



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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"God lives, God moves, and God works out His life in the church."

Meeting Schedule

- Lord's Table Meeting - Lord's Day
- YWCA 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- Prayer Meeting, - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Saints Homes 8:30 - 9:30 PM
- Small Group Meeting - Saturday evening
- Saints Homes
- Young People's Meeting - Fridays
- Bro. Hendrick's House 7:00-9:00PM

Upcoming Activities

- February - Love Feast, Feb 8, 2015
- Church Pursuit Feb 14, 2015
Msg-11, The All-inclusive Christ
- Churching, February 15, 2015
Saskatoon, SK
- March - Love Feast, March 3, 2015

Church Building

"COME TO THE CHURCH AND SEE
THE REAL PATIENCE AND THE
REAL HUMILITY. COME TO US AND
SEE THE REAL FAITHFULNESS AND
THE REALITY OF BEING HONEST."

Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking
Conference - Taipei, Taiwan
February 21-22, 2015
2. International Training for elders and
Responsible Ones - Anaheim, CA
March 27-29, 2015
3. Memorial Day Conference - St Louis, MO
May 22-25, 2015
4. Summer Training - Anaheim, CA
June 29 - July 4, 2015
5. ITERO - Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil
October 1-3, 2015
6. Thanksgiving Conference
Jacksonville, FL
November 26-29, 2015
7. Winter Training - Anaheim, California
Dec. 21-26, 2015

THE CHURCH—THE PILLAR AND BASE OF THE TRUTH

The church is not only the house of God, in which God dwells, lives, and works out His life, but it is also the pillar and base of the truth. What is truth? Do not think that truth is merely doctrine. The word truth in such a passage means "reality." Nothing is real in the whole universe. Nothing is the truth; everything is only a shadow. **Everything that can be seen, everything that can be touched, everything that can be possessed and enjoyed is not real but is at best a shadow. Whatever exists in this universe is only a shadow; it is not the real thing.**

What is the real thing? **It is Christ as the reality of every positive thing.** The food we eat is not the real food but only a shadow of the real food. The real food is Christ. If we do not have Christ, we do not have the reality of food. We may think that the human life we have is real, but it is not the real life; it too is only a shadow. **The real life is Christ** (John 11:25). If we have the Son of God, we have life; if we do not have the Son of God, we do not have life (1 John 5:12).

The church must bear the truth, the reality. The church must be the pillar and base of this universal reality, which is Christ Himself. We must be able to tell others, *"Come to the church and see the real patience and the real humility. Come to us and see the real faithfulness and the reality of being honest."*

God dwells, God lives, God moves, and God works out His life **in the church.** The testimony and the reality stand upon the church. We must consider these two aspects—**inwardly**, God's dwelling in the church, and **outwardly**, the church **bearing the testimony and the reality.** These two aspects show the **real mingling of God with man.** ...The testimony of the church is not in doctrine but in bearing Christ as the reality. *The more we exclaim "Christ" yet do not have the inner reality, the more Christ is gone. Without the inner reality, we have Christ only in shouting, in talking, and in teaching. We do not have Him in our inner life, nor do we experience Him in our outer living, our daily walk.* The church must be the pillar and base, bearing Christ as the unique reality of everything. If we do not know the real meaning of life, we must be able to come to the church to find it. (The Economy of God, Chapter 23, Section 1)

THE GROWTH OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Through the Members Growing into the Head, Christ,
in All Things by **Holding to Truth in Love**

The growth of the Body of Christ is through the members growing into the Head, Christ, in all things by **holding to truth in love.**

According to Ephesians 4:15, the members of the Body grow up into Christ in all things by holding to truth in love. In this verse the word **truth refers to anything that is real.** ...What is truth? God is truth, Christ is truth, the Spirit is truth, the divine life is truth, the Body of Christ is truth, the gospel is truth, and salvation is truth. By holding to these true things, we grow into Christ. If we hold to these real things, we are actually growing into the Head, Christ, in all things. Otherwise, we are not growing into Christ.

*Dear saints, if this word impresses you and you **take it, practice it, and live it,** you will receive much blessing. It will save you time and energy. Instead of speaking vainly about others, it is better for you to shut your eyes and sit down to rest awhile in the Lord. The amount of time you spend talking vanity can be used to sit before the Lord. You do not even need to speak to the Lord; just sit with Him and rest. If you try this, you will have the real growth into the Head in all things, by holding to truth in love.*

The phrase in love is very meaningful. When we speak something to others in vanity, this indicates that we do not love the Lord and we do not love the one of whom we are speaking. We do not have the right to expose others, but we still expose them. Instead of exposing others' mistakes, we should cover them, not telling anyone about them. This is love (1 Pet. 4:8). Yet we are just the opposite. We like to tell people about others, exposing them to others. To inform is not to love. To love is to cover others' shortcomings and weaknesses. To talk in vanity to everyone indicates that we do not love the church. The church has been damaged very much by this kind of exposing. **If everyone in a church refrains from exposing others and is full of prayers, singing, and praises to the Lord, that church is beautiful.**

