

Please pray:

- ✳ Continual distributions and gospel outreach: Pray that the ones that we have contacted in the past distributions 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.
- ✳ Eastern Canada Chinese-speaking Blending (Oct 23) and North America Korean-speaking conference (Oct 23-24): Pray that the saints be released to attend these conferences; that the saints may be poor in spirit and have ears to hear the Lord's up to date speaking; that the Lord may use these conferences to blend, build and speak to His Body; that the Lord may gain what He desires in these conferences.
- ✳ Eastern Canada Fall 2021 Young People's Conference (Oct 29-31): May the young people be released to attend this conference and register before the October 22nd deadline; may the Lord use this conference to meet with the young people and speak to them in a personal way; may the young people be stirred up to consecrate themselves to the Lord, love Him and be useful to Him to turn this age; may the serving ones be strengthened in their tripartite being to serve according to God; may the serving ones express the Lord in their service and care for them with the Lord as the shepherding one from within.
- ✳ New York, New Jersey, and Eastern Canada Fall 2021 College Conference (Nov 5-6): May the students in these areas be released inwardly and outwardly to attend this conference; may the Lord bless this blending time with much of His speaking, dispensing, and enjoyment; may the Lord use this time to gain the college students for Himself.
- ✳ 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 Chron 35:1 – Ezra 8:36
- ✳ HWMR: The All-inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man, week 6

Announcements

- ✳ The Eastern Canada Fall 2021 Young People's Conference will be held October 29-31 in a hybrid-format. The young

people are encouraged to join in-person at the meeting hall. Please register online. Registration deadline is October 22.

- ✳ There will be a sisters training meeting on Today from 1:00-3:00pm at the meeting hall and on Zoom. This time the meeting is also for brothers. The message will be available in English, French, and Chinese. Please bring your lunch to eat before the meeting.
- ✳ The 2022 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up at the Bookroom. Deadline is Oct 24, 2021.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ 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

17	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
October	✳ 1pm-3pm: Sisters Training Meeting
LORD'S DAY	
18	✳
Monday	
19	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday	
20	✳
Wednesday	
21	✳
Thursday	
22	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday	
23	✳
Saturday	
24	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
October	✳ 1pm-3pm: Sisters Training Meeting
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MEETING

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

V. IN CHRIST

Here I should mention another matter. Whenever we meet and whenever we fellowship with one another mutually, we should remember that, as believers, we are one in Christ. Let us read some verses:

First Corinthians 12:13 says, "For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit." The word whether means that there is no distinction. In the Body of Christ there are no worldly distinctions. In one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body and were given to drink one Spirit.

Galatians 3:27-28 says, "For as many as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there cannot be slave nor free man, there cannot be male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." We were baptized into Christ, and we have also put on Christ. There cannot be Jew or Greek, slave or free man, male or female, because we have all become one in Christ.

Colossians 3:10-11 says, "And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all." Both Galatians 3:28 and Colossians 3:11 use the phrase there cannot be. There cannot be any distinctions because we have put on the new man; we are being constituted into one new man. This new man is created according to God (Eph. 4:24). In the new man there cannot be Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian or Scythian, slave or free man. Only Christ is all and in all. There is only one entity, and all have become one.

In reading these three portions of the Scripture, we notice that the believers are one in Christ. In the Lord there is no distinction of past status. In the new man and in the Body of Christ, there is no difference whatsoever. If we introduce these manmade distinctions into the church, the relationship among the brothers and sisters will be shifted to the wrong ground.

We have mentioned five distinctions so far: the distinction between Greek and Jew, between free man and slave, between male and female, between barbarian and Scythian, and between circumcision and uncircumcision.

The distinction between Greek and Jew means two things. First the Jews and the Greeks are two different races; they belong to two different countries. In the Body of Christ, in Christ, and in the new man, there cannot be Jew or Greek. The Jews should not boast that they are descendants of Abraham and God's chosen people, and they should not despise all foreigners. We must realize that both Jews and Greeks have been made one in Christ already. Boundaries no longer exist in Christ. In the Lord all have become

brothers. We cannot divide God's children into different classes. In the Body of Christ and in the new man, there is only one entity. If you bring the idea of kinship and regional flavor into the church, you do not know what the church of Christ is. You are in the church now, and you must see that we have no distinction between Jew and Greek here. It is a hard thing for the Jews to give up this distinction. But the Bible says that in Christ there cannot be Jew and Greek. Christ is all and in all. In the church there is only Christ.

There is another distinction between the Jews and the Greeks. Jews have a zealous and religious temperament, while Greeks represent an intellectual temperament. Historically, whenever you speak of religion, people think of the Jews. Whenever you speak of science and philosophy, people think of the Greeks. This is a distinction in character. However, no matter how different their characters are, Jews can be Christians, and Greeks also can be Christians. Those who are zealous for religion can be Christians, and those who are intellectual also can be Christians. In Christ, there is no distinction between Jews and Greeks. One is concerned with the feeling of the conscience, and the other is concerned with reasoning and deduction. Are these two different? According to the flesh, they definitely are different in disposition. One acts according to feelings, and the other acts according to intellect. But in Christ there is no distinction between Jews and Greeks. A warm person can be a Christian, and a cold person also can be a Christian. The one who walks by intuition can be a Christian, and the one who walks by reason also can be a Christian. All kinds of people can be Christians.

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