

KINGDOM MESSENGER

"Organised for service" (BT 139:5.3)

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SPONTANEOUS PRAYER

"Prayer is entirely a personal and spontaneous expression of the attitude of the soul toward the spirit; prayer should be the communion of sonship and the expression of fellowship. Prayer, when indited by the spirit, leads to co-operative spiritual progress. The ideal prayer is a form of spiritual communion which leads to intelligent worship. True praying is the sincere attitude of reaching heavenward for the attainment of your ideals. Prayer is the breath of the soul and should lead you to be persistent in your attempt to ascertain the Father's will."

(BT 144:2.2,3)

SUGGESTED OFFERINGS

Throughout the month of June, we would like to encourage all kingdom messengers to share digital copies of the Didache with the public, in addition to a link to the public ECCR group on MeWe.

Are you being called to the consecrated life as a monk, nun or hermit? Contact Brother Thomas through the Church's website for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* The Book of Truth Online Project continues. This is the ECCR edition of the Urantia Book which is in the public domain. When it is complete, you will be able to access the ECCR edition, quote from it extensively, search for key words and phrases and share verses or pages. More information will be made available as the project continues to come together.

* We are currently out of stock of the printed edition of Papers 139 and 140. You can always download and print these from the Church's website. They will be made available again in the future for members who do not have access to the internet.

* Reports of new baptisms, if any, will be published in one of the July issues of the *Kingdom Messenger*.

* Upcoming Festivals: Feast of Trumpets (26 September); Day of Atonement (5 October); Feast of Tabernacles (10-16 October); The Eighth Day (17 October)

THE WORK OF KINGDOM MESSENGERS

“Yeshua instructed [the apostles] to take up their regular duties until ‘the hour of the kingdom comes.’ And to encourage them, he set an example by going back regularly to work in the boat shop.

In explaining that they should spend three hours every evening studying and preparing for their future work, Yeshua further said: ‘We will all remain hereabout until the Father bids me call you. Each one of you must now return to his accustomed work just as if nothing had happened. Tell no man about me and remember that my kingdom is not to come with noise and glamour, but rather must it come through the great change which my Father will have wrought in your hearts and in the hearts of those who shall be called to join you in the councils of the kingdom. You are now my friends; I trust you and I love you; you are soon to become my personal associates. Be patient, be gentle. Be ever obedient to the Father’s will. Make yourselves ready for the call of the kingdom. While you will experience great joy in the service of my Father, you should also be prepared for trouble, for I warn you that it will be only through much tribulation that many will enter the kingdom. But those who have found the kingdom, their joy will be full, and they shall be called the blessed ones of all the earth. But do not entertain false hope; the world will stumble at my words. Even you, my friends, do not fully perceive what I am unfolding to your confused minds. Make no mistake; we go forth to labour for a generation of sign seekers. They will demand wonder-working as the proof that I am sent by my Father, and they will be slow to recognise in the revelation of my Father’s love the credentials of my mission.’” (BT 137:6.5)



INTRODUCING THE BOOK OF TRUTH TO OTHERS

When the opportunity arrives at work, school or other social situations, you might want to introduce the Book of Truth to others. One main goal is to share the fact that there is a God and He cares about every single individual on the planet. You can also share with individuals that they are sons/daughters of God, and that as His children, we are all family. At some point, if it is safe or appropriate, you may wish to start an informal study group. This will only work if the other person is receptive to truly listening to and desiring to understand what the Book of Truth says. Start off simple. Don’t force anything, and be tolerant of those who don’t pick up quickly on the teachings of Yeshua. Be patient.

The Kingdom Messenger is published twice a month, as the Lord allows, for members of The Early Christian Church Restored. Its main purpose is to serve as a reminder of upcoming events, announcements, provide a daily reading schedule of the Book of Truth, and help provide tips and suggestions concerning how we can share the good news of Yeshua with others. If you have any questions, please contact us through the Church’s website at www.earlychristian.org

WORD SEARCH

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X I M D A I N T N C T O V B A
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DAYNALS
DILMAT
DILMUN
DIVININGTON
EDENTIA
EBER
ELLANORA
ENDANTUM
ENOS
ENSA
ENTA
EVENTOD
EVESON

SUGGESTED HYMN

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
Oh Yeshua discloses.

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of
His voice is so sweet,
The birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go;
Through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

(Based on "In the Garden",
by Charles Austin Miles. Public domain.)

If you would like to write
devotionals or hymns for the
Church, please contact us
through the contact page on
our website. Thank you.

QUESTION

What happens if I or my congregation becomes isolated due to circumstances out of my control?

