



# The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“...And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst...”

## 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

May 2015 - Love Feast, May 10  
 - Church Pursuit, May 18  
 All-inclusive Christ Msg 13  
 June 2015 - YP conference, June 14  
 - Love Feast, June 14

## Church Building

*Lord Jesus, Thank You for saving us, becoming our daily provision, and showing us a revelation of Your heart's desire; now Lord, we are one with You to pray, Gain Your Building!*

## 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 TWO ASPECTS OF THE CHURCH

### THE UNIVERSAL ASPECT

In the universal aspect the church is uniquely one. At the end of Ephesians 1 Paul says that the church is the Body of Christ, **the fullness of the One who fills all in all**. This is the church in its universal aspect, for Christ has only one Body, which is unique in the universe.

The universal church is the house of the living God, the Body of Christ, the bride that matches Christ as the Bridegroom, and the new man. In Matthew 16:18 we have the Lord's first mentioning of the church. In this verse He says, *"On this rock I will build My church."* What is revealed here is the universal church for the unique testimony of the Lord in the universe. The universal church is to be built by Christ, the Son of the living God revealed by the Father. When Peter declared that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Lord said to Him, *"You are blessed, Simon Bar-jona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in the heavens"* (Matt. 16:17). Only the Father knows the Son (Matt. 11:27) and can reveal the Son to us. The Son revealed by the Father is now building the universal church, not the church in a nation or the church in a city.

In Matthew 16 the Father first revealed Christ to Peter. Then, with this revelation as the basis, the Lord went on to reveal the universal church to Peter and the other apostles. The Lord said clearly that He Himself as the Christ, the Son of the living God, will build the church. (The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 199)

### THE LOCAL ASPECT

Every truth in the Bible has two sides. This is also true with respect to the church. The church has two aspects: the **universal aspect** and the **local aspect**. Universally, the church is uniquely one. Locally, however, the church is expressed in many localities. Therefore, the one universal church becomes the many local churches. **God is expressed in Christ, Christ is expressed in the church, and the church is expressed in the local churches.**

Only in the local church can the church be practical. Only in the local church and by the local church can we have the practice of the church. If we do not have the local church, we do not have anything practical as far as the church is concerned. Eventually, the Bible ends with seven local churches (Rev. 1:10-13).

**As believers, we are living today in the local churches. Actually, we cannot live directly in the universal church. It is impossible for us to live in the universal church without living in a local church. The Lord is building up the universal church, and each one of us is living practically in a local church.**

For the church to be real and practical, there is the need of the local churches. If you do not have the local churches, you do not have the church. If you do not have the local church, you cannot have the universal church, for the universal church is composed of all the local churches.

The universal church was revealed by the Lord in **Matthew 16:18**, but the local church was revealed by Him in **Matthew 18:17**. The church mentioned in this verse must be a local church because it is a place where we can go. The Lord said that if you have a problem with a brother, you should go to him first. If he listens to you, the problem is solved. But if he does not listen, you should bring one or two with you to witness to him, expecting him to listen to them. If he still does not listen, then you should bring the problem to the church. This, of course, must be the local church. It cannot be the universal church, for we cannot bring a problem to the universal church, only to the local church. (The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 200)

## Prayer burden

1. Lord, thank you for Your **complete salvation** that brought us into a position of being in Your kingdom. Now that we have been **redeemed, delivered** from the world, **cleansed** and **purified**, how we need to eat You as the heavenly manna and drink You as the living water so that something heavenly and living might be constituted into us.
2. Lord, we also praise You, that You brought us unto the “high mountain”, into Your **presence** that we may hear Your **speaking** and receive Your revelation that the goal of Your salvation is to make us Your **dwelling place**.
3. Lord, make us the corporate “Bezaleel” of today, grant us the gift that we may have the “proper skills” in building the church. Speak to us constantly and deeply impress us with Your heart desire so that our **prayers** have in view **the building of the church**, that we may live and be built up to be Your dwelling place here on earth.
4. Pray for the church in **Vancouver**:  
(devastating fire at Hall 1)
  - Above all that the Lord would gain the reality of the Body of Christ in all of us. Surely the Lord has some speaking through this environment.
  - That the meeting arrangements would be the best possible for the building up of the Body of Christ.
  - That our insurers and the roofer's insurer would have agreement and come to the proper assessment.
  - That the City would be favorable to our needs and grant all necessary permits for reconstruction.
  - That the neighbors would be favorable to the facility we need to build. (In this respect, at the time of the fire and later many neighbors came out and we were pleasantly surprised at the positive comments and support from so many).
5. Lord prepare Your glorious church that will match You. Lord we pray ourselves into You. Lord remember the church in **Regina**. Pray for the **Bible distribution** on September in the University of Regina.

