### **Please Pray**

- Montréal Distributions: From August 25 to September 4, we have been going out for Bible distributions and gospel preaching on three campuses. The Lord has prepared the way and the people to make them ready. We distribute 859 Bibles in English, French, and Spanish. Out of all the people that we talked to, around 200 were interested to have further contacts with us. In addition, approximately 40 saints participated to this time and it was really the move of the Body. (1) May the Lord continue to keep these open contacts open and hungry, and have a desire to have a time with the saints. (2) May we learn how to be proper shepherds to shepherd them into the Church life. (3) May many be gained to be remaining fruit and proper material for the building up of the Church.
- Gospel trips during the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy (Dec. 3, 2025—Feb. 23, 2026): The 2026 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Gospel trips during the time of the Torch Relay and the Olympic Games will be conducted from December 3, 2025, through February 23, 2026. Please pray: (1) That the Lord will be wisdom to His Body on how to take advantage of this opportunity to sow Christ as the seed of the kingdom into many who attend this event. (2) That the Lord will use the upcoming months to prepare the hearts of many seeking people to receive Christ in His word, and be added to the Lord's testimony in Italy and other parts of Europe. (3) That the Lord will grace the serving saints to prepare the most effective ministry publications for distribution to the seeking ones. (4) That the Lord will blend the saints together for the spreading of the lampstands in Italy, and will advance His move in His recovery.
- The Direction of the Church in Montréal: The Lord desires to move forward and increase in Montréal, and He desires that we cooperate with Him. The leading brothers feel that the way to take the church forward is through the God-ordained way, which requires the participation of all the saints. As we have announced during the all-church serving ones' meeting, in order to give the saints opportunities to participate and function, we have multiplied into two halls. May the Lord bring us into the one accord concerning this matter, so that He could continually bless us for His move in Montréal. May the Lord continue to head up and direct all the responsible ones in each service in their considerations with the two meeting halls. May many more saints rise up to serve, function, and take more responsibilities in the church. May this move be an opportunity for us to learn how to depend on the Lord for our services. May the Lord bless us with much increase in life and in number.
- Supporting the Full-Timers and the FTTA Trainees: We praise the Lord for His move in Montréal. The Lord has been faithful to bring us the full-time serving ones for His work in Montréal. As of the start of the school year, we have two new full-time serving ones, which gives us a total of eight full-time serving ones. In addition, the Lord has been faithful to call our young ones to be trained to be useful to the Lord. For the start of the new term at the Full-Time Training in Anaheim in August, we have a total of five trainees. To support the full-timers and the trainees, there is a total cost of \$240,000 per year, which is \$20,000 per month for the next two years. Pray that we may see the need to support these ones for His interest and His move here in Montréal.
- 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: 1 Chron. 27:1 2 Chron. 8:18.
- HWMR: Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God, Week 6.
- Life-Study of Ephesians, Messages 41 and 42.

#### **Announcements**

- The 2026 Chinese Gospel Calendar sign-up is now open. Please contact your district serving ones or place your order at the Bookroom. Deadline is October 5, 2025.
- Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, <u>allan.yeow81@gmail.com</u>, 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**

- September 25-27, Klang, Malaysia: September International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.
- October 5-19, Europe: Gospel Trips to German-Speaking Countries.
- November 7-9, Vancouver, BC: Fall 2025 Canada Brothers' Conference.
- November 27-30, Indianapolis, IN: International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.
- December 22-27, Anaheim, CA: December Semi-Annual Training.

#### This Week's Activities

Sun-Sep-14 LORD'S DAY	• 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-15	•
Tues-Sep-16	07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Sep-17	•
Thur-Sep-18	•
Fri-Sep-19	06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-20	•
Sun-Sep-21 LORD'S DAY	• 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

### 18. BREAD-BREAKING

Scripture Reading: Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-22; 11:23-32

# **Bread-breaking**

# III. The meaning of the Lord's table

First Corinthians 10 has another expression for the bread-breaking meeting. It does not call it a supper but a table. As a supper, which He instituted on the last night before His death, this meeting is for remembering Him and declaring His death till He comes. But this is only one aspect of the bread-breaking meeting. There is another aspect to the church's breaking of bread, which is signified by the Lord's table (v. 21). The meaning of the Lord's table is clearly defined in verses 16 and 17, which say, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ? Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread." Two things are signified here: fellowship and oneness.

