



TBM Newsletter –
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Inspire, Influence
and Impact Lives
for Christ

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The Cup of Blessing

“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” Matthew 26:29

Ever wondered why Jesus said this at the Passover meal with His disciples? Well, I did last year when reading this verse which led to this little study.

The Four Cups

According to the Passover tradition, there are four cups representing the four promises that the Lord made to His people in Exodus 6:6-8.

- Cup of Sanctification: “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
- Cup of Deliverance: “I will deliver you from slavery to them.”
- Cup of Redemption: “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgement.”
- Cup of Praise: “I will take you to be My people, and I will be your God.”

These promises culminated with God declaring that He would bring the children of Israel into the promised land.

When our Lord Jesus instituted the holy communion meal in Matthew 26:26-28, it is believed that this was done using the third cup. Thereafter, He said that the fourth cup will be drank new with us in His Father’s kingdom. They sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Do it in Remembrance of Him

Just as the Passover is celebrated for God’s mighty deeds in the great exodus, the holy communion is to be taken in remembrance of our Lord Jesus and His finished work at the Cross:

- Sanctification and made holy as one with Him who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified (Hebrews 2:11).
- Deliverance from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Colossians 1:13).
- Redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance to the riches of God’s grace (Ephesians 1:7)



Apostle Paul called the holy communion cup as the “cup of blessing”. He called the drinking of it the communion of the blood of Christ and the breaking of the bread the communion of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16).

Partakers of the holy communion are one life and one body in Christ. That’s why in the next chapter, he reproved the congregation for their division and the unworthy way that the communion meal was taken (1 Corinthians 11:17-22).

The holy communion is to be taken in the unity of the spirit and as one body in remembrance of all that He had done for us and the blessing of the Cross with all its present benefits including forgiveness, healing, deliverance, redemption, His steadfast love and mercy (Psalm 103:1-4).

The betrothed bride of Christ will drink the final cup of consummation new with the Bridegroom in His Father’s kingdom.

The Fourth Cup

Before He went to the Cross, our Lord Jesus took the cup of suffering in the garden of Gethsemane on our behalf in order to save us from God's coming wrath (Matthew 20:22, Romans 5:9).

At the Cross, He bore the full wrath of God for us. When all was finished, He received the sour wine for our cleansings, declared "it is finished", bowed His head and gave up His spirit (John 19:28-30).

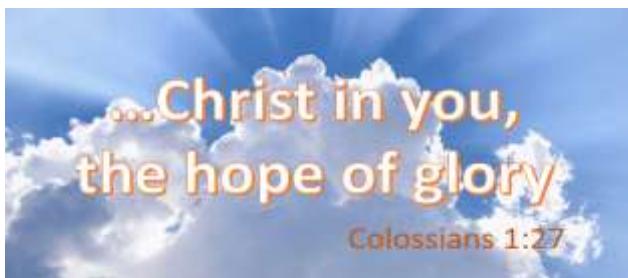
The cup of suffering (which He took alone) and the sour wine He received on the Cross were however not the fourth cup or representation of it. Remember that our Lord Jesus said He will not drink of this fruit of the vine from then on until that day when He drinks it new with us in the Father's kingdom.

When the day comes, those of us who are alive and remain shall be caught up in the clouds with those asleep in Christ to be presented at the marriage supper of the lamb when the fourth cup will be served (1 Thessalonians 4:17, Revelation 19:6-9).

In the Passover, God declared He will take Israel as His people and that He will be their God. In the new covenant of His blood, the Church will be adorned as a bride for Christ, and with this fourth cup at the marriage supper of the lamb, God will declare us to be His people and Himself will be with us as our God (Revelation 21:2-3).

Christ in Us, the Hope of Glory

While we partake and give thanks for His finished work and receive His present benefits as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, Apostle Paul also said to proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. There is this looking forward to the fourth cup.



