

Please Pray

- ✳️ **2024 Eastern Canada College-Age Winter Conference, Toronto (Mar. 1-3):** May the students be released to participate in this conference; may the students be prepared inwardly to receive a fresh speaking and dispensing from the Lord; may all the services and preparations be covered by the Lord; may the Lord anoint the speaking brothers to be one with Him and one with His burden; may the Lord release what is on His heart to the students in this conference.
- ✳️ **German-Speaking Young People's Conference at Gut Elim (Mar. 8-10):** The general subject of the conference is "Salvation in God's Economy." Pray for the Lord's cherishing and nourishing of the young people through the meetings and the shepherding by the serving ones.
- ✳️ **Chinese-Speaking Conference at Woodland Camp in London (Mar. 9-10):** Please pray for the Lord's blessing through His rich speaking in this conference.
- ✳️ **Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference in Montréal (Mar. 29-31):** In fellowship with the leading brothers in Eastern Canada, we felt that it would be a good opportunity for the young people in Eastern Canada to visit the Church in Montréal for the sake of the blending in the Body. May the Lord cover and head up all the preparations and services. May this be a wonderful time of blending in the Body. May the young people be released to attend this time. May they be prepared to be ready to receive a fresh and personal touch of the Lord. May the Lord gain the young people in a deeper way during this time. May the Lord's heart's desire concerning the young people be released in this conference.
- ✳️ **Prayer for Israel:** (1) Pray for God's kingdom, that His will be done, as in Heaven, so also on Earth. (2) Pray for the tripartite being of the saints in Israel to be protected and preserved for the Lord's interests, and for the Lord's building work among the saints to be intensified for the shaming of His enemy. (3) Pray for the spiritual forces that seek to destroy the Lord's interests to be shattered, and for God's move in His economy to advance in this region. (4) Pray for the six young brothers and one sister who have been called to serve in the area. (5) Pray for the 8-10 young saints meeting in Haifa who have begun to break bread, for the Lord to continually strengthen and lead them into the reality of the church life.
- ✳️ **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: Matt. 18:1 – 20:34.
- ✳️ HWMR: An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing, Volume 1, Week 6.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 45 and 46.

Announcements

- ✳️ The Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference will be held in our meeting hall from March 29 to March 31. The cost is \$75 per person and the registration deadline is the Lord's Day, March 17. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/3QFuJGfd2YAFRyYZ7>.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳️ The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held in Bellevue, WA from May 24-27, 2024. The in-person meetings of the 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be streamed live at ismwebcast.com for those whose time zone permits them to watch the live meetings by webcast. Please check with responsible brothers for more information regarding the registration.
- ✳️ The 2024 Summer Olympics Games in Paris, France: We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity prepared by the Lord as the Lord of the harvest. We encourage all the saints to open to the Lord regarding this next milestone in the Lord's move in Europe, and we would like to invite the saints in the Lord's recovery to join us in this labour next year. Please contact brother [Allan Yeow](mailto:Allan.Yeow) for more information and to be provided with the link to the form to express your interest. May we join the Lord in this move by praying, giving, and going.
- ✳️ 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. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳️ Mar. 1-3, Toronto: **2024 Eastern Canada College-Age Winter Conference.**
- ✳️ Mar. 8-10, Gut Elim: **German-Speaking Young People's Conference.**
- ✳️ Mar 9-10, London: **Chinese-Speaking Conference at Woodland Camp.**
- ✳️ Mar 29-31, Montréal: **Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference.**
- ✳️ April 12-14, Anaheim, California: **Spring International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO").**
- ✳️ May 24-27, Bellevue, WA: **2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference.**

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Feb-25 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Feb-26	♦
Tues-Feb-27	♦ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Feb-28	♦
Thur-Feb-29	♦
Fri-Mar-01	♦ 2024 Eastern Canada College-Age Winter Conference. ♦ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Mar-02	♦ 2024 Eastern Canada College-Age Winter Conference.
Sun-Mar-03 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ♦ 2024 Eastern Canada College-Age Winter Conference.

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

A. Baptism saving man from the world (cont'd)

3. Four major facts concerning the world before God

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.

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.

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