

Please Pray

- ✿ **Bible distribution at the start of the school year:** We will go out to preach the gospel and distribute Bibles at McGill, Concordia and University of Montréal on August 25, 26, 27, and on September 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. The sign-up form will be sent out soon. May we cooperate with the Lord and sanctify some days to go out. May the Lord go before us and prepare the hearts of men. May the ones prepared by the Lord be brought to the saints. May we be channels of life to dispense life to all those in need. May we gain some useful materials for the Lord's building.
- ✿ **Summer School of Truth (Aug. 2-7):** May the Lord cover all the travelling of the saints going and coming home. May the young people be emptied and unloaded so that they may receive a fresh speaking and dispensing from the Lord. May the Lord release what is on His heart to the young people. May the Lord strengthen all the serving ones in preparing and serving during this time.
- ✿ **Meeting Hall in Dublin, Ireland:** After considerable searching, we have reached an agreement for the purchase of a property for a meeting hall of the Church in Dublin. The Lord has sovereignly led us to this building after a prior opportunity did not work out. The building is in Dublin 8, a prime city centre area, and is within 15 minutes walking distance to Trinity College. The interior space was recently refurbished and does not require renovation. The need is urgent, since a closing of escrow has been set at the end of July. Please pray concerning this burden and give for this property as the Lord leads and supplies.
- ✿ **Bearing fruit for His testimony in Montréal:** "As branches we must bear fruit. If anyone has not borne fruit for several years, I am very concerned for him. There is the danger that such a one may be cut off from the life supply. We must endeavor and be desperate. We must say, "Lord, I am one of Your branches. Why do I not bear fruit? I must bear some. I cannot go on like this anymore. Lord, have mercy on me that by Your grace I may bear at least one fruit." If we will bear even one fruit, the life supply will flood in. The life-juice will stream in, and we will bear more fruit. To bear the first fruit is a breakthrough. We must have such a breakthrough. We need to go to the Lord to have a thorough dealing with Him." (CWWL, 1973–1974, Vol. 2, Chap. 3) – May the prayer in this ministry excerpt be our prayer. May we all endeavor to be normal fruit bearing branches and be desperate before the Lord to bear at least one fruit a year. May we go to the Lord to have a thorough dealing with Him.
- ✿ **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: Phil. 3:17 – Col. 1:29.
- ✿ HWMR: Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 through 7, Week 2.
- ✿ Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 34 and 35.

Announcements

- ✿ The Summer School of Truth this year will be held at the Meeting Hall of the Church in Kitchener, ON, from the Lord's Day afternoon, August 2, until Friday afternoon, August 7. The cost per person is \$220. Please contact the Young People serving ones to get more information.
- ✿ 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. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✿ July 29–August 2, Fremont, CA: **North America Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training: West Coast.**
- ✿ August 2-7, Kitchener, ON: **Summer School of Truth in Eastern Canada.**
- ✿ September 24-26, Amsterdam, NL: **September International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Jul-26 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✿ North America Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training: East Coast, Penuel Camp, NY.
Mon-Jul-27	✿
Tues-Jul-28	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Jul-29	✿
Thur-Jul-30	✿
Fri-Jul-31	✿ 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Aug-01	✿
Sun-Aug-02 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✿ Summer School of Truth in Eastern Canada, Kitchener, ON.

26. OUR LIFE

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

Our Life

III. I have been crucified with Christ (cont'd)

We should not think that this is a difficult thing to do. Every brother and sister should learn this lesson after he or she is saved. From the beginning we must learn not to live. Instead, we should let the Lord live. The basic problem is that many Christians have not given up on themselves. They still try to solve their problems themselves. The Lord Jesus has already given up on them, but they are still struggling and trying to come up with ways to live. They stumble again and again, only to rise up to try again and again. They sin again and again, only to make more and more resolutions. They have not given up on themselves. The day will come when God grants mercy to them and opens their eyes. On that day they will see that as God considered them hopeless, they should consider themselves hopeless as well. Since God has pronounced death to be the only way, they also should pronounce death as the only way. Only then will they come to God and confess, "You have crucified me, and I do not want to live anymore. I have been crucified with Christ. From now on, it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me."

