

Blessed church's exercises and operations

In 2017 Summer Vision Week the Lord's servant taught us that there are three levels of church operations

1st Level: I (We): pray, love, labor, serve, consecrate, ...

2nd Level: I (We) + (bring in) the working of the Spirit, (the church corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance is one way.

3rd Level: the Working of the Spirit + I (We) submit and collaborate

The Lord's servant said: 99% of the practices and operations of common Christians are mostly at the 1st level, 1% may be at the 2nd level, almost none at the 3rd level.

How about us the saints in the church of God in Montreal?

Acts is a book which wrote how the Holy Spirit led the saints, especially the apostles with ministries, to establish Christ-centered testimonies of the churches in different cities and countries.

But the 1st , 2nd , 4th , and 13th chapters of Acts clearly tell us that the church corporate desperate prayers in one accord will bring in the work of the Holy Spirit and church's submission to its leading. The church and even the churches can be greatly blessed.

May the Saints in Montreal be willing to practice high praises and thanksgivings to the Lord during the Lord's Day Bread breaking meetings, and any other gatherings (available from Monday to Saturday; and on Zoom), especially the Chinese speaking Prayers and Fellowship meeting on Tuesday evening (beginning at 7:45 pm included on Zoom) (English and French speaking is on Thursday night starting at 7:45 pm) to offer our prayers in one accord, so that the Holy Spirit may greatly bless His church.

May the Lord grant us such revelations and exercises.

Church Corporate Prayers Meeting

Emphasize one accord and perseverance

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to **Jerusalem** from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Acts 1:13 And when they had entered (Jerusalem), **they went up to the upper room**, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

Acts 1:14 **All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer**, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 1:15b ...the company of persons was in all **about 120**.

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, **they were all together in one place**.

An important exercise of a healthy church life is that the saints' corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance. Praising and thanksgiving are not only offered individually and in private places, but also corporately in public gatherings. So on LD morning or other gatherings, when the saints practice praising and thanking the Lord (not our good intentions), it will be a channel for the Lord to bless greatly to the church and saints.

Church Corporate Prayers Meeting in one accord and perseverance Bringing in the filling of the Holy spirits to the saints

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, **they were all together in one place.**

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and **it filled the entire house where they were sitting.**

Acts 2:3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:11b we hear them telling in our own tongues **the mighty works of God.**”

A healthy church life must also cherish all kinds of church gatherings. Because of prayers in one accord, mutual support and caring, knowing the immediate leading of the Lord concerning the church, so the saints may experience the filling of the Holy Spirit, which is the work of the Holy spirit, and it can be brought in due to corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance. The great work of God may be spoken and testified.

Please pay special attention that the work of the Holy Spirit brings the saints with the filling of the Holy Spirit and also brings the various gifts given by God to the church. In Acts 2:4, speaking in tongues (currently the church does not pursue this gift; it needs to be translated into a language that the saints can understand) and speaking of God's great works are mentioned. There is also the gift of the speaking of the Lord's Word (see next page) given to the church.

Church Corporate Prayers Meeting in one accord and perseverance

Bringing in the gift of speaking God's words to the saints

Acts 1:15 In those days **Peter** stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

Acts 1:16 “Brothers, **the Scripture had to be fulfilled**, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ([Psalms 69:25](#); [Psalms 109:8](#))

Acts 2:14 But **Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice** and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Acts 2:16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ([Joel 2:28-32](#))

Acts 2:25a or David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ([Psalms 16:8-11](#); [Psalms 110:1](#))

Acts 3:12 And when **Peter** saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ([Deuteronomy 18:15,19](#); [Genesis 12:3](#); [22:18](#); [26:4](#); [28:14](#))

These verses tell us that the work of the Holy Spirit will bring in the gift of speaking God's words to the saints. Peter did not quote any Old Testament Scriptures in the four Gospels. He also denied the Lord three times when the Lord Jesus was about to be crucified (~50 days ago). After the Lord was resurrected, he also took the disciples to go fishing. After the resurrection of the Lord, Lord became a life-giving spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45b) and entered into the spirits of the believers. The work of the Holy Spirit brought in the corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance. Taking Peter as an example, he suddenly seemed to be inspired by a lot of God's words (~20 Old Testament verses), and he was also free from fear. Therefore, the saints exercise praises and thanksgivings to the Lord during the breaking bread meetings or other gatherings. It is a channel for the saints of the church to receive God's words or other gifts.

