

## Please Pray

- ✳ Raising up and forming of the full-time team in Calgary and the Lord's strengthening of the teams in Montréal, Toronto (Southern Ontario), and Vancouver.
- ✳ [Gospelize Truthize Churchize Canada](#) ("GTCC") and [Bibles for Canada](#) ("BfC"): Regular distribution of the English, French, and Spanish Bibles and follow-up of Bible recipients including the 2022 BfC Summer distributions in Canada.
- ✳ Migration and Strengthening of Cities: Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Guelph, Charlottetown, PEI, Halifax, Red Deer, Regina, Lethbridge, Quebec City.
- ✳ Raising up of new local churches: Airdrie, Chatham/Kent, Oakville, St. John.
- ✳ The People of this Land: (1) sinners to be saved and seeking believers to come to the full knowledge of the truth, (2) proper and useful ones to be gained for the recovery, and (3) a demographically proportionate number of local people to be added to the Recovery.
- ✳ Gospel to the Nations: the French-Speaking, Spanish-Speaking, Low German-Speaking, Asian languages (Chinese, Indian, Korean, etc.), African-Canadian, Russian/Ukrainian, Middle Eastern, and indigenous peoples.
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## Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 1 Tim 3:14 – Titus 3:15.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Volume 1, Week 6.

## Announcements

- ✳ There will be an important fellowship with all the young people's parents on the Lord's Day, October 2, during lunchtime.
- ✳ The Eastern Canada Young People's Conference will be held on October 28-30 at the Toronto Meeting Hall. Registration and more details will be provided soon.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and provide us with your prayer requests before Saturday of every week by sending an email to Allan Y., [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com). Please note that due to the 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

- ✳ October 7-10 in our Meeting Hall and on Zoom: **Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO")**.
- ✳ October 10-23 in Germany and Switzerland: **LME Gospel Trip**.
- ✳ October 28-30 in Toronto: **The Eastern Canada Young People's Conference**
- ✳ November 24-27 in Washington, DC: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference**.
- ✳ December 26-31 in Anaheim, CA (if safe to do so): **December Semi-Annual Training**.

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

## This Week's Activities

<b>Sun-Sep-25 LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
<b>Mon-Sep-26</b>	✳
<b>Tues-Sep-27</b>	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
<b>Wed-Sep-28</b>	✳
<b>Thu-Sep-29</b>	✳
<b>Fri-Sep-30</b>	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
<b>Sat-Oct-01</b>	✳
<b>Sun-Oct-02 LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

## SEEKING GOD'S WILL

Scripture Reading: John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27.

### III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHURCH AND OTHER FACTORS (cont'd)

Some people may quote Galatians 1:16-17, which says that when Paul received a revelation, he did not confer with flesh and blood, neither did he go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before him. They think that it is sufficient for them to be clear by themselves and that there is no need to fellowship with the church. No doubt a person with a clear revelation like Paul can be truly confident of what he sees. But have you received the revelation the way Paul received his? Even Paul received the Lord's help and supply through other brothers. He saw the great light on the way to Damascus, fell to the ground, and heard what the Lord said to him alone: "Rise up and enter into the city, and it will be told to you what you must do." He received the laying on of hands from an obscure brother named Ananias, and he also received the laying on of hands and the commissioning from co-workers in the church in Antioch (Acts 9:3-6, 12; 13:1-3). The words he spoke in Galatians 1 were to prove that the gospel announced by him was not according to man, but that he had "received it through a revelation by Jesus Christ" (vv. 11-12). There is no flavor of self-exaltation in such words. We should be humble and not intractable. We must not think highly of ourselves. The fact is that we are too far behind Paul to compare ourselves to him! Because we are the party involved, we are clouded by our own interests and subjectivity when we seek God's will. It is difficult for us to see things clearly. This is where the church comes in; it can supply us and render us much help. This is why we should seek confirmation from the church when we are in need.

However, we should avoid another extreme. Some Christians are too passive. They ask the church about everything, and they want others to make decisions for them. This is against the principle of the New Testament. We cannot treat a group of spiritual people in the church as if they were the prophets in the Old Testament, asking them for advice in everything. First John 2:27 says, "And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things..." This anointing is the indwelling Holy Spirit. We can never replace the teaching of the anointing with the confirmation of the church. The confirmation of the church should not be regarded in the same way as one regards the words of the prophets. Its purpose is to confirm what we see so that we can be more assured of God's will. It is a protection rather than a replacement of an individual's pursuit of God's will.

We should note one other point: This way of seeking God's will should be applied only to important matters. As to the trivial affairs of daily life, we do not need to resort to such a method. We can make judgments according to our common sense. Our God has not eradicated our common sense. God wants us to make our own judgments concerning things that we can manage with our common sense. We need to employ this method only in seeking God's will concerning the more important matters of our life.

In seeking God's will, we must not fall into an abnormal state where the mind is blank and the will is passive. Hebrews 5:14 speaks of those "who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil." We need to exercise our mind and will. We have to put our will on God's side and co-labor with God. It is true that we should put aside our own will. But it is wrong to annul the function of the mind and the will, allowing them to be passive and void of function. Many people trust only in their intellect and not in God. This is a big mistake. But many people think that relying on God means that one does not need to use his mind. This is also a big mistake. When Luke wrote his gospel, it was "carefully investigated" (1:3). In Romans 12:2 Paul told us to "be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is." In seeking God's will, we need to use our mind and our will. Of course, this mind and will have to be transformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

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