#### A. Fellowship

The first thing signified by the Lord's table is fellowship. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ?" Do we not share the Lord's cup when we meet? This is fellowship. First Corinthians 11 talks about the relationship between the disciples and the Lord, but chapter ten talks about the relationship between the saints. The supper is for us to remember the Lord, and the table is for us to have mutual fellowship one with another. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ?" The emphasis here is not just the drinking of the blood of Christ but a joint participation in this blood. This joint participation is the fellowship.

"The cup of blessing which we bless" — here the word cup is singular. The cup spoken of in Matthew 26:27 is also singular. According to the original text, the translation can be rendered, "And, taking the cup and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you." This is why we do not agree with using many cups, because once there is more than one cup, the meaning is changed. The cup which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? We receive of the same cup. The significance of having the same cup is fellowship. If we are not that intimate, we surely cannot drink out of one cup, each taking a sip out of it. God's children drink out of one cup. Everyone drinks from the same cup. One takes a sip, and someone else takes another sip. We have many, yet we drink out of the same cup. This signifies fellowship.

#### B. Oneness

The second meaning of the Lord's table is oneness. "The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ? Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body" (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Here we see that God's children are one. The bread spoken of in chapter eleven has a different meaning than the bread spoken of in chapter ten. In chapter eleven the Lord said, "This is My body, which is given for you" (v. 24); this refers to the Lord's physical body. The bread in chapter ten refers to the church. "We who are many are one Body" (v. 17). We are the bread and this bread is the church.

We need to see the remembrance aspect, the declaration aspect, and the fellowship aspect of the Lord's table; we also need to see the oneness. All of God's children are one in the same way that the bread is one. We have only one bread. One person breaks off a piece of this bread and takes it. Another breaks off another piece and takes it. If all the little pieces that we break off and swallow are gathered together, do we not still have one bread? Though this bread is broken up and is inside every one of us, it is still one bread in the Spirit. Once the physical bread is consumed, it is gone, and we cannot gather the pieces back. But spiritually speaking, the bread is still one and it is one in the Spirit. Christ, like the bread, is originally one. God dispenses a little Christ into you and a little into me. The one Christ is now scattered and is dwelling in the many members. Christ is spiritual. Though He is scattered, He is not divided; He is still one. God gives Christ to you and to me, but in the Spirit Christ is still one. The scattered bread is still one in the Spirit; it is not divided. When God's children break bread, they not only remember the Lord, declare His death, and fellowship with one another, but they also acknowledge the oneness among themselves. This bread represents the oneness of God's church.

The basic element of the Lord's table is the bread. This bread is very crucial. In a general sense, this bread represents all God's children. In a particular sense, it represents God's children in a particular locality. If some of God's children gather together and see only themselves and if their bread only includes the few of them, that bread is too small. It is not inclusive enough. The bread must include all of God's children in a locality; it must represent the church in that locality. This is not all. The bread must also include all of God's children on earth. We must see that this bread declares the oneness among God's children. If we want to establish a church that is our own, our bread is too small and cannot represent the whole church. If there is a table in a place and those attending that table cannot say, "We who are many are one Body," we cannot partake of that bread because that is not the Lord's table.

We must remember the Lord, and our hearts must be open to the brothers and sisters each time we break bread. All God's children, as long as they are redeemed by the precious blood, are included in this one bread. Our hearts need to be enlarged by the Lord; they need to be as large as the bread. Though we are many, we are one bread. Even those brothers and sisters who are not breaking bread with us are also included in this bread. If we put them aside completely when we break our bread, our bread is not big enough, and our heart is not big enough. This is not right. We cannot have the thought of excluding certain brothers and sisters or sending them away. This bread does not allow us to be narrow people.



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