

Please pray:

- ✳ District meeting (Nov 17, 2019): Please pray that all the saints may be strengthened to function according to their measure during the district Lord's table meetings and district prophesying meetings; pray that the Lord will gain the praises and worship that He desires in all the district Lord's table meetings; pray that the Lord will burden us to enjoy Christ during the week so that we may bring our portion to share it with the saints for the encouragement and the building up of the Body of Christ; pray that the Lord will bless our districts by the increase in life, in enjoyment and in number.
- ✳ During the past conference in London, Ontario, over 400 saints attended the meetings with much speaking from the Lord. Saints from different localities came to have much blending. Pray that our Lord will continue to supply the saints in London and in Southwestern Ontario. May the Lord raise up new lampstands, so that all the seeking ones will see and experience the enjoyable and practical church life.
- ✳ Thanksgiving conference in Houston, Texas (Nov 28 - Dec 1st): May the Lord speak and release what is on His heart to the churches, and let us be those who have an ear to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
- ✳ Winter training: May the Lord stir up our willingness to be trained and our appetite to register for the winter video training; may the Lord use this winter training to speak to His churches all over the earth; may the Lord release what is on His heart in this time; may the Lord prepare us to be ready to receive His speaking and dispensing; may the Lord use this training to advance in His economy.
- ✳ Bower House and brothers' training: One-week trainings at Bower House, London (28 October—23 November). Pray that the saints would be trained and perfected for the Lord's move across Europe. Please pray that the Lord would use the five-week brothers' perfecting which began on Monday evening October 28th, 2019 to help bring the brothers into the experience of the fourth stage of life for the sake of the Lord's interest.
- ✳ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Matt 1:1 – 3:17
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Numbers (2), week 9

Announcements

- ✳ The 2019 Fall Eastern Canada Young People's Conference in Toronto, Ontario will be held on November 22-24. Registration deadline is November 13. Registration cost is

\$55 plus \$60 for gas and food on the road for a total of \$115. Registration is done online. See Aaron C. for more details.

- ✳ The monthly Ministry digest is now available for order and subscription. It is available in English, Chinese and Spanish and Korean. The purpose of this monthly digest is to help the saints get into the riches contained in the Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. For more information go to ism.org. Please stop by the bookroom if you have questions or to place your standing order.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

10 Nov	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Whole Church
17*	*District Meeting Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Whole Church Cleaning
24	Serving: French (Julie...) Cleaning: Chinese East 3 and Chinese Central 1 (Huiqiang and Gary C. responsible)
1 Dec	Serving: English/French (Rose...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Nov 22-24 Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada Young People Conference**
- ✳ Nov. 28 – Dec 1, Houston, TX: **Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✳ Dec 23 – 28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

10 November	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
11 Monday	✳
12 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
13 Wednesday	✳
14 Thursday	✳
15 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
16 Saturday	✳
17 November	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
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BAPTISM

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12

I. WHAT BAPTISM DOES FOR A PERSON (continued)

A. Baptism Saving Man from the World (continued)

2. Salvation Being a Matter of Position

Because Adam sinned and became a sinner, all men became sinners. Man need not sin to be qualified as a sinner. All have become sinners through one man's sin. Today God has saved you from among many men. If you are on the world's side, no matter what kind of person you are, you are opposed to God, and you are God's enemy. Your position is wrong; it is a perishing position, one that leads to perdition. If you are a person in the world, you are perishing.

The word salvation has been used freely among us and with much confusion. There is a distinction between salvation and obtaining eternal life. Obtaining eternal life is a personal matter, but salvation is a matter not only of receiving the eternal life personally but also of coming out from a wrong corporate body. Brothers and sisters, are you clear about this distinction? Receiving eternal life is a personal matter. Salvation, however, is not just a personal matter; it has to do with the corporate body to which you formerly belonged.

Salvation means coming out of one corporate body into another. The receiving of eternal life speaks of what one has entered into; it does not speak of what one has come out of. Salvation includes both a coming out of and an entering in. Therefore, the scope of salvation is wider than that of receiving eternal life. It includes being delivered from the world, that is, coming out of the world.

3. Four Major Facts Concerning the World before God (continued)

There are four major facts concerning the world as shown in the Bible: (1) The world is condemned in the eyes of God, (2) the world lies in the evil one, (3) the world has crucified the Lord Jesus, and (4) the world is at enmity with God; it is God's enemy. These are the four major facts concerning the world before God. As long as a person is in the world, he is already condemned and will perish regardless of his conduct.

Please remember that the salvation of men is not a matter of personal conduct. They are wrong because their position is wrong. We know that it is not easy to be delivered from

the world. How can I forsake the world if it is still attractive to me? However, when I realize that the world is in a wrong position with respect to God, I will have to forsake it no matter how lovely it may be to me. Hence, salvation is not just a matter of our personal conduct. The corporate body to which we belong is wrong. We need to be saved from our relationship with and our position in the world.

When the Jews tried to do away with the Lord Jesus, they cried, "His blood be upon us and upon our children!" (Matt. 27:25). Although we are not the ones who killed the Lord Jesus, our forefathers did. Even though we did not commit the act, the corporate body to which we belong did. The corporate body to which we belong is an enemy of God and is condemned to perish. Whether we are right or wrong individually is another matter. I hope you can see not only that we are sinners individually and need to be saved individually, but that we also belong to a corporate body which is wrong. The world to which we belong is God's enemy. The world we are in is condemned by God. We need to be delivered from that relationship and that position.

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