Church Corporate Prayers Meeting in one accord and perseverance Bringing in the adding of the saints to the church

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:41 So those who received his (Peter’s) word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

These verses tell that in the work of the Holy Spirit Peter's words in the spirit prick people's hearts. On that day, the baptized disciples were added about three thousand. So during LD morning or other gatherings, when the saints exercise the offering of praises and thanksgivings to the Lord, and the corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance will bring in the work of the Holy Spirit. One example is that the Lord may add many saved people to the church.

Church Corporate Prayer Meeting

Acts 1:14a All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer,

Acts 1:15b ...the company of persons was in all about 120.

What were the contents of their prayers? They may be

Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 16:15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 24:30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

Luke 24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

John 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 21:15b . . . "Feed my lambs."

John 21:16b . . . "Tend my sheep."

John 21:17b . . . "Feed my sheep."

Church Corporate Prayers Meeting in one accord and perseverance Bringing in the financial offering grace and power to the saints

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

Acts 4:32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and **no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.**

Acts 4:33 And with **great power the apostles** were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32 mentions that the church corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance will bring in the financial offering grace. Acts 4:33 brings the great power to the apostles.

**Church corporate prayers in one accord and perseverance
Bring in the leading of the Holy Spirit (God's work)
and the submission of the church toward that leading**

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church at **Antioch prophets and teachers**, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and **fasting**, the **Holy Spirit said**, **“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”**

In the church in Antioch, there were five saints (prophets and teachers) having desperate (fasting) prayers that brought into the leading of the Holy Spirit (the work of the Holy Spirit) to send Barnabas and Saul to carry out what the Lord called them to do.

Acts 13:3 Then **after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.**

The church had once again desperate prayers and it caused the church to submit the leading of the Holy Spirit and send Barnabas and Saul (Paul) to the 1st journey according to the work of the Holy Spirit (not just guarding the church in Antioch). The 1st journey of Barnabas and Saul brought in the establishment of the testimonies of the churches in the Galatia region.

The saints corporate prayers manifested in the book of Daniel

Dan. 2:5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, **“The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins.**

Dan. 2:6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation.”

Dan. 2:17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, **his companions,**

Dan. 2:18 and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Dan. 2:19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Dan. 2:20 Daniel answered and said: **“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.**

Dan. 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

Dan. 2:22 he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Dan. 2:23 To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

Daniel and his three companions prayed in one accord and persevance, and that night God revealed to Daniel the dream that the Babylonian King had forgotten and the interpretation of the dreams.

Church Corporate prayers

Some examples of the prayers

Phil. 1:19 or I know that through your (**church in Philippi**) prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my (**apostle Paul**) deliverance,

Col. 4:3 At the same time, pray also for us (**apostle Paul and his co-workers**), that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

2nd Thes. 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us (**apostle Paul and his co-workers**), that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you (**church in Thessalonica**),

Heb. 13:19 I (**apostle Paul**) urge you (**saints**) the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

In the church corporate prayer gatherings, we can intercede for the servants and co-workers of the Lord, and ask the Lord to open the door for the gospel and interpret the mystery of Christ, etc.

Church Corporate prayers

Some examples of the prayers

We may refer to the prayers of the Lord toward Father in John Chapters 14-17.

We may refer to the prayers that Jesus taught in Matthew 6:9-13, 33.

We may refer to the apostle Paul's prayers for the saints below.

Eph.1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give you (Church in Ephesus) the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,**

Eph.1:18 **having the eyes of your hearts enlightened,** that you (**Church in Ephesus**) may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Eph. 1:19 and **what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might**

Eph. 1:20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,