

Please Pray

- ✳ **The current situation our children and young people are facing in schools and society:**
 - (1) Pray that all the families would be clear about Satan's strategies against our younger generation.
 - (2) Pray that our children and young people are covered and protected from the current of this age.
 - (3) Pray for the Lord's strengthening and wisdom of the parents in shielding and shepherding their children.
 - (4) Pray that our children will be open to talking to parents and serving ones about the things they are being told in the schools that contradict God's word.
- ✳ **The 2022 Summer Video and Live Training (July 5-14):** May the saints attending have ears to hear, be poor in spirit and have 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.
- ✳ **Sri Lanka:** Pray for the Rhema serving team to shepherd 4,900 Rhema seekers who are seeking the truth.
- ✳ **The continual distribution of Bibles in Europe:** Please pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.
- ✳ **The situation between Russia and Ukraine and in Europe:**
 - (1) The saints in Russia and Ukraine will be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man, where Christ is all the members and in all the members.
 - (2) The shipment of Russian New Testament Recovery Versions that are held up in customs would be released and distributed among the refugees in Europe.
 - (3) The Lord will use the shepherding gospel trips to Warsaw and Krakow, Poland, in June and July to bring many newly saved refugees into the church life, where they can be perfected to be living and functioning members for the building up of 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 3:17 – Col 1:29.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth, Week 6.

Announcements

- ✳ 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 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-July-3 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-July-4	✳
Tue-July-5	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: Prayer meetings by district (English, French and Chinese) by conference calls.
Wed-July-6	✳
Thu-July-7	✳
Fri-July-8	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: Home meetings by district (English, French and Chinese) on Zoom.
Sat-July-9	✳ -
Sun-July-10 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

OUR LIFE

Scripture Reading: Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20.

I. CHRIST OUR LIFE

Many Christians have a wrong concept about the Lord Jesus. They think that the Lord set up a good pattern for us while He was on earth and that we should imitate this pattern. It is true that the Bible charges us to imitate the Lord (Rom. 15:5; 1 Cor. 11:1; etc.). But the Bible does not tell us to do this by ourselves. There is something we must see before we can imitate Him. Many people want to imitate the Lord, but they repeatedly fail. They regard the Lord like they regard good Chinese calligraphy, something to be copied stroke by stroke. They do not realize how frail man is and that no fleshly energy could give man enough strength to imitate Him.

Some Christians think that they can ask the Lord to empower them simply because the Bible says, "I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me" (Phil. 4:13). They feel that there are many things that need to be done, many biblical precepts that need to be obeyed, and many examples of the Lord that need to be imitated. They also feel that none of this can be done unless they have more power. Therefore, they ask the Lord for power. They think that if the Lord would only give them the power, they would be able to do all things. Many people just wait and hope daily for the Lord to give them the power to conduct their activities.

It is true that we need to look to the Lord for power. But in addition to asking for power, we need to see something further. Without seeing this one thing, we will not always have the power, even though we may be looking to the Lord. We can pray to the Lord every day for power. But sometimes the Lord answers such prayer, and sometimes He does not. To some people this means that they can do all things when He empowers them and that they can do nothing when He does not empower them. This is precisely the reason so many Christians fail again and again. We have to ask the Lord to empower us. But if we take this as an isolated commandment or as the only way, we will fail.

The fundamental relationship between Christ and us is conveyed in the words Christ our life. We can imitate the Lord only because He has become our life. We can ask Him for strength only because He has become our life. There is no way to imitate Him or be empowered by Him unless we understand the meaning of Christ our life. Hence, we must first understand, see, and grasp the secret of Christ our life before we can imitate Him or ask Him for strength.

Colossians 3:4 says, "Christ our life." Philippians 1:21 says, "For to me, to live is Christ." This shows us that the way to victory is for Christ to be our life. Victory is, "For to me, to live is Christ." If a Christian does not know what is meant by Christ our life, and what is meant by for to me, to live is Christ, he will not experience the Lord's life on earth; he will not be able to follow the Lord, to experience victory in Him, or to proceed on the course before him.

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