

## Please pray:

- ✳ Eastern Canada Young People's Retreat - Toronto (November 22-24): Pray that the Lord will speak to the young people in a personal way in this retreat; may the serving ones be strengthened in their tri-partite being during this time; may the Lord gain a group of young overcomers for the hastening of His return.
- ✳ Seven years goals for Canada: Let us pray that in the next seven years there will be at least 23 more churches raised up, more than 2000 new saints to be added to the churches and at least 75 additional full-timers to be raised up by the Lord to serve the Him; pray for a renewed culture of migration for the strengthening of His testimony throughout Canada.
- ✳ Israel: Last August, a group of 19 believers from Germany (mostly high school and college students) who were visiting Israel came into contact with some of the saints. There was much fellowship and blending with them at the time, even with them taking hospitality with a family and our baptizing one of them in the Sea of Galilee. Now a brother from Israel who is currently visiting in Germany got back in touch with them and is having excellent fellowship and further blending. They invited him to gather with them again there for singing, even asking him to "teach us from the Bible". May the Lord gain these ones and their local cluster for Himself!
- ✳ Translators' training in Frankfurt, Germany: On November 9th there will be a Translators' Training in Frankfurt, Germany, for the saints who have a burden for German and Persian translation. Please pray for the perfecting of the saints in their written and oral translation skills, which will be a great benefit to the translation of the ministry publications in these languages. In addition, please pray for the translation of the ministry of the word at trainings and conferences and in the weekly church meetings.
- ✳ India: 1. Pray for the upcoming Working Saints' Perfecting Trip to Taiwan 11/16-11/24 where 25 brothers from India will join, that brothers can be perfected in vision, in life and also in the practice of the church life according to the blueprint of God's building. 2. Pray for the Recovery Version Translation Project into six local Indian languages, that all the translators can be strengthened in their spirit, soul and body; also remember the preparation of Hindi translators for the Recovery Version translation as seventh Indian language.
- ✳ 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: Gen 4:1 – 10:32
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Numbers (2), week 10

## Announcements

- ✳ 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](http://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

<b>17*</b>	*District Meeting
<b>Nov</b>	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Whole Church Cleaning
<b>24</b>	Serving: French (Julie...) Cleaning: Chinese East 3 and Chinese Central 1 (Huiqiang and Gary C. responsible)
<b>1</b>	Serving: English/French (Rose...)
<b>Dec</b>	Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
<b>8</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Chinese East 1 & 2 (Xie and John 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**
  - ✳ Dec 4 – Jan 7: **Video Training**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>17</b>	✳	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>November</b>	✳	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	
<b>18</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>19</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>20</b>	✳	
<b>Wednesday</b>	✳	
<b>21</b>	✳	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>22</b>	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>23</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		

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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)

##### 4. Salvation Being to Come Out of the World

What is salvation? Salvation is a deliverance from a certain corporate body. It is a deliverance from a certain position and certain relationships. In other words, it means to come out of the world. Most people pay much attention to their personal salvation, but the question before us is what are they saved from. The salvation highlighted in the Bible involves being saved from the world, not from hell. The world as a whole is condemned by God.

There is no doubt that he who believes has eternal life. We have been preaching this for many years. Once a person believes in the Lord Jesus, he has eternal life and is saved forever. All problems are solved. But please remember that if a person believes but is not baptized, he is still not saved. Indeed, you may have believed and you may have eternal life, but are you saved in the eyes of the world? If you are not baptized, you are not saved, because no one knows that you are different. You must rise up and be baptized, declaring that you have terminated your relationship with the world. Only then will you be saved.

##### 5. Believing Being on the Positive Side, and Baptism Being on the Negative Side

What then is baptism? Baptism is a deliverance. Believing is on the positive side and baptism is on the negative side. Baptism delivers you out of that corporate body. Many people in the world may say that you are one of them. But the moment you are baptized, they will realize you are finished. The one whom they have known for years is now saved and baptized. Your friendship with them is terminated. You are in the tomb; you have reached the end of your road. You already know that you have eternal life. Now that you are baptized, you are saved. From now on, everyone knows that you are the Lord's and that you belong to Him.

"He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." This is true because once a person believes and is baptized, everyone will know where he stands. Without believing, there is no inward reality, and what one does will be nothing but an outward display. With believing, there is inward reality, and if one takes a further step to be baptized, he will be separated from the world, having terminated his relationship with it. Baptism is a separation. It separates us from others.

"He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." The Lord Jesus' word is quite clear. It goes on by saying, "He who does not believe shall be condemned." Unbelief alone is sufficient for condemnation. As long as a person belongs to that corporate body, his unbelief is sufficient for condemnation. But if one has believed, he still needs to be baptized. If he is not baptized, he still has not made an exit outwardly.

##### 6. A Very Amazing Thing in the World

A very amazing thing in the world today is the attitude of Judaism, Hinduism, and Islam toward baptism.

Any Jew who embraces the Christian faith in secret will not be persecuted. Many Jews believe in the historical record concerning the Lord Jesus. Their greatest hurdle is not in believing in Him but in baptism. Once they are baptized, they are cast out. Some sisters were poisoned by their fiancé after they were baptized. Such things happen even in civilized communities like London and New York. It is all right for a person to believe in his heart, but once he is baptized, others will persecute him.

In India, no one will do anything to a believer if he is not baptized. But once he is baptized, they will cast him out. It is all right for one to believe in the Lord, but he cannot be baptized.

The reaction of the Muslims is more violent. Someone once said that it is difficult for a Muslim believer to remain alive. As soon as he believes, he will die. Dr. Swema is the first person who succeeded in working among the Muslims. He said, "My work will never grow, because once a person believes in the Lord, he has to be sent away immediately. Otherwise, he will die within two or three days after his baptism." This condition is prevalent even among Muslims today.

Baptism is an open declaration that one has come out. "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." We should never consider the salvation here to mean a personal salvation of the spirit. In the Bible, salvation signifies a deliverance from the world, not deliverance from hell.

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