



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“... so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.”

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

April 2015 - Church Pursuit, April 3
 All-inclusive Christ Msg# 12
 - Love Feast, April 12
 - Conference, Winnipeg,
 April 17-19
 - Conference, Edmonton -
 April 24 - 26

Church Building

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS THE
 MINGLING OF DIVINITY WITH
 HUMANITY. WHEN WE LOVE, WE
 MUST LOVE BY OUR LOVE WITH
 GOD'S LOVE AS ITS CONTENT AND
 REALITY.

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 WORD OF LIFE

At the very beginning of John's Epistle, he speaks of “the Word of life.” This means that when we hear “the Word of life,” we obtain eternal life and never die. “The Word of life” **refers to the Lord of grace** who is God incarnated to be a man called Jesus. The four Gospels tell us that of all the times He met with people, there was not even one time when they had a so-called worship service. The Bible never says that this incarnated God displayed His power by sitting in the highest place, telling people to worship Him, but instead it says that every time He met with people, He was informal. We may all have the religious concept that whenever we come into a meeting we should be very quiet. If someone shouts, “Hallelujah,” we may think he is out of order. However, the Psalms tell us that we should shout loudly and joyfully to the Lord: “**Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth**” (100:1). To make a noise is to speak not in a normal voice but to shout loudly. **When we come to the meetings every Lord's Day, we should not keep religious rituals and perform orderly ceremonies. We have to realize that we are coming to the Lord of grace to hear and enjoy the Word of life, so we should not feel restrained and remain quiet; we all should shout praises together.**

EATING, DRINKING, AND ENJOYING THE LORD

Anything related to eating and drinking must be a matter of enjoyment. The Lord Himself said, “*I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst*” (John 6:35). He also said, “*If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes into Me,...out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water*” (7:37-38). In addition, the apostle Paul said that the Israelites who followed Moses in the wilderness, “*all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink*” (1 Cor. 10:3-4). Then in the book of Revelation written by John, the Lord Jesus promised, “*To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life*” (2:7). He also said, “*To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna*” (v. 17). These verses cover the matters of eating and drinking, which are certainly matters for enjoyment.

The whole Bible ends with a promise concerning eating: “Blessed are those who wash their robes”—that is, those who wash their conduct in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus - “that they may have right to the tree of life”. “*that they may have right to the tree of life*” (22:14). The Bible also ends with a call concerning drinking: “*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come!...And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely*” (v. 17).

Genesis tells us from the outset that after God created man, **the first thing** He did was not to give man the Ten Commandments... **After God created man, the first thing He did was to bring man to the tree of life and say to him,** “*Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die*” (Gen. 2:16-17). Here **God made a covenant with man, and this covenant was about the matter of eating.** In other words, eating is the most important matter related to man's existence; if man eats the right things, he will live longer, but if he eats the wrong things, he will jeopardize his health and invite death. For this reason, after God finished creating man, He immediately spoke to man about the matter of eating. However, because Eve saw that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was good for food, she was tempted and **ate wrongfully**. This resulted in the fall of man.

After man fell, God came to save him and again brought in the matter of eating. Exodus shows us that the children of Israel not only received God's redemption through the blood of the lamb, but they were also strengthened to leave Egypt by eating the flesh of the lamb and the unleavened bread. Then after they were delivered, they went into the wilderness and ate **manna** every day until they entered the land of Canaan. After entering Canaan, there was still the matter of eating. God wanted them to go up to Jerusalem three times a year for the feasts, bringing the best tenth of their **produce** from the land to eat, drink, and enjoy before God (Deut. 14:22-23). (Abiding in The Lord To Enjoy His Life - Chapter 1 Section 2)

Prayer burden

1. Lord we open our heart to You. Grow in us that You may **build Your organic Body**, the church - an organism of the Triune God. We depend on You in Your supply to increase in us and add more of Your being into us.
2. Lord continue to **increase in us**. Get into us gradually in all things. Join us closely together through every joint of the rich supply and knit us together through the operation in measure of each one part.
3. Lord we only **care to be in the Spirit**. We see the church is neither an organization nor a religion but Your Body - the mingling of the divine Spirit with our spirit. Lord take us as Your dwelling place, and we take You as our habitation.
4. Lord, **lead us** through all kinds of environments, and continue to **work Your self in us** in various ways, to mingle Yourself with us that You may become our content, our life, and our nature. Lord carry out Your eternal plan in us - the mingling of God and man.
5. Pray for the conference in **Winnipeg** on April 17 - 19, 2015. Pray also for the conference in **Edmonton** on April 24 - 26, 2015.
6. Pray for the growth and increase of the church in **Regina**.

