Please Pray

- The Direction of the Church in Montréal: Following the messages that we have received during the Eastern Canada Chinese-Speaking Conference, we believe that the Lord would make 2026 a year of increase and propagation. Please reconsider the messages and the burden that you have received from the Lord and bring them back to the Lord in prayer. May we all come to the Lord concerning what we have heard and may the Lord work out what He has released during this conference through us. May we all be normal fruit-bearing branches and may our fruit remain. May the Lord bless the Church in Montréal with much fruit.
- * 2025 December Semi-Annual Training: (1) May the Lord release His up-to-date speaking to the churches during this training. (2) May we hear what the Spirit says to the churches and follow Him in His up-to-date move on this earth. (3) May we be emptied and unloaded so that the Lord could load us with fresh goods. (4) May the Lord cover all the speaking brothers. (5) May the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- Gospel trips during the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy (3 December 2025—23 February 2026): The 2026 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Gospel trips during the time of the Torch Relay and the Olympic Games will be conducted from 3 December 2025 through 23 February 2026. Please pray: (1) That the Lord will be wisdom to His Body on how to take advantage of this opportunity to sow Christ as the seed of the kingdom into many who attend this event. (2) That the Lord will use the upcoming months to prepare the hearts of many seeking people to receive Christ in His word and be added to the Lord's testimony in Italy and other parts of Europe. (3) That the Lord will grace the serving saints to prepare the most effective ministry publications for distribution to the seeking ones. (4) That the Lord will blend the saints together for the spreading of the lampstands in Italy and will advance His move in His recovery.
- ** FIFA World Cup 2026 (soccer) in North America: The world's most watched sport will be hosted by Canada, U.S., and Mexico in June and July of 2026. Toronto and Vancouver will be hosting the games in Canada. The leading brothers in both localities and throughout Canada felt good to grasp this opportunity to advance the divine history in the midst of this event in the human history. Let us first of all cooperate with the Lord by praying. Let's pray for the sanctifying work of the Spirit to prepare the sons of peace; pray for the fellowship and coordination among the brothers and localities; may the Lord release the proper venues and permits for the distributions.
- Pray for various local needs in Montréal: The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- \bullet Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Job 6:1 19:29.
- # HWMR: Chapters 5 through 8 of Romans the Kernel of the Bible, Week 2.
- Life-Study of Ephesians, Messages 69 and 70.

Announcements

Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, <u>allan.yeow81@gmail.com</u>, 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

December 22-27, Anaheim, CA: December Semi-Annual Training.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Dec-21 LORD'S D AY	• 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Dec-22	•
Tues-Dec-23	 5:00pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 1 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls. 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 2 (Meeting Hall/Zoom)
Wed-Dec-24	• 5:00pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 3 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). • 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 4 (Meeting Hall/Zoom).
Thur-Dec-25	• 5:00pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 5 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). • 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 6 (Meeting Hall/Zoom).
Fri-Dec-26	 5:00pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 7 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom. 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 8 (Meeting Hall/Zoom)
Sat-Dec-27	 1:00pm-2:45pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 9 (Meeting Hall). 3:15pm-5:00pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 10 (Meeting Hall).
Sun-Dec-28 LORD'S D AY	 10:00am-11:00am: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. 11:00am-12:30pm: Semi-Annual Training Mess. 11* (Meeting Hall).

20. HOUSEHOLD SALVATION

Household salvation

I. God's promise of salvation being to the household

Now we come to the subject of the unit of salvation. Everything is measured by units. The unit of salvation is the household.

According to the Bible, in God's dealings and communications with man, He has given man many promises. If we know these promises, we will reap great benefit for ourselves. If we do not know them, we will suffer great loss.

God's promise of salvation takes the household as a unit, not the individual as a unit. If a newly saved person sees this from the very beginning, he will be spared many headaches, and he will gain much benefit for himself. When God saves man, He takes the whole family, rather than an individual, as a unit.

Concerning eternal life, the Bible takes an individual, not a household, as the unit. However, concerning salvation, it shows that men are saved household by household. The unit of salvation is the household. We want to spend a little time to consider several portions of the Word. This will show us clearly that salvation is for the whole household. We can inquire of God according to these words. We can deal with Him not only for ourselves individually but also for our whole family.

We hope that all the children who are born among us will not need our extra effort in the future to bring them to salvation and to rescue them out of the world. Some have already been born into our fleshly family. We should make sure that they are born into our spiritual family also. We cannot afford to lose them year by year and then fight to rescue them back year by year. We cannot just beget them into the world; we still must bring them to the Lord.

If all the brothers and sisters agree that this is the way we should take, we will have at least as many saved ones as the number of children in our midst. The Lord has placed them in our hands. We should not let them go; we must make sure that they are saved. Otherwise, it will take considerable effort to bring them back from the world. All the little fishes born of our big fishes should be on our side; we should not let them go back into the sea and then struggle to catch them again. Whether or not the church will continue with its second generation depends on whether our children belong to the Lord.

I hope that the brothers and sisters will see the importance of this matter. Whether or not the church will go on in the next generation, whether or not those after us will go on, depends on whether we can bring our own children to the Lord. If we lose as many as are born to us, our second generation will be gone. If generation after generation all those who are born into our midst stand fast and if we also have some increase from the

outside, the church will be strong and its number will increase. We must never give birth to a child only to lose it later. Instead, those who are born to us must be regenerated.

II. Examples from the Bible

The Bible reveals the basic principle that God saves men household by household. How can we prove this? Let us examine various portions of the Word.

A. In the Old Testament

1. The whole house entering the ark

Genesis 7:1 says, "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark," and 1 Peter 3:20 says, "A few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water."

The ark was not for an individual; it was for the whole house. In Genesis 6 we see a man who was righteous before God — Noah. The Bible does not say that the sons and daughters-in-law of Noah were righteous. The Bible only says that Noah was a righteous man before God. However, when God prepared a way of salvation for Noah, He commanded Noah's whole house to enter the ark. Therefore, the household, not an individual, entered the ark

A new believer should bring every member of his household into the ark. You can say to the Lord, "I have believed in You. You have said that my whole household can enter into the ark. Lord, please bring my whole household into the ark now." God will honor your faith.

2. The whole house being circumcised

Genesis 17:12-13 says, "Every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant."

God called Abraham and made a covenant with him, saying, "I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee" (v. 7). The sign of the covenant between God and Abraham was circumcision. All who were circumcised belonged to God, and all who were not circumcised were not of God. God also told Abraham that his whole household needed to be circumcised, including those who were born in his house and those who were bought with his money. Therefore, the promise of circumcision was not given to Abraham alone but to his whole household. Circumcision takes the household as a unit. God's promise came to Abraham's house, not to him alone.

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