The following quotes are extracted from the Church's handbook.

If a congregation or home study group finds itself isolated due to political strife or other worldly problems, they should take courage that God has not forgotten them, nor have their brothers. The brethren should strive to continue reading and studying the Book of Truth, even if they are not able to share the gospel with others at the time. For the safety of members, meetings may have to be limited to once a month or temporarily terminated. The brethren worldwide will continue praying for those who are persecuted or experiencing strife in their countries.

Individuals who are isolated in their cities, villages or entire countries should take courage that they are not the only ones who are dealing with isolation. For some, it is encouraged that they pray about the possibility of moving to an area that has other brothers and sisters. There are some, however, that prefer isolation. In this case they might be able to serve as hermits in the consecrated religious life. Others may find comfort in communicating with their fellow brethren on the internet.

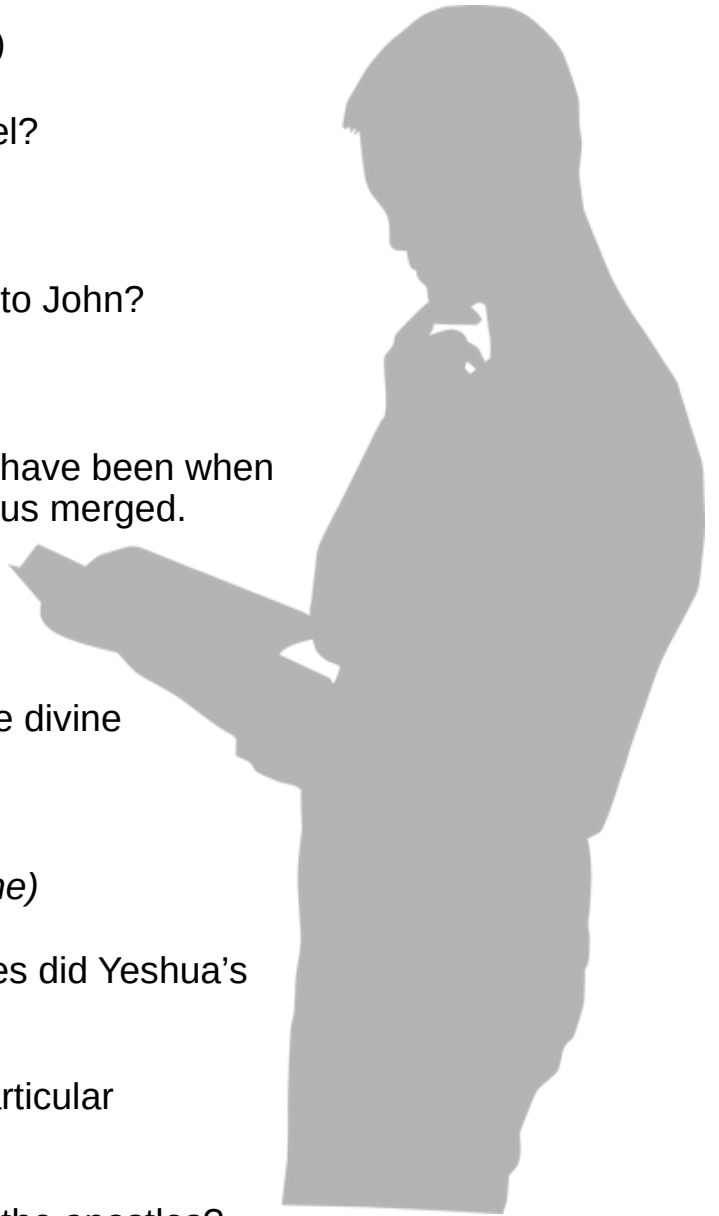
SABBATH SCHOOL

Questions for BT 144:8 (Saturday, 21 June)

1. Who came to the camp to hear the gospel?
2. How long had John been in prison?
3. What comforting words did Yeshua send to John?
4. What praise did Yeshua have for John?
5. Visual exercise: Think about how it must have been when the disciples of John and the disciples of Jesus merged.
6. Why would the Father hide truths from certain people?
7. What can we expect when we take up the divine yoke?

Questions for BT 146:0-1 (Saturday, 28 June)

1. According to today's reading, in what cities did Yeshua's and his apostles' preaching tour take place?
2. What activities were involved with this particular preaching tour?
3. What admonitions did the Master give to the apostles?
4. What religious influences were prevalent in city of Rimmon?
5. What made later Christianity more appealing to some people of the Near East and western Greeks?



If you or someone you know is in need of large print digital copies of the Sabbath school lessons, please contact the Church through the website at www.earlychristian.org