

Please Pray

- ☪ **Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference in Montréal (March 29-31):** 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.
- ☪ **Burden for the Pursuit of Life-Studies:** We have just finished the pursuit of the Life-Study of John and have just begun the pursuit of the Life-Study of Romans. **1.** Pray for all the saints to continue reading the Life-Studies; that even those who fell behind be encouraged to start afresh with the messages of Romans. **2.** Pray for all the saints to enter into the burden of digesting the Word and the ministry. **3.** Pray that the Lord will be our perseverance in the pursuit of His truths.
- ☪ **Pray for Robert and Babylyn's situation:** Brother Robert and sister Babylyn are on a visit trip to the Philippines. During their stay, brother Robert had to be admitted to the hospital due to dehydration and kidney failure. Our brother has been in the ICU since March 17. Please pray that the Lord will recover our brother as soon as possible and take care of the whole situation. They do not have travel insurance and therefore are covering all medical expenses on their own. If the Lord leads you, you may make an offering to the church to cover their expenses and the church will transfer the offerings to their account. May the Lord cover this situation and meet the needs of Robert and Babylyn. May they be supplied by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.
- ☪ **Working Saints:** A group of working saints have recently expressed the burden to pursue the book "Messages to the Working Saints" in groups of two or three saints. **1.** May the Lord join each working saint with one or two companions with whom to be built up and run this race together. **2.** May each one grow properly in the Lord and may they all become the backbone and pillars of the church. **3.** May each one be stirred up to serve in the church according to their measure.
- ☪ **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 23:1 – 25:30.
- ☪ HWMR: An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing, Volume 2, Week 10.
- ☪ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 2 and 3.

Announcements

- ☪ The Church in Montréal Annual General Meeting will be held **TODAY**, Lord's Day, March 24, 2024, at 12:00pm in the Meeting Hall.
- ☪ The 2024 Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference will be held in Montréal on May 18-19, 2024. More details will follow.
- ☪ The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held in Bellevue, WA on May 24-27, 2024. The in-person meetings will be streamed live at lsmwebcast.com for those whose time zone allows them to watch the live meetings by webcast. Please contact the responsible brothers to get information about 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 are inviting the saints in the Lord's recovery to join us in this labour. Please contact brother **Allan Yeow** for more information and to get 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

- ☪ March 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 10-12, Kitchener, ON: **Grade 6 Conference.**
- ☪ May 18-19, Montréal: **Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference.**
- ☪ 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-Mar-24 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ♦ 12:00pm: The Church in Montréal Annual General Meeting.
Mon-Mar-25	♦
Tues-Mar-26	♦ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Mar-27	♦
Thur-Mar-28	♦
Fri-Mar-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom. ♦ Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference.
Sat-Mar-30	♦ Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference.
Sun-Mar-31 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ♦ Spring 2024 Eastern Canada Young People's Conference.

BAPTISM

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

II. The significance of baptism (cont'd)

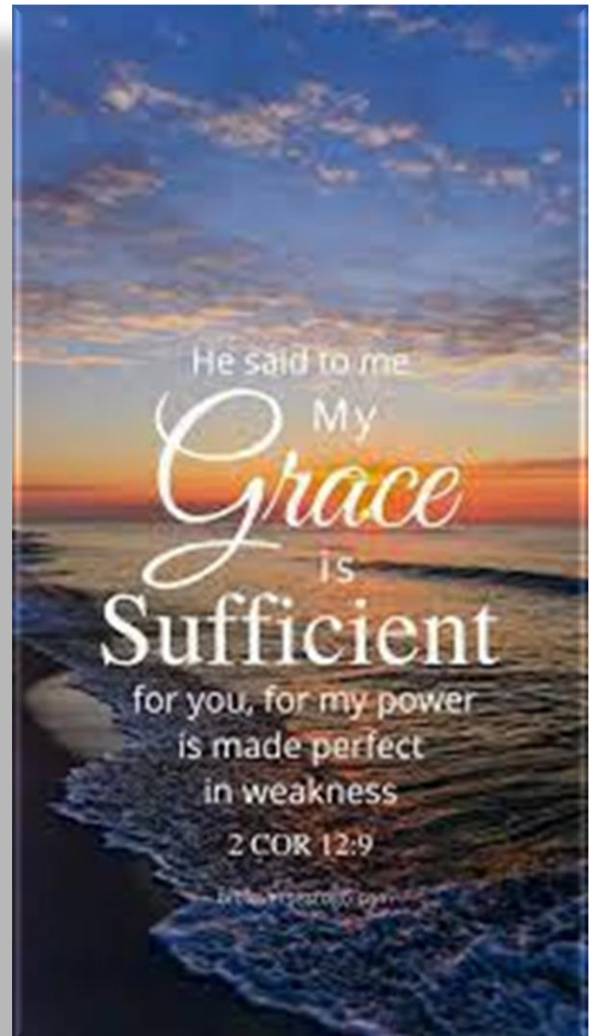
C. I am in Christ

Once I saw a headline in the newspaper which read, "One Person, Three Lives." The article was about a pregnant woman who had been murdered. After the woman died, it became known that she was pregnant with twins. Hence, the headline read, "One Person, Three Lives." Please note that concerning the Lord, it is, "One Person, Millions of Lives." This is why the Bible repeatedly emphasizes the words in Christ. In the murder spoken of above, the murderer apparently killed only the mother; he did not kill the two children. However, because the two children were in their mother's womb, they died when their mother died. Likewise, since we are in Christ, when Christ died, we died in Him.

God has put us into Christ Jesus. This is the revelation in 1 Corinthians 1:30: "Of Him you are in Christ Jesus." Since Christ has died, we are all dead. The basis for our co-death with Christ is our being in Christ. If we do not know what being in Christ means, we will not understand what dying with Him means either. How could the children die with their mother? They died because they were in their mother's womb. The analogy in the spiritual realm is even more real. God has joined us to Christ. When Christ died, we died also.

As soon as this gospel is preached to us, we should learn to look from God's viewpoint and acknowledge that we have died in the Lord. We have died because we believed this to be a fact. We have been buried in the water and have come out of it. We declare that we are on this side of the tomb. This is resurrection. Reckoning in Romans 6 involves both reckoning oneself dead in Christ Jesus and reckoning oneself alive in Him as well.

Brothers and sisters, I hope that you will take this way once you are saved. These are two separate thoughts. One thought comes before baptism, and the other comes after baptism. Before baptism we must see that we have already died and that we need to be buried. After baptism we must realize that we are in resurrection and that we can therefore serve God today.



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