As a bride betrothed to our Lord Jesus, we have every reason to look ahead to the day when He drinks the final cup new with us in Heaven. Just as God brought the children of Israel into the promised land, He will likewise come and bring us into His Father's kingdom.

We can rejoice in the Lord, Christ in us, the hope of glory (Philippians 4:4, Colossians 1:27). Amen.

The Boatman Ministry (TBM)

This ministry is registered in January 2024 as a "Soul Center" under the Christian Leaders Alliance (CLA), a global credentialing organization for ministers from various Christian backgrounds, whether volunteers, part-time or full-time.

Working with individuals and ministry partners toward the following objectives:

- To be that vessel from which the Word of God is shared and taught, bringing the spiritual nourishment to wherever the Word reaches.
- To encourage and challenge those in fellowship to have an intimate personal walk with God, and a Christ-centred testimony of their lives.
- To provide faith-based guidance in one-on-one or small group coaching, helping them move forward in their calling and spiritual dreams.
- To facilitate opportunities for sowing of Kingdom seeds through charitable and mercy projects, and other forms of contributions.

Ministerial Services

Credentialed by CLA as licensed Coach Minister and Ministry Chaplain, I am helming the ministry as a bi-vocational minister to fund TBM's mission to inspire, influence and impact lives for Christ. Ministerial Offerings under TBM are as follow:

- Small group fellowship with focus on prayer and thanksgiving, bible reading and discussion, and the ministry of encouragement.
- Faith-based guidance through life coaching in personal mission and direction, pre-marital and marriage, and parenting skills, Christian living.
- Officiant and chaplain services, outreach, charitable and mercy projects in collaboration with ministry and project partners.

Enrolled in 2021 with Christian Leaders Institute (CLI), I have completed the Christian Ministry Diploma and Certified Life Coach training last year, and now working towards the Diploma of Divinity in 2024 as part of my continuing ministry training.

Significance of the Boat

The boat played an important part in the life and ministry of Jesus. It was mentioned many times in the Gospels, from the calling of the disciples to the days before He ascended back to Heaven.

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus taught from the boat and from it, the fishermen caught a great number of fish. His disciples were called to be fisher of men.

“And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.” Matthew 13:2

The boat carried the Word of God to many places, witnessing miracles onboard, on the waters and at the locations where He taught and preached.

“Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” Matthew 8:26b.

After He was raised, it played a part to affirm the great commission. When the disciples went fishing, they caught nothing until Jesus directed them to catch the multitude of large fish.



He restored and commissioned the disciples not only to lead men to the Salvation in Christ, but also to grow them from spiritual babies to the fullest in spiritual maturity.

Navigating with The Boatman

The Boatman desires therefore to prepare and helm the vessel(s) from which the Word of God is taught and preached, carrying the spiritual nourishment to wherever the Word reaches, and prayerfully, help bring the Gospel to those who need to hear it and enable the children of God in certain measure of spiritual growth and maturity.

Here are the URL links for the ministry and related organizations:

The Boatman Ministry
<https://tbn-bp.com/the-boatman-ministry>

Christian Leaders Alliance - Soul Center
<https://www.soulcenters.org/directory/the-boatman-ministry/>

Christian Leaders Institute
<https://www.christianleadersinstitute.org>

Building Lives for Christ

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works...” Hebrews 10:24

Indeed, no man is an island and so it is for any minister of the gospel. TBM is part of the body, joined and held together by the family of believers in Christ, seeking kingdom partnership to grow and build itself up in love, as each part does its work.

It is the desire of this ministry to connect with others in the faith, both to build up one another for the work of the ministry and serving those who are in need, reaching out to those who have yet to come to the saving grace and faith in Christ.

The Home Ministry

The personal conviction I have is that ministry begins at home. Whether in singlehood or married life, the family is an important part of our whole being. The whole idea is from God through which human race is to increase, and in the church age, the growth of His spiritual family as well – starting in the home unit.

