

Please pray:

- ✳ Beseeching.org: Pray that the saints would grasp every opportunity to speak the Word in their daily life to all kinds of people and also in the meetings (Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4; 1 Cor. 14:31; Col. 3:16; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- ✳ Montreal Sisters meeting (June 19): May the sisters be released outwardly and inwardly to attend this time; may this meeting be a time of shepherding, encouraging, cherishing, and strengthening for the sisters; may the Lord bless the sisters, bless this time and gain what He is after in this time.
- ✳ Let us also pray for our college-age saints and the 2021 National College Training (July 21–25). May this time supply them with a vision, equip them with the truth, help them in their experience of life, perfect them in preaching the gospel, and develop their character to become useful vessels for His building.
- ✳ Church in Goma: There was a volcano eruption in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo on the 22nd May 2021. We praise the Lord that all the saints are doing good. This has caused a number of deaths in the city and the displacement of thousands of people fleeing from the lava flows and other effects of the eruption. Please pray that the Lord will cover and preserve the saints and may His will be done in this disaster.
- ✳ Israel: Please pray for 3 new families that have touched the church life recently, that the Lord would give them more hunger, growth, sight, and vision. Please pray for the saints caring for them, that this would be a time of perfecting in learning how to care for new ones, that the Lord could add more fruit in the days to come.
- ✳ 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 10:34 – 14:5
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 7

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a meeting for the sisters on Saturday, June 19 from 1pm to 3pm at the meeting hall. Sisters are encouraged to join in person to listen to the sharing and participate in the fellowship time afterwards. The message will be in English with translation provided into Chinese and French. The message will be followed by a study time by language. More details will follow
- ✳ The summer 2021 semiannual training will be held from July 8 to 18. 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

- ✳ June 26: **Grade 6 Conference**
 - ✳ July 5-10, 2021: **The Summer Semiannual Video Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

6	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
June	✳	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
7	✳	
Monday		
8	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday		
9	✳	
Wednesday		
10	✳	
Thursday		
11	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
12	✳	
Saturday		
13	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
June	✳	11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
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CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

II. COMMON MISTAKES

D. Being Shy

Some people are shy. They feel that it is a shameful thing to be a Christian. It is true that this kind of shame may exist when we face unbelievers. If you tell others that you are engaged in technical research, they will congratulate you for having a good future. If you say that you are studying a certain philosophy, others will also say that you are a thoughtful person. You are not ashamed to talk about doing many things. But if you say that you are a Christian, many will say that you are too simple-minded or not intellectual enough. They will not esteem you highly. You are not ashamed to talk about other things, but as soon as you confess your Christian faith, you feel ashamed within. It is unavoidable for a new believer to feel shameful when he opens his mouth to confess his faith. However, we must overcome this feeling. It is true that the world feels shameful about someone becoming a Christian, but we must overcome this feeling.

How can we overcome this feeling of shame? We must deal with it from two aspects:

On the one hand, we have to realize that when the Lord Jesus was crucified on the cross, He bore our sins as well as our shame. When our Lord bore our sins, He suffered great humiliation. Today, in the eyes of God, it is only proper that we suffer humiliation from men. The humiliation we suffer before man can never be compared with the humiliation our Lord suffered on the cross for us. Therefore, we should not be surprised at humiliation. We should know that we belong to the Lord.

On the other hand, there is a good hymn which says, "Our shyness is like the early morning sky disowning the sun! But the Lord radiates the divine light which illuminates our consciences which are as dark as the night." Since the Lord has been gracious to us and has redeemed us, being ashamed of confessing Him is like the early morning sky being ashamed of the illumination of the sun. Today the Lord has graced us. He has redeemed us and preserved us. He will even bring us to the heavens. Yet we consider it a shame to confess Him! If that is a shame, then all the grace we have received should also be considered a shame to us, and we should deny it all! The Lord has done so much for us, and yet we feel ashamed of confessing Him! How can this be?

We should feel shameful for such things as carousing, drunkenness, unrestrained dissipation, works of darkness, sinning, and evil works. The Lord has delivered us from all these. We should feel glorious. How can we have a sense of shame? It is not shameful for us to confess the Lord; it is glorious and joyous for us to confess Him! We are those who will never perish, who will never be condemned or judged by God, and who will never have to depart

from the glorious face of God. We are those who follow the Lamb and who will always be with Him (Rev. 14:4). It is altogether wrong for others to plant the seed of shame in us. We should stand up boldly and say that we belong to God. We should rejoice and glory in Him.

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