

Please pray:

- ✳ Past weeks of distributions and gospel outreach: Pray that the ones that we have contacted in the past few weeks will be interested to meet with us, join the Bible studies, home meetings, personal appointments and activities; may the Lord show us how to shepherd these ones; may He give us key ones on the campuses and may they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ Beseeching.org: 1) Pray that many of the young people would give themselves to the Lord to grow in life and in the knowledge of the truth (Eph. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 3:18a). 2) Pray that the young people in junior high, high school, and college would become seeds of the gospel and branches of Christ and would lead their friends and classmates to the Lord (Matt. 13:3b; John 12:24; 15:5).
- ✳ Federal Election (1) Pray for the Lord's will to be done, that the government will be chosen so that we can lead a peaceful and tranquil life, for the carrying out of God's economy. (2) Pray that the Lord keep all the saints in oneness and in love, always remembering that we are on the Lord's side and stand for His interest on the earth. "And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are You for us or for our adversaries? And He said, Neither, but as the Captain of Jehovah's army have I now come. Then Joshua fell to the ground upon his face and worshipped. And he said to Him, What does my Lord speak to His servant?" (Josh. 5:13b-14)
- ✳ Israel: Please pray for the new ones that we have met recently through the distribution of Recovery Versions and other means. Pray that there would be more good earth in their hearts and that they would cooperate to remove any stones that the light shines on.
- ✳ 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 5:12 – 8:2
- ✳ HWMR: The All-inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man, week 1

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a children's service orientation for all new and returning children's serving ones TODAY at 1:00pm at the meeting hall or on Zoom. Please bring your lunch for this time.
- ✳ 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 13, Online : **Canada Brothers Conference**
- ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
- ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

12	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
September	✳	1pm: Children's Service Orientation
LORD'S DAY		
13	✳	
Monday		
14	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday		
15	✳	
Wednesday		
16	✳	
Thursday		
17	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
18	✳	
Saturday		
19	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
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LORD'S DAY		

MEETING

Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:25; Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26

I. CORPORATE GRACE BEING FOUND IN THE MEETING

God's Word says, "Not abandoning our own assembling together" (Heb. 10:25). Why should we not abandon the assembling together? Because God dispenses His grace to us through the assembling together. God's grace to man can be divided into two categories --personal and corporate. God gives us not only personal grace but also corporate grace. This corporate grace can be found only in the assembling together or the meetings.

We have already spoken of the subject of prayer. One can learn to pray by himself at home; there is no doubt that God listens to such prayers. God listens to individual prayers. However, there is another kind of prayer. In order for this other kind of prayer to be answered, it must be prayed in the meetings, in the principle of two or three asking together in the Lord's name. If a person tries to do this alone, he will not get any answer. Many great matters must be prayed over in the meetings before God will answer. They must be brought to the prayer meeting before we see them come to pass. God's corporate grace comes to man only through the meetings. You may think that it is sufficient for a man to pray alone and that he can seek God's mercy by himself. But the experience of many people tells us that individual prayers alone will not work. It seems that unless two or three people pray, or all the brothers and sisters come together to pray, God will not answer. Therefore, we have two kinds of answers to prayers: One is answer to individual prayers, and the other is answer to assembly prayers. If we do not meet with others, some prayers will not be answered.

We have also spoken of reading the Bible. Of course, God will give us individual grace when we read the Bible. However, some portions of the Word cannot be opened up by one person alone. God gives light when we meet, when we assemble ourselves together. In such a meeting, some brothers may be led to open up a particular portion of the Word. There may not be any speaking concerning that particular portion of the Word, yet the fact that everyone is assembled together gives God the opportunity to shed His light. Many brothers and sisters can testify that they understand more of God's Word in the meeting than when they study it individually. Many times in the meeting, God opens up one portion of the Word through another portion of the Word. As one person speaks on one passage, light shines on another passage. In this way more light is unveiled, and we receive grace in a corporate way.

If we do not meet with others, the most we can have is individual grace; we will miss a great part of the corporate grace. God will only give us corporate grace in the meeting. If we do not meet with others, we will not receive this grace. This is why the Bible charges us not to abandon our assembling together.

II. THE CHURCH AND THE MEETING

One outstanding characteristic of the church is that it meets. A Christian can never substitute meetings with "self-taught" pursuits. God has a category of grace reserved for the meetings only. If we do not meet with others, that portion of corporate grace will not be available to us.

In the Old Testament God commanded the Israelites to meet. In many places in the Bible they are called the congregation. That they were called a congregation meant they had to meet together. When we come to the New Testament, the revelation is

even clearer. We have the clear commandment not to abandon "our own assembling together." God is not that interested in individuals being "self-taught." We must assemble ourselves together before we can receive His corporate grace. No forsaker of meetings will keep His grace. It is a foolish thing to abandon assembling together. A man must meet; he must come together with other children of God before he can receive the corporate grace.

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