just as the woman with a flow of blood was healed by touching the Lord's garments.
- ✳ 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 4:23 – 7:60
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 3

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

9	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
May	✳ 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
10	✳
Monday	
11	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday	
12	✳
Wednesday	
13	✳
Thursday	
14	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday	
15	✳
Saturday	
16	✳ 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

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

The Jewish synagogue is a picture of the world's opposition to the Lord. The world always criticizes the Lord Jesus. It always considers Jesus of Nazareth a problem. It has all kinds of things to say against our Lord. In a place like this, can you listen to the people and pretend to be like one of them? To pretend is painful; to pretend is also difficult. You have to muster enough strength to control and repress yourself before you can pretend. Under such circumstances, is it not true that something within you will want to cry out, "This man is the Son of God; I believe in Him"? Is there not something within you that wants to proclaim, "This man is my Savior, and I have already believed in Him," or, "This man can deliver me from my sins. You may not believe in Him, but I do"? Is there not something within you that wants to make such a declaration?

Are you going to force yourself to be quiet just because you want man's respect and position? It seems to me it would have been easier for the Jewish rulers in John 12 to simply be put out of the synagogue. They would have felt much better if they had confessed the Lord. If you are a false believer, it probably will make no difference whether or not you confess. But as a genuine believer, you will surely offend your conscience if you pretend and sympathize with the Lord's opposers. When others oppose the Lord, you have no peace in your heart, yet you must force yourself to say, "What you are saying is interesting." Is this not the most painful thing to do as a human being?

There is nothing more painful than not confessing the Lord. The greatest suffering is to refuse to confess the Lord before men. I would not want to trade places with those rulers. Their suffering was too great! If you are not a believer, there is nothing to say. But if you have believed, the easier and more joyful and happy thing to do is come out of the synagogue. You may feel that there are many obstacles, but past experience indicates that the obstacles will be greater and your heart will suffer more if you do not go this way.

Suppose you hear someone maliciously slander your parents, saying this and that about them. Suppose that you try to sit still and listen to them or, worse still, pretend to sympathize with them. If you do this, I would wonder what kind of a person you were. Our Lord has given His life to save us. If we do not say something

for the very Lord whom we worship and serve, how much more timid are we? We must be bold to stand up and proclaim for the Lord, "I belong to Him!"

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