

Please pray:

- ✳ Upcoming school year: Pray that the Lord will go before us to prepare the campuses, the venues, and the hearts of the students. May the Lord prepare them to be ready to receive the gospel; pray for the releasing of the ones that the Lord has already released in the heavens; pray that the ones released will be willing to be contacted by us and willing to come to the Bible studies, meetings, and/or have personal appointments with us; pray that the whole church will move with the Lord in this matter by praying and by going; pray for the Lord's strengthening and empowering of all the saints who will go out to the campuses; may the Lord give us remaining fruit this school year.
- ✳ Beseeching.org: Pray that the full-time teams laboring on the college campuses would be blended together in one accord, which is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament (Acts 1:14; 2:46-47; Lev. 2:4).
- ✳ The Lord's recovery is to build up Zion: May we endeavor to enter into the intrinsic significance of the reality of the Body of Christ, to reach today's Zion, the overcomers as the reality of the Body of Christ consummating in the New Jerusalem.
- ✳ 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: Rom 1:26 – 5:11
- ✳ HWMR: The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord, week 7

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 Y. His email address is 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

- ✳ October 8-10, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
- ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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| 29 August LORD'S DAY | ✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings |
| 30 Monday | ✳ |
| 31 Tuesday | ✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls |
| 1 September Wednesday | ✳ |
| 2 Thursday | ✳ |
| 3 Friday | ✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom |
| 4 Saturday | ✳ |
| 5 September LORD'S DAY | ✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings |

READING THE BIBLE

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

III. DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

C. Intense Study during a Specifically Apportioned Time (Continued)

Let us assume for now that a person has one hour a day to study the Bible. He can allocate his time in the following way:

1. First Twenty Minutes—Studying by Subjects

The experience of some people suggests that an hour of study can be divided into four sessions. The first session of twenty minutes is for studying specific subjects like prophecies, types, parables, dispensations, the Lord's teachings on earth, or a specific book. One can read all the related passages and find

the verses that deal with the subject chosen. If one is trying to study one book at a time, he should select the book he wants to study. He may choose Romans or the Gospel of John. After he finishes one book, he should go on to the next. He should study the whole book and find out the content of each book. If you decide to dedicate twenty minutes of your time each day to this kind of study, do not prolong or shorten it. We must learn to restrict ourselves and never be a careless or loose person.

2. The Second Twenty Minutes—Word Study

The second twenty minutes can be used for word study. There are many special terms like reconciliation, blood, faith, joy, peace, hope, love, obedience, righteousness, redemption, mercy, etc., which are scattered throughout the Bible, and they all are very meaningful. If they are grouped and compiled together, we can get a better grasp of their meaning. For example, we may study the word blood. First, we should jot down all the chapters and verses that mention the blood. Then we should analyze the meaning of each occurrence. What has the blood done for us before God? What type of persons does the blood deal with? What and how much has the blood accomplished for us? In the Old and New Testament, we can find many verses which speak of the blood. We can analyze them all. This cannot be accomplished in one sitting. One cannot hope to see much result on the first day. If he has access to a concordance, he can save much labor.

3. The Third Ten Minutes—Gathering Information

One can choose specific topics and spend the next ten minutes solely gathering information concerning them. There are many topics in the Bible, such as creation, man, sin, salvation, repentance, the Holy Spirit, regeneration, sanctification, justification, forgiveness, freedom, the Body of Christ, the Lord's coming, judgment, the kingdom, eternity, etc. You can choose certain topics and then gather information about them from the Bible. The most one can handle at one time is five topics; if there are more than five topics, there will be too many clues, and it will be difficult to handle them all at once. Do not gather material for one topic alone; this is too time consuming. One may find material for more than one topic in a chapter. For example, you may be studying about the Holy Spirit. But the particular chapter you are on may not have anything on the Holy Spirit. But you can definitely find other topics in the same chapter. It is not a bad idea to gather information on two, three, four, or five topics at the same time. But do not take more than five at one time.

Each topic may require some time to complete its study. Every day you have to add more material to your study. Write down all the materials (verses) you have gathered, and from these write down

the main words and meanings of each passage. It is useless to merely jot down the verses. You must know what the verses are saying. Suppose you are studying the Holy Spirit in Ephesians. In writing down "sealed with the Holy Spirit" in 1:13, you should also write down the meaning of the word seal. First, write down the verse, then the related terms, and finally the meaning of the verse. You should gather all the information this way. One day when you need to deal with such a topic, these materials will be on hand for you to apply.

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