

Pray for:

- ✿ Bibles for Canada distribution in Vancouver during Winter Olympics February 12-28: that BfC would be free to distribute Bibles in SkyTrain stations and other locations; that the Recovery Version might reach seekers throughout the world; that the saints in the Vancouver area might be able to follow up on local recipients.
- ✿ Lyon, France: the gaining and shepherding of native French people. Three were saved and baptized last year; five are very close to being regenerated; around four others are open and in close contact.
- ✿ Madison, Wisconsin, USA: That migrating saints may be blended and built up together; advancement of the students, campus work and full-timers.
- ✿ Greece: the registration of "the church in Athens" has been approved; pray that it will pass the appeal period and become official.
- ✿ Follow-up for the BfC Bible distribution in Montreal: coordination in following-up on the Bible recipients, especially the seminar attendees.
- ✿ That the college/university age, the teen-agers, and the children meeting with the church in Montreal would grow to love the Lord and pursue Him.
- ✿ Shepherding and financial care of the full-timers who are migrating to Montreal; for various saints from the US, Canada, and Latin America who are considering migrating here to work or study.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for prayer, gospel preaching, shepherding, and pursuing the truth.
- ✿ Various saints and contacts in Montreal with special needs.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 13, Mark 4:26 – 7:37
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God, Vol. 1, Week 6

Announcements

- ✿ Young people blending in Ottawa in the weekend of February 27-28, 2010, please register with sister Stacey, registration deadline is February 14.
- ✿ The 2010 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held February 12 through February 14 at the LSM

campus in Anaheim. There will be translation and a limited amount of hospitality. Registration deadline is January 31, 2010

- ✿ Young Working Saints and College Saints conference in Belleville, Mar 19-21, 2010. Cost is \$100 per adult with the church subsidising the remaining \$100. Registration deadline Feb. 22, please register with sister Monica asap so we can arrange rooms and transportation.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

February 7	✿ French/Spanish/College
14	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
21	✿ English
28	✿ Chinese (East, Central)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ February 27-28, Ottawa: Young people blending, Please register with sister Stacey, registration deadline is February 14.
- ✿ February 12 – 14, Anaheim: 2010 International Chinese-speaking Conference
- ✿ March 19 – 21, Belleville, ON: YWS/College Conference

This Week's Activities

FEBRUARY 7 Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
8 Monday	✿
9 Tuesday	✿ 7:00pm, Meeting hall: Prayer meeting by district in various homes
10 Wednesday	✿
11 Thursday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
12 Friday	✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
13 Saturday	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

Seperation from the world

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

There are many commandments in the Bible concerning separation from the world. The Old Testament contains many examples and teachings concerning this. For example, Egypt, Ur of the Chaldees, Babylon, and Sodom are all types of the world. They show different aspects of the world. Egypt represents the joy of the world, Ur of the Chaldees represents the religions of the world, the tower of Babel represents the confusion of the world, and Sodom represents the sins of the world. A man should come out of Egypt and also out of Ur of the Chaldees, just as Abraham did. Lot went to Sodom, and the people of Israel fell into captivity in Babylon. All should come out from these places. The Bible uses four different places to represent the world and shows how God's people come out from these different aspects of the world.

I. THE TYPE OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT

A. The Result of Redemption Being to Go Out

God saved the Israelites through the Passover lamb. When the messenger of God went forth to kill the firstborn in the land of Egypt, the angel of death passed over the doors which had the blood upon them. If there was no blood on the door, the firstborn of that house was killed. It had nothing to do with whether the door was good or bad, whether there was anything special about the lintel or the side posts, whether there was anything good about that family, or whether the firstborn child honored his parents. The issue was whether there was any blood. Whether or not you will perish does not depend on your family's status or your behavior; it depends on whether you have the blood. The basic factor for salvation is the blood; this has nothing to do with us.

We who are saved by grace are redeemed by the blood. But please remember that immediately after being redeemed by the blood, we must move and go out. Do not think that we can buy a house and dwell in Egypt after we are redeemed by the blood. Those who are redeemed by the blood must set out that very night. The lamb was slaughtered before midnight, and the blood was sprinkled with hyssop. They ate their meal quickly, with their loins girded and their staff in their hands, because they had to leave immediately.

The first result of redemption is separation, that is, departure, a going out. God never redeems a person and leaves him in the old position to continue living in the world. There is absolutely no such thing. Once a person is born again, saved, he must take up his staff and set out. Once the angel of destruction has done his work of separating the saved from the perishing, the

saved ones must leave. Once you have been separated by the smiting angel, you have to pack up and move out of Egypt.

A staff is for walking. No one holds a staff to lie down in bed. The staff is not a pillow; it is for walking. All those who are redeemed, old or young, must take their staff and leave the same night. As soon as you are redeemed by the blood, you become a sojourner and a pilgrim on the earth; you have to go out of Egypt and be separated from the world immediately. You must not continue to live there.

There was a sister who taught a class in a children's meeting. Once she was telling the story of Lazarus and the rich man. She asked the children, "Do you want to be Lazarus or the rich man? The rich man enjoys himself in this age and suffers in the next. Lazarus suffers today and enjoys himself later. Which would you choose to be?" An eight-year-old girl stood up and said, "While I am alive, I want to be the rich man, but when I die, I want to be Lazarus." Many people are like this. When they need salvation, they trust in the blood of the Lamb; but after they are saved by the blood, they settle down firmly in Egypt. They think that they can have the best of both sides.

Please remember that the blood's redemption saves you from the world. Once you are redeemed by the blood, you immediately become a sojourner, a pilgrim in this world. This does not mean that you no longer live on the earth. It means that you are immediately separated from the world. Wherever redemption is applied, this is the result. As soon as a man is redeemed, his course is changed, and he has to leave the world. The separation of the blood separates the living from the dead; it also separates the children of God from the people of the world. Once we are redeemed, we can no longer remain in the world.

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