Involving the family in ministry work can take several forms, from the supportive to participative through to something more integrative. Having my own family participate in ministry projects, as in the past, will continue, no matter how small some may seem.

With grown up children serving in their respective ministry, our parental role as home ministers is shifting to a supportive one, and where possible, participative. It would be great to have some integration but there is a time to let go and submit to the Lord the fulfilment of their own call to ministry.

Of Couples and Tying the Knots

It is always first about the covenant marital partner in the home ministry. As a married couple (30 years and counting), the ministry partnership with my wife now extends into couples' coaching and fellowship, sharing our marital and parental experiences with other couples – both the “ups and the not so ups”.

Coming up soon will be the couples' program for pre-marital (seriously dating) and married couples based on biblical values with a practical approach to enrich and strengthen the relationship connection for life and work of the ministry.

Following this (later in the year) will be the parenting program for married couples who are either preparing or already in the awesome role as parents and stewards of God's precious blessings to their covenantal marriage.

Kingdom Partnership

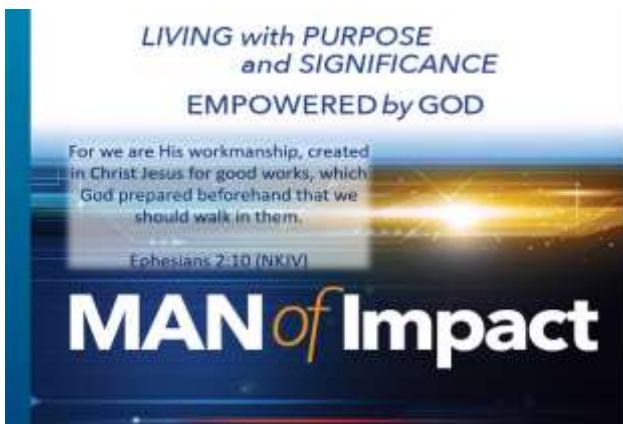
“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.” 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.

As a facilitator-coach since 2022 with Cru Singapore for its “Man of Impact” (MOI) course, it is my privilege to work with Christian men seeking to grow in an authentic relationship with God, helping to equip them with biblically based principles to pursue a life of purpose, significance and impact.

The next public run will start in July 2024. Visit the Cru Singapore website <https://www.cru.org/sg> or contact this ministry for information.

Also, facilitated the forming of an MOI Alumni fellowship with the purpose of encouraging one another in their personal missions and creating opportunities to collaborate in kingdom work.

This fellowship is open to Christian men who have completed or are attending the MOI course. Look for us on Facebook “MOI Alumni” to join or contact this ministry for information.



Going Forward

TBM hopes to work with organizations to offer its Chaplaincy Services (ministry of presence and compassion) for their staff, and in addition, related programs in corporate social responsibility and community involvement.

For individual / organizational consultation, do contact me or visit TBM’s website to schedule a call or meeting.

General Announcements

Upcoming Events

- MOI Alumni meeting, 17 April 2024, 8pm.
Open to past and current participants.
By invitation only.
- Launch of TBM Couples’ Program in Q2/2024.
Do look out for information session and program schedule in your email / WhatsApp messages.



E-booklets Give-away

The book titled “Navigating Life: Wind in the Sail” (one of three books published in 2021) will be serialised into the following e-booklets for give-away for a limited time:

- Wind in the Sail (I): The Triune Godhead (05 April 2024)
- Wind in the Sail (II): The Indwelling Spirit (19 April 2024)
- Wind in the Sail (III): The Flow of the Spirit (03 May 2024)

As we head toward this year’s Pentecost Sunday on 19 May 2024, pray that the above would be a blessing to readers as reminder of the grace and mercy of God our Father who through His Eternal Son gave the Holy Spirit who helps us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Go to this link <https://tbn-bp.com/resources-events> to register your interest to request a copy of the above e-booklets.

Allow 3 working days for the first e-booklet to be sent to your registered email. Subsequent e-booklets will be sent according to the schedule.

Blessings,
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