

Please Pray

- ✳ **Summer gospel outreach and Bible distributions (locally, Eastern Canada gospel trips, and Poland):** (1) Let us prepare the ground of the hearts of the people by many prayers, for the harvest to be ready at the time when we go out for gospel outreach and Bible distributions; (2) Let us beseech the Lord of the harvest to thrust out workers to reap the harvest; (3) Pray that the ones that we come in contact with would be interested to meet with us, join the Bible studies, home meetings, personal meetings and activities; (4) May the Lord show us how to shepherd these ones; (5) May He give us key ones on the campuses and in the community; (6) May they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ **College Training (June 20-24):** (1) May the college students and high school seniors' hearts be prepared as a good ground for the Lord to sow and grow and may their hearts be gained by the Lord more during this time; (2) may all the preparations be headed up in the Lord; (3) may the speaking brothers and the serving ones be strengthened in their tripartite being and may they be one with the Lord when they speak and serve; (4) may the Lord's burden be released and may He be dispensed into the students; (5) may His will be done in this time.
- ✳ **Summer 2022 video and live training (July 5-14):** May the saints attending have ears to hear, be poor in spirit and a heart to receive the Lord's fresh and up-to-date speaking; may the Lord release what is on His heart through the speaking brothers; may the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳ **Situation between Russia and Ukraine and the situation in Europe:** (1) The shipment of Russian New Testament Recovery Versions that are held up in customs will be released and be distributed among the refugees in Europe. (2) The saints from abroad and the local saints serving on the current gospel trip (June 13-30) will be filled with the Spirit and will lead more of the Ukrainian refugees to receive Christ as God's rich salvation. (3) The newly saved refugees will be shepherded into the church life and become living members in the Body. (4) The tripartite being of the saints in the besieged cities will be protected and preserved for the Lord's interests. (5) The Ukrainian families that have been separated by the war will eventually be reunited for God's economy. (6) The spiritual forces that seek to destroy the Lord's interests will be shattered, and God's move in His economy will advance.
- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** saints, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Phil 1:27-3:16.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth, Week 4.

Announcements

- ✳ The Eastern Canada Teacher's Training will be held on July 2 on Zoom from 9am to 4:30pm. This training is for those serving at this year's Summer School of Truth and for any saints burdened for the next generation. For more details, please contact Aaron Chao.
- ✳ The Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth will be held from July 31 to August 5 at the Kitchener, Ontario Meeting Hall. The registration cost will be \$130, plus the gas cost of \$60, for a total of \$190 per person. The registration deadline is July 10. Please contact the YP serving ones for registration details.
- ✳ The July 2022 Semi-Annual Training will be held from July 4 to July 9 in Anaheim, California.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and provide us with your prayer burdens before Saturday of every week by sending an email to Allan Y., allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Please note that due to limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ July 2, on Zoom: **The Eastern Canada Teacher's Training.**
- ✳ July 4-9, Anaheim: **Summer Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳ July 31 to August 5, Kitchener, ON: **The Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth.**
- ✳ October 6-8, Anaheim: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Jun-19 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jun-20	✳
Tue-Jun-21	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: Prayer meetings by district (English, French and Chinese) by conference calls.
Wed-Jun-22	✳
Thu-Jun-23	✳
Fri-Jun-24	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: Home meetings by district (English, French and Chinese) on Zoom.
Sat-Jun-25	✳ -

Sun-Jun-26
LORD'S DAY

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DELIVERANCE

Scripture Reading: Rom 7:15—8:2

II. MAN'S WILL BEING UNABLE TO OVERCOME THE LAW OF SIN (cont'd)

It is easy to see that temper is a sin. When someone says something unkind, you feel hurt and upset. If he continues to speak unpleasant words, you may hit your desk, blow up, exchange words, or do anything. Afterwards, you may feel that as a Christian you should not have lost your temper, and you may resolve to control your temper the next time. You pray and believe that God has forgiven you. You confess your sin to others, and your heart is once again filled with joy. You think that you will never lose your temper again. But a little later, you hear more unkind words and become upset once again. When these words come to you the second time, you begin to murmur within. By the third time, your temper explodes. Afterwards, you realize that you were wrong again, and you ask the Lord for forgiveness, promising Him that you will never lose your temper again. But the same thing happens the next time you hear unkind words; after a while, your temper flares up again. You exercise your will again and again, only to find that you fail again and again. This proves that sin is not an accidental mistake; it is not something that happens only once. It is something that happens repeatedly, something that haunts you all your life. Those who lie continue to lie, and those who lose their temper continue to lose their temper. This is a law; no human power can overcome it. Paul did not learn this lesson at first, so he exercised his will repeatedly to no avail. It is impossible for man to try to overcome the law of sin by his will.

Once the Lord grants you mercy and shows you that sin is a law, you will not be far from victory. If you continue to think that sin is an occasional act and that victory can be secured through additional prayers and struggles against temptations, you are far from victory. Paul's story shows us that sin is a law. The power of sin is strong; our own power is weak. The power of sin always prevails, while our own power always fails. As soon as Paul realized that sin is a law, he knew that none of his methods would work. His determination was useless; he would never overcome the law of sin by his will. This was a great discovery, a great revelation to him.

Paul saw that a man cannot experience deliverance by the exercise of the will. As long as a man trusts in the power of his own will, he will not turn to God's way of deliverance. The day will come when you will prostrate yourself before God and acknowledge that you can do nothing and henceforth will do nothing. That will be the day you find deliverance. Only then will you understand Romans 8. Brothers and sisters, please do not belittle Romans 7. We must first have the knowledge of chapter seven before we can have the experience of chapter eight. The problem is not whether you understand the doctrine in Romans 8 but whether or not you have emerged from Romans 7. Many have buried themselves in Romans 7; they are still trying to deal with sin by their will. The result is nothing but failure. If you have not seen that sin is a law and that your will can never overcome this law, you are trapped in Romans 7; you will never arrive at Romans 8. Our newly saved brothers and sisters must accept God's Word as it is written. If you try to find your own way out, you will end up with nothing but sin. You will sin again and again, and your eyes will continue to be veiled. You will remain in your blindness. Your eyes need to be opened to see that all your willing and struggling is in vain.

Since sin is a law and the will cannot overcome this law, what is the way of victory?

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