(The Organic Union in God's Relationship with Man, Chapter 5, Section 4)

Prayer burden

1. God has chosen us, predestinated us, redeemed us, forgiven us, and graced us for the purpose of **heading up all things in Christ**, Lord strengthens us that we will take the lead to be headed up in You. Grant us absolute peace and harmony in everything and fully rescue us out of the heap of collapse.
2. Lord we want to grow in You. We would like to take, practice, and live the **holding to truth in love**. We decrease and You come in to gradually to replace us. Lord, grow in us in everything big or small in our daily life and in our work.
3. Lord we pray that -
 - You would give us a mingled spirit of **wisdom to understand and of revelation to see** Your economy.
 - we will be **built** together to be Your dwelling place in spirit.
 - we will to be **renewed** in the spirit of our mind and that we may be filled with spirit.
4. Lord **bring us** in to Your inner substance that we may enjoy You as love and enjoy Your presence in the sweetness of the divine love.
5. Pray for the propagation in **Kurnool, India** that they may sustain their daily morning revival and home meetings. The propagation in **Thane, India**, the Lord gained 58 baptisms. Pray for the two families that were gained and 7 families that are open.
6. Pray for the Lord's move in **Czech Republic**. Lord remember the six monthly seminars which started last January 17, with 21 saints attended. The next seminar on "The Economy of the Triune God," that will be held on February 14, 2014.
7. Pray for the growth and increase of the church in **Regina**. For our generation to rise up as lovers of Christ and functioning members of the Body. Pray for the children, the YP, our contacts and friends.

We need to come to the written Word of God that we may get the living Word, the Rhema Word of God, infused into us. When the Word is mingled with the living Spirit in our spirit, we are sanctified with the essence of God. If we daily contact the Word of God in this way, God is added to us daily - and we are permeated with God and made one with Him!

This Weeks's Pursuit: The Vision, Practice, and Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ - Message Three

**God's Purpose for the Church (3)
To Head Up All Things in Christ**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:10; 4:15-16; Col. 2:19

I. "Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him."

The economy, or dispensation, that God, according to His desire, planned and purposed in Himself is **to head up all things** in Christ at the **fullness of the times**. This is accomplished through the dispensing of the abundant life supply of the Triune God as the life factor into all the members of the church so that they may rise up from the death situation and be attached to the Body. The times refers to the ages, and the **fullness of the times** will be when the new heaven and new earth appear after all the dispensations of God in all the ages have been completed. (A dispensation is the act or instance of dispensing. It refers to God's dispensing of Himself into His chosen people. We need the element of God with His life and nature to be wrought into our being.)

God made Christ the Head over all things, through all the dispensations of God in all the ages, all things will be headed up in Christ in the new heaven and new earth; that will be God's eternal administration and economy. The believers participate in this heading up **by being willing to be headed up in the church life**, by growing in life and by living under Christ's light.

God's way to head us up is to work Himself as the factor of life into us that we may rise up and be attached to one another. When everything is headed up in Christ, there will be absolute peace and harmony, a full rescue out of the collapse; this will begin from the restoration of all things.

II. We need to grow up into Christ, the Head, in all things

The organic building up of the Body is the growth of the Body, which is the growth of God, the increase of God as life, in all the members. To grow in life is to have more of God in us. The growing members are the building members.

In order to grow up into the Head, we must hold to truth in love.

We need to hold to God's eternal economy, to have the church as the organic Body of Christ to consummate in the New Jerusalem for the manifestation of Christ as God's multifarious wisdom. **We need to hold to the all-inclusive Christ**, His measure is immeasurable. His riches are unsearchable. His love is knowledge-surpassing. **We need to hold to the church as the Body of Christ**. The Body of Christ is the corporate Christ. The Body of Christ is the fullness, the expression, of Christ and of God.

In order to grow up into the Head, we must hold to truth in love:

- We hold to truth **in** the element and sphere of the divine love.
- We grow up into the Head **in all things**—in all things means in everything, big or small, in our daily life and in our work.
- We grow up into the Head **through acknowledging** the authority of the headship of Christ.
- We grow up into the Head **by allowing** Christ to increase and grow in all the inward parts of our being.

III. As we grow up into the Head in life, our function will come out from the Head for the building up of the Body.

When we allow Christ to be the Head in everything and when we grow up into Him in all things, we will be supplied with the riches of His life, receiving something from Him to transfuse into other members of the Body.

All the Body causes the growth of the Body of Christ. This growth is through every joint of the rich supply—all the particular gifts in the Body of Christ. It is through the operation in the measure of each one part—every member in the Body of Christ.

The building up of the Body of Christ is in love and by love. Love is the most excellent way to be anything and to do anything for the building up of the Body of Christ. The goal of the book of Ephesians is to bring us into love as God's inner substance so that we may enjoy God as love and enjoy His presence in the sweetness of the divine love, and thereby love others as Christ.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETINGS	OFFERING
Jan. 25 - Feb. 31, 2015	22	11	13		\$230.00
Feb. 01 - Feb. 07, 2015	19	11	12		\$160.00