

## Please pray:

- ✳ Summer School of Truth (Aug 1-6): Pray that the young people would be constituted with the truth, that all these truths would be applied to them in their experience; that they would receive a vision concerning the church and that they would enter into the practical church life; pray for the strengthening of the serving ones as shepherds to care for the young people during and after the SSOT.
- ✳ Situation in Durban, South Africa: Since the week beginning July 5th, there has been ongoing unrest in our province and city. Things escalated over this past weekend with the burning of trucks on the national highway, followed by widespread looting and violence from Sunday night (July 11th) in our city. In the neighborhood where most of the saints live, the mobs have vandalized and emptied every store. We have endured days of hearing gunshots in our neighborhood and have been concerned for the safety of the saints and of our families. Within the city and the province, we expect that food security is going to be an issue. We would ask the saints to fight for this situation. These occurrences will affect the whole country and will have lasting socio-economic repercussions during a time when COVID-19 and rampant corruption have already devastated the economy. We are at a crossroads and need the saints to pray for Durban. **Please pray to stand against the powers and principalities in the air over this city; pray to release the gospel; pray for the preservation of life in this city; pray for the strengthening of His testimony; pray to cover the saints in this province.**
- ✳ Prayer for FTTA and FTTA-XB Fall 2021 term: As we resume the training in person, this August, we would like to enter into the term in much prayer and according to the Lord's leading. The following verse and footnote expresses our desire: Ezek. 36:37 - "Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Moreover for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock." The footnote on "inquired" reads: The Lord promised to increase our number with men like a flock, but we need to pray for this and ask Him to do it (cf. Luke 10:2). Pray to the Lord to increase our number by sending 120 1st term FTTA trainees to Anaheim and 20 FTTA-XB trainees to Boston for Fall 2021.
- ✳ As the government of Quebec is easing up more and more the restrictions, may we be encouraged to meet in person with proper measures; may the Lord cover all the saints and bless the assembly of the saints; may the meetings and the blending times in person be fully recovered according to the Lord's timing.
- ✳ 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 Kings 20:1 – 1 Chron 5:26
- ✳ HWMR: The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord, week 2

## Announcements

- ✳ We will do a whole meeting hall cleaning the first Lord's table of the Month. Please bring your lunch on that day. The cleaning will begin after lunch.
- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Yeow. His email address is [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com). Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ July 24, 10am - 12pm: **Rhema seminar series for their French speaking readers**
- ✳ Aug 1-6, 2021: **Summer School of Truth (SSOT)**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>25</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>July</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>		
<b>26</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>27</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>28</b>	✳	
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>29</b>	✳	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>30</b>	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>31</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>1</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>August</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>		

## READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

## II. BASIC PRINCIPLES IN READING THE BIBLE (Continued)

John 14:16-20 says, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." What facts can we discover here? These sentences first use He or Him but later change to I. There is a change in pronoun. Here is a fact: The words He and Him have been changed to I.

According to the four principles of reading the Bible, how should we deal with this passage? First, we should discover the facts. In this case, the pronoun change from He to I is a fact. Second, we must remember this fact. Third, we must analyze this fact. Here are two Comforters. The Lord says, "I will ask the Father, and He [the Father] will give you another Comforter." The word another in the expression another Comforter means this is the second one. "And He [the Father] will give you another Comforter." This means that the Father will give a second Comforter. If there is a second Comforter, there must be a first Comforter.

The first thing we can ascertain is that the Lord is speaking of two Comforters. The Lord said that the disciples already had one Comforter, but that He was going to give them another. What kind of Comforter is the second? "That He may be with you forever." Who is the He? The Lord Jesus said, "The world...does not...know Him; but you know Him." Why? "Because He abides with you." He was with them all the time. The world cannot receive Him and has not even seen Him. What about them? The disciples had seen Him; they knew Him. They knew Him because He was abiding with them all the time.

The Lord said, "Because He abides with you and shall be in you." After this point the pronoun He is no longer used. In the next sentence the Lord said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you." In studying this, we find that He is I, and I is He. In other words, while the Lord Jesus was living on earth, He was the Comforter. The Holy Spirit was in the Lord, and the Lord was the Comforter. When the Lord was on earth, the Holy Spirit was in Him; He and the Holy Spirit were one. This is why He said that the disciples beheld Him and knew Him and that He was with them.

But then what happened? The Lord went on to tell them that another Comforter would come. Following His death and resurrection, the Lord said that He would come back to them and that God would give them the Holy Spirit. But how was this to be accomplished? The Lord Himself would come to them again in the Holy Spirit. He did not leave them orphans. After a little while they would see Him no longer, but then they would see Him again, and

He would abide in them. Verse 17 says, "He...in you." Then verse 20 says, "I in you." Thus, the I in the second section is the He in the first section. Once we see the change in pronouns, we see the difference in the two Comforters. The first section refers to the Holy Spirit in Christ. The second section refers to Christ in the Holy Spirit. He refers to the Holy Spirit in Christ. I refers to Christ in the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Lord Jesus in another form. The Son is the Father in another form. In the same way, the Holy Spirit is the Son in another form. There is only a change in form.

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