

Please Pray

- ✿ **July Semi-Annual Training:** May the Lord use this time to release what is on His heart to the churches with His up-to-date speaking; may the saints have an ear to hear what the Spirit will be speaking to the churches; may we advance with the Lord in His move on this earth; may the speaking becomes our reality and person.
- ✿ **College Training (July 12-16):** The topic of this year's college training will be on "A Vessel Unto Honor." The goal of the training is to supply college students with a vision, equip them with truth, help them in their experience of life, perfect them in the preaching of the gospel, and develop their character so they can become useful vessels for the building up of the Body of Christ. (1) May the college students be prepared in the days leading up to the training to be proper vessels, emptied and unloaded from anything else and ready to receive a fresh dispensation and vision from the Lord during the college conference. (2) May the Lord strengthen all the serving ones in preparation for this college training. (3) May the Lord's burden be released to the students at this time. (4) May the speaking brothers be covered in the Lord and in the Body. May they be one with the Lord to speak forth His heart. (5) May the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✿ **A Follow-Up to the Montpellier Torch Relay (TR2 May 11-15):** On June 15, as a follow-up to the recent torch relay, saints from Lyon travelled to Montpellier and visited a brother and sister we met during the TR1-3 gospel trips: ones who are in regular contact with the saints. We were full of joy to see one another. As we sat down for our picnic together, we asked them if they had any questions or would like to share any experiences. The brother from Montpellier answered immediately in the most excellent way: He shared that when he met the saints during the torch relay, he found out that he had a spirit, and that God came to dwell in his spirit! Later he said, "I have God in me, I have eternal life in me; so doesn't that mean that I am God?" Wow! What light he received! Then we opened our Bibles and read verses that unveil God's economy. It was so rich to enter into these high truths together. We fellowshiped about how each member functions in the Body by going to the verses in 1 Corinthians 14:26 and Ephesians 4:16. We also shared the comparison of our own body with one head, and Christ's Body with Christ as the head. Our time together was very much in mutuality, with each one praying, reading, and sharing. When it was time to go, this dear brother and sister asked if a group of us would be coming again soon, and if some would come on a regular basis. We said that we would do our utmost to do so. Then, they both exclaimed, "We'll come visit you in Lyon!" (1) Pray that the Lord would release the long-term care of the contacts from these cities through the coordination of the saints, both local and overseas. (2) Pray that the Lord would thrust out the workers to labour with Him in France, not only during these gospel trips, but especially afterwards. (3) Pray for the health of the saints participating in the gospel trips.
- ✿ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Mark 14:27 – Luke 1:4.
- ✿ HWMR: The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life Unto Maturity, Week 3.
- ✿ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 30 and 31.

Announcements

- ✿ Please find below the schedule of the July 2024 semi-annual video training (English/French):

Tues-Jul-2	Msg 1: 5pm, Zoom Msg 2: 7:30pm, Zoom	Sun-Jul-7	Msg 7: 11am, Meeting Hall/Zoom Msg 8: 2pm, Meeting Hall/Zoom
Wed-Jul-3	Msg 3: 7pm, Zoom	Mon-Jul-8	Msg 9: 7pm, Zoom
Thur-Jul-4	Msg 4: 7pm, Zoom	Tues-Jul-9	Msg 10: 7pm, Zoom
Sat-Jul-6	Msg 5: 10am, Meeting Hall/Zoom Msg 6: 2pm, Meeting Hall/Zoom	Wed-Jul-10	Msg 11: 7pm, Zoom
		Thur-Jul-11	Msg 12: 7pm, Zoom

- ✿ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✿ October 4-6, Warsaw, Poland: **October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO).**
- ✿ Nov. 28–Dec. 1, Atlanta, GA: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✿ December 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **December Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Jun-30 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jul-01	♦
Tues-Jul-02	♦ 05:00pm, Summer Video Training, Msg 1 (Zoom). ♦ 07:30pm, Summer Video Training, Msg 2 (Zoom). ♦ 07:30pm-09:00pm: Chinese District prayer meeting by conference calls.
Wed-Jul-03	♦ 07:00pm, Summer Video Training, Msg 3 (Zoom).
Thur-Jul-04	♦ 07:00pm, Summer Video Training, Msg 4 (Zoom).
Fri-Jul-05	♦ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jul-06	♦ 10:00am, Summer Video Training, Msg 5 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). ♦ 02:00pm, Summer Video Training, Msg 6 (Meeting Hall/Zoom).
Sun-Jul-07 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-11:00am: Lord's Table meeting. ♦ 11:00am, Summer Video Training, Msg 7 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). ♦ 02:00pm, Summer Video Training, Msg 8 (Meeting Hall/Zoom).

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

II. Common mistakes (cont'd)

E. Love of man's glory (cont'd)

If people do not persecute you after you have believed in the Lord, you should say, "Lord, I thank You." If people persecute you after you have confessed the Lord with your mouth, you should also say, "Lord, I thank You." What is so strange about this? We cannot be like those rulers who, for the sake of their love for the synagogue, refused to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus. If everyone in the church had been like them, there would be no church on earth today. If Peter had returned home and remained silent after he believed in the Lord, if Paul, Luke, Darby, and the rest had remained silent after they believed, and if everyone in the church had remained silent and dared not confess the Lord, their troubles definitely would have been less, but there would be no church on earth today!

One characteristic of the church is that it dares to believe in the Lord. Another characteristic is that it dares to confess its faith in Him. To be saved is not just to believe in the Lord Jesus; it is to believe and to confess that one is a believer. The confession is important. Christianity is not only manifested in one's conduct but also in one's mouth. The mouth must confess. One must confess, "I am a Christian." It is not enough for a Christian to just have good conduct; he must also confess with his mouth. If you take away the mouth, there will be no Christianity. The Scripture is very clear. The heart believes unto righteousness and the mouth confesses unto salvation. Christianity is believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth.

III. Confessing the Lord and the Lord's confession

The Lord said, "Every one therefore who will confess in Me before men, I also will confess in him before My Father who is in the heavens" (Matt. 10:32). Thank the Lord that if we confess the Lord today, on that day He will also confess us. The Lord also said, "But whoever will deny Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father who is in the heavens" (v. 33). "But he who

denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:9). What a great contrast! All we have to do is confess that this excellent One, this chiefest among ten thousand, is the Son of God. He will then confess us before the heavenly Father and the angels of God. If you think it is difficult to confess such a Lord before men, the Lord will find it difficult to confess such a person as you when He descends in the glory of the Father. Today we must not shrink back from confessing the Lord through fear of men (Isa. 51:12). If today we find it difficult to confess Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, then on that day, when our Lord comes back, He will find it difficult to confess us before His Father and all the glorious angels. What a serious thing this is!

In reality, it is not difficult for us to confess the Lord. It is especially easy when we compare our confession with His confession of us. It is difficult for Him to confess us because we are prodigal sons who have come home, and there is nothing good in us. Since He will confess us in the future, let us also confess Him well before men today.

May all the newly-saved brothers and sisters be bold to confess the Lord from the beginning. We should never try to be Christians in secret.



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