For years we have been so wrong. We have committed so many sins and have been bound by so much weakness, pride, and temper. It is about time that we give up on ourselves. We should come to the Lord and say, "I have done enough; nothing has worked. I give up. You take over! I have been crucified on the cross. From now on live in my place!" This is the meaning of "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me."

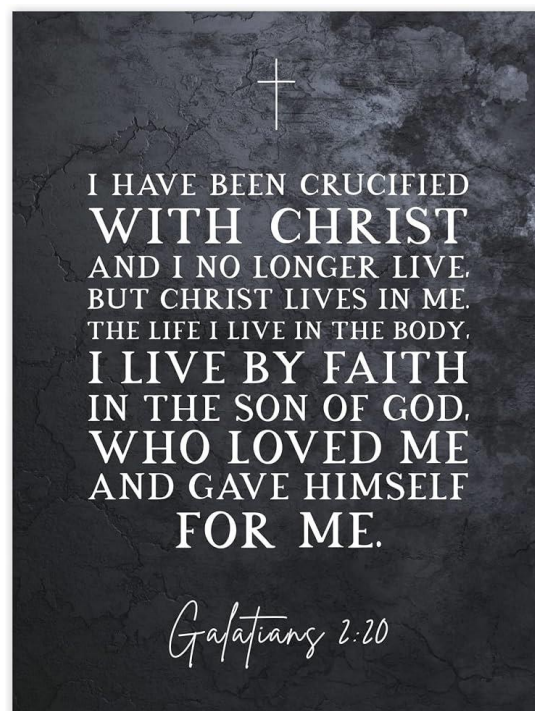
IV. Living by the faith of the Son of God

The other part of Galatians 2:20 is also very important: "And the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God." Christ lives in us. From this point forward, we live by faith in the Son of God. We believe daily that the Son of God lives in us. We say to the Lord, "I believe that You are living for me. You are my life; I believe that You are living in me." When we believe this way, we live this way. No matter what happens, we will no longer make any move. The fundamental lesson of Romans 7 is that we should not make any resolutions. The basic teaching is that it is better that we not will to do anything, because such a willing is useless. Since it is useless to do anything by ourselves, we should simply stop all our moves.

The purpose of Satan's temptation is not only for us to sin but also for the old man within us to move. When temptation comes, we must learn to refuse to move and to say to the Lord, "This is not my business. This is Your business. I look to You to live in my place." Always learn to look to Him. Never try to move on your own. We are saved through faith, not through works. In the same way our life is based on faith, not on works. We were saved through looking to the Lord alone. Today we live through looking to Him as well. Just as salvation is accomplished by the Lord, without the involvement of any of our work, so also our living on earth today is a living of the Lord Himself, without the need

for any involvement of ourselves. We must look up to the Lord who saves us and say, "It is You alone, not I."

After we say this, if we still move on our own, we are saying this in vain. We must stop our own activity before these words can be meaningful in any way. Brothers and sisters, we must remember that failure comes not because we do too little, but because we do too much. As long as man keeps on working, God's grace will not operate and man's sins will not be forgiven. In the same way, as long as man is occupied with his own work, trying to do everything by himself, Christ's life will not be manifested. This is a rule. The cross will not produce any effect on those who trust in their own work. When we insist on our own goodness, we will not be saved. But when we turn away from ourselves to the Lord, we will be saved. The same is true today. If we are working and operating, instead of the cross working in us and the life of Christ operating in us, this speaking will be in vain. We must learn to condemn ourselves. We must confess that we will never overcome by ourselves. Do not will and do not try to do anything. Simply look to the Lord and say, "I look to You as the One who is living in me! Live on my behalf. I look to You for victory! I look to You to express Your life through me." If we say this, the Lord will accomplish it for us. But if we frustrate our faith by our own work, the Lord can do nothing. We have to settle this question once and for all. We have to believe daily and speak to the Lord daily in a definite way: "Lord, I am useless! I take Your cross. Lord, keep me from moving. Lord, be my Master and live out of me." If we can believe, hope, and trust in this way, we will be able to testify daily, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives."



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