

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 in the community; may they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ Eastern Canada Fall 2021 Young People's Conference (Oct 29-31): 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.
- ✳ All Canada brothers conference (Nov 13): May the brothers all over Canada be released to attend this conference; may the brothers be unloaded and be poor in spirit to receive a fresh and up to date speaking from the Lord; may the Lord release what is on His heart to the churches; may the Lord gain what He desires in and through this conference.
- ✳ India: The brothers serving in Amana and Rhema are coordinating a distribution trip to Madhya Pradesh (one of the Hindi speaking states in India with no testimony yet). 1) Pray for the books exhibition in Ujjain (Oct 17 and 24) and Indore (Oct 20), and the seekers' conference in Ratlam (Oct 19). 2) Pray that the Lord would supply many of His lovers and seekers with His rich speaking and life supply through the ministry books. 3) Pray for the coordination among the serving ones. 4) Pray for the Lord's blessing and for the manifestation of His chosen ones who would one day bear His testimony.
- ✳ 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 14:13 – 1 Cor 1:4
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, week 1

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.
- ✳ The 2022 Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up at the Bookroom. Deadline is TODAY.
- ✳ 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

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

MEETING

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

V. IN CHRIST (continued)

Once you become a Christian, you must leave your past temperament behind. There is no such thing in the church. Often the church suffers because many people try to bring their natural flavor and peculiar traits into the church. When those who do not like to talk gather together, they become a quiet group. When those who chatter gather together, they become a chattering group. When those who are cold gather together, they become a group of cold people. When those who are warm gather together, they become a group of warm people. As a result, many distinctions are built up among God's children.

However, there is no place for natural dispositions in the church. In Christ and in the new man, there is no place for natural disposition. Do not think that others are wrong because their disposition is different from yours. You must realize that your own disposition is also unacceptable to others. Whether you are quick or quiet, cold or warm, intellectual or emotional, once you become a brother or a sister, you must put off these things. If you bring these natural elements into the church, they will become the basis of confusion and division. When you bring your disposition and temperament into the church, you will make yourself the standard and the criteria. Those who are up to your standard will be classified as good Christians, and those who are not up to your standard will be classified as poor Christians. Those who get along with your character will be deemed right and those who do not get along with your character will be deemed wrong. When this happens, the church will suffer through your disposition and temperament. Such distinctions must never exist in the church.

The second distinction is between free men and slaves. This distinction has also been eliminated in Christ. In Christ, the distinction between free men and slaves does not exist.

Paul wrote the Epistles of 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and Colossians during the Roman era when slavery was practiced. At that time slaves were like animals or tools; they were their masters' possessions. Children born to slaves were automatically slaves; they had no freedom their whole life. The distinction between the free man and the slave was very great. However, God does not allow this distinction to exist in the church. The Epistles of 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and Colossians all say that there cannot be free man or slave. This distinction has been eliminated in Christ.

The third distinction is between male and female. In Christ and in the new man, the male and the female have the same status; there is no distinction between them. The male does not occupy a special position; neither does the female. Because Christ is all and in all, there is no distinction between male and female. In spiritual matters there is no difference between male and female. A brother is saved by the life of Christ, that is, by the life of God's Son. A

sister also is saved by the life of Christ, the life of God's Son. The brother has become God's son, and the sister has become God's son as well. In Christ we are all God's sons, and there is no distinction between male and female.

The fourth distinction is between barbarians and Scythians. This is a distinction of culture. There are differences in cultural standards, yet Paul told us that the cultural distinctions of barbarians and Scythians alike have been abolished in Christ.

Of course, we should learn to be a Jew among Jews, and to be as under law to those under law (1 Cor. 9:20-22). Among people of other cultures, we should behave according to their culture. We should learn to be one with all people in all places. When we contact those of a different culture, we should learn to be one with them in Christ.

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