

Please Pray

- ✳️ **New School Semester Winter 2026:** May the connections that we have established during the fall semester continue to be strengthened during this new semester; may the students that we have contacted before still be warm and open to meet up and to attend the Bible studies; may the Lord draw new students to the Bible studies and ministry meetings; may the Lord gain what He wants to gain in this new semester.
- ✳️ **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.
- ✳️ **Gospel Trips During the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy (December 3, 2025—February 23, 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 December 3, 2025, through February 23, 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. One of the goals is to distribute more than 10,000 Bibles and books during this time. Let us cooperate with the Lord by praying, giving, and going. Let us 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; pray for the release of the proper venues and permits for the distributions; pray that we will surpass our goal of distributing 10,000 Bibles and books (5,000 in Toronto and 5,000 in Vancouver); pray that many saints will be released to participate in this gospel move.
- ✳️ **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: 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 14:40.
- ✳️ HWMR: Chapters 5 through 8 of Romans – the Kernel of the Bible, Week 5.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Ephesians, Messages 75 and 76.

Announcements

- ✳️ The International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference will be held in Anaheim, CA from February 13 to 15, 2026. Translation will be available in English, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese.
- ✳️ 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

- ✳️ February 13-15, 2026, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.**
- ✳️ February 20-22, 2026, Montréal: **Eastern Canada College Conference.**
- ✳️ March 20-22, 2026, Anaheim, CA: **March International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**
- ✳️ May 22-25, 2026, Dallas, TX: **International Memorial Day Blending Conference.**
- ✳️ June 29—July 4, 2026, Anaheim, CA: **June Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Jan-11 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jan-12	♦
Tues-Jan-13	♦ 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Jan-14	♦
Thur-Jan-15	♦
Fri-Jan-16	♦ 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jan-17	♦
Sun-Jan-18 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

20. HOUSEHOLD SALVATION

Household salvation

II. Examples from the Bible (cont'd)

B. In the New Testament (cont'd)

6. *The household of Crispus*

Acts 18:8 says, "Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with his whole household...and were baptized."

In the Bible there are individuals who believed in the Lord and there are households which believed in the Lord. Notice how easy it is for God's grace to come to a household. The whole household of Crispus believed and was baptized.

7. *The promise of Pentecost being given to you and your children*

Let us consider the condition at Pentecost. Acts 2:39 says, "For to you is the promise and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself."

The promise of Pentecost includes the forgiveness of sins and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. It was given "to you" and "to your children"; it was not merely given "to you." Those who are heads of the family in particular should lay hold of this promise and say, "Lord, Your promise is for me and also for my children. It cannot be mine without my children also being included. I want it for myself, and I want it also for my children."

8. *Peace to a house*

Luke 10:5-6 says, "Into whatever house you enter, first say, Peace to this house. And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon it; but if not, it shall return upon you."

The Lord says that when a person sets out to preach the gospel, he should say as he enters into a house, "Peace to this house." This shows that God's peace comes to man by households. It is not just given to individuals, but to households. If anyone is worthy of peace in a house, peace will come to his entire household. This verse is clear enough. God deals with man by households. Thank God, peace comes to man household by household.

9. *The household of Stephanas*

First Corinthians 1:16 says, "I did baptize the household of Stephanas also." Here Paul said that he baptized every member of the household of Stephanas. Like the jailer and the house of Lydia, Stephanas's whole household believed and was baptized.

10. *The household of Onesiphorus*

Second Timothy 4:19 says, "Greet Prisca and Aquila and the house of Onesiphorus," and 1:16 says, "May the Lord grant mercy to the house of

Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain." Here was a family that took care of Paul, a household that was not ashamed of his chain. Notice again that it was not an individual matter but something to do with a household.

These numerous cases provide ample proof in both the Old Testament and the New Testament that God deals with man by households. This is particularly true in the case of salvation; God takes the household as a unit.

III. The household being also the unit of God's punishment

We need to see some verses which show that the unit of God's punishment is also the household. When man rebelled against God, God was provoked and He judged man. In judging man He took the household as a unit. God's judgment comes through one man to the entire household, just as God's blessing comes through one man to the entire household. Once we see this, we will take a stand for our household and declare that our household is for the Lord.

A. Pharaoh and his house

Genesis 12:17 says, "The Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, because of Sarai, Abram's wife." The sin of Pharaoh brought God's plague to his whole household. God punished his whole household. If God's judgment comes to a household, we should expect that His blessing also will come to a household. We are not those under condemnation but those under His blessing.

B. The house of Abimelech

Genesis 20:18 says, "For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife." God closed up all the wombs of the women of the house of Abimelech. His whole household was punished, not just one or two men.

C. The house of David

Second Samuel 12:10-11 says, "Now therefore the sword will not depart from your house forever because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says Jehovah, I will now raise up trouble against you from within your house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and will give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in the sight of this sun."

After David sinned, God did not rebuke and punish him individually. He said, "Now therefore the sword will not depart from your house." This is very clear. David sinned individually, but the result was that his whole household was judged by God. In God's eyes the people of this world are divided into households, not individuals. We need to come to God household by household.

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