Eating the Lord as the tree of life is so simple – we just open to Him and take Him in as life by calling on His precious name, pray-reading His Word, opening our heart to Him, fellowshiping with Him and with the saints. This is what we were designed and created for – we are vessels to contain God (Rom. 9:21, 23; 2 Cor. 4:7) and we can eat, digest, and assimilate God as our food supply (John 6:57). God wants to be enjoyed by us, eaten by us, digested by us, and assimilated by us to become our very fiber, our very constitution!

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

The Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ (3) The Organic Building by the Growth of Life and the Mingling of God and Man and the Lord's Need of Overcomers to Care for the Body and Build Up the Body

Scripture Reading: Col. 2:19; Eph. 3:17a; 4:4-6, 12-16; Rev. 12:11

I. The organic building up of the church as the Body of Christ is by the growth of life, the increase of the Triune God within all the members, who grow up into the Head, Christ, in everything (Col. 2:19; Eph. 4:12-16).

The **Body of Christ**, as the church of God, is an organism, **not an organization of human beings**. The Lord desires to build up the church organically, because the church is the organic Body of Christ. The organic building up of the church as the Body of Christ is actually the growing up; the building up of the church is by the believers' growth in life. How much organic building up we have experienced depends upon how much growth in life we have had (Eph. 4:16). The growth of the Body depends on what comes out of Christ as the Head. When the Body is supplied by holding the Head, the Body grows with the growth of God (Col. 2:19). The Body grows out from the Head, for all the supply comes from the Head (Eph. 4:15). The growth of the Body depends on the growth of God, the addition of God, the increase of God, within us (Col. 2:19). Only God can give growth; only God can give us Himself, and without Him, we cannot have growth. The addition of God into us is the growth He gives.

Ephesians 4:16 reveals that all the Body causes the growth of the Body. This means that the Body grows by itself; the Body makes the growth of the Body. The Body of Christ causes the growth of itself by the supplying joints and the operating parts. The growth of the Body is **"unto the building up of itself in love"**. This is not our own love but the love of God in Christ, which becomes the love of Christ in us, by which we love Christ and the fellow members of His Body (1 John 4:7-8, 10-12, 16, 19).

II. The building up of the church as the Body of Christ is by the mingling of God and man.

The true meaning of building is that God is building Himself into man and building man into Himself; this is the mingling of God and man. The mingling of God and man is an intrinsic union of the elements of divinity and humanity to form one organic entity, yet the elements remain distinct in the union.

God's purpose is to mingle Himself with us so that He becomes our life, our nature, and our content and so that we become His corporate expression (John 14:20; 15:4-5; Eph. 3:16-21; 4:4-6, 16). The Lord Jesus Christ is the mingling of God and man (Luke 1:31-35). The Christian life is the mingling of divinity and humanity; to be a Christian means to be mingled with God, to be a God-man (2 Tim. 3:17).

The Body of Christ is the enlargement of Christ, the enlargement of the One who is the mingling of God and man (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4-6, 16). The church is the enlargement of Christ, the God-man, the One who is God mingled with man (Luke 1:35; John 1:14; 12:24). The Body of Christ is an organism composed of people who have the Triune God as the Spirit dwelling in their spirit; this indwelling of God as the Spirit in our regenerated spirit is the mingling of God with us (2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17). The church as the Body of Christ is a group of people who allow God to be mingled with them and who are mingled with God (Eph. 3:16-21).

III. The Lord needs the overcomers to care for the Body and to carry out the economy of God to build up the church as the Body of Christ (1:10; 3:9; 4:12, 16; 1 Tim. 1:4; Rev. 12:11):

The overcomers are for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem (Eph. 4:16; Rev. 2:7b; 3:12). Without the overcomers the Body of Christ cannot be built up, and unless the Body of Christ is built up Christ cannot come back for His bride (19:7-9). The building up of the Body of Christ is by the overcomers produced by Christ in His sevenfold intensified heavenly ministry.

- The overcomers overcome anything that is against Christ or that replaces Christ (1 John 2:18, 22; Phil. 3:7-11).
- The overcomers make a resolution to be vitalized ones (Judg. 5:15; Rev. 3:19b).
- The overcomers see theBody, knowtheBody, and care for the Body (Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 18, 24b-27; Eph. 2:16; 4:4, 16; Col. 2:19).
- The overcomers are those who care for God's interests above everything, including their necessities (Matt. 6:33).
- The overcomers resolve to deny themselves and to pay the price required by the Lord to be the overcomers for the Lord, for the recovery, and for the Body (16:24; Rev. 3:18; 12:11; 14:1, 4).

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Mar. 08 - Mar. 14, 2015	22	11	12		\$320.00
Mar. 15 - Mar. 21, 2015	27	11			\$100.00