*The goal of God saving His people out of Egypt was to gain a building, a dwelling place among men. The goal of God giving His people water and manna throughout their journey in the wilderness is so that they would be built up to be His dwelling place, God's building.*

*The goal of God bringing His people to His holy mountain to open up His heart to them, give them a revelation of who He is and how they should walk and live in His presence to please Him, was so that they would become God's building.*

*The goal of God's complete salvation, His rich provision, and His divine revelation is God's building. The central thought, the goal, the direction, and the divine thought of Exodus is God's building.*

## This Week's Pursuit: Crystallization-Study of Exodus (I)

### A Revelation of God and God's Building as the Goal of His Salvation, Provision, and Revelation

Scripture Reading: Exo. 3:6, 14-16, 18; 5:1, 24:8; 17:6; 25:8-9; 40:1-2, 34-38

#### I. In Exodus we have a revelation of God in various aspects, including the Divine Trinity:

God is the self-existing and ever-existing God, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of the Hebrews, the God of Israel, the speaking God, the God of the covenant, the sovereign God, the redeeming and saving God, the blessing God, the healing God, the infusing God, the courting God, the processed and consummated God, the God who dwells in the tabernacle.

In Exodus there is a **revelation of the Divine Trinity**: the Angel of God, or the Angel of Jehovah, and the Spirit of God, in the type of the pillar of cloud, which signifies the Triune God embodied in Christ and realized as the Spirit, in the type of Jehovah and the Angel of Jehovah bringing His redeemed into the good land and cutting off their enemies, in the types of the cleft rock, the lampstand, and the compound ointment, the tabernacle covered by the cloud and filled with glory typifies the embodied Triune God.

#### II. As a book of pictures, Exodus reveals that God's building is the goal of His salvation, provision, and revelation.

God's complete salvation for His chosen people includes the **passover** signifies redemption, the **exodus from Egypt** signifies the going out of the world, the **crossing of the Red Sea** signifies baptism. In the wilderness the children of Israel experienced God's provision—the **heavenly manna** and the **living water out of the cleft rock**. To partake of manna is to have a heavenly diet and to be reconstituted with a heavenly element. Christ was smitten for us so that living water could flow out of Him to quench our thirst. As we eat and drink of Him, the Triune God works Himself into our being.

The spiritual significance of **the mountain of God** is that it is the place of God's speaking with God's vision. At the mountain of God, God's people saw a heavenly vision by which they came to know God Himself and to know the kind of living that is in accordance with God, God's people saw the revelation of the desire of God's heart—to have a dwelling place on earth. **The goal of God's salvation, provision, and revelation is His building, His dwelling place on earth.**

What God desires to have is a corporate expression of Himself through His called and redeemed people. **We need to be delivered from the world and freed to participate in God's building. The world is against God's building, and God's building is opposed to the world. If God's people are willing to be rescued from the world unto God, God can work out His purpose to have a dwelling place.** We must build God's dwelling place according to the pattern revealed on the mountain; the pattern of the tabernacle and all its furnishings is a full and complete type of both the individual Christ as the Head and the corporate Christ as the Body, the church, including many details of the experience of Christ for the church life

The materials with which the church is built are filled with the character of resurrection and are altogether in a heavenly position. For the building up of God's dwelling place, we need a consecration in which we offer precious things to God; without such a consecration, the building of God cannot come into being in a practical way.

The physical tabernacle (and later the temple), as God's dwelling place in the Old Testament, was actually a symbol of a corporate people, the children of Israel as the house of God. The incarnated Christ as God's embodiment was both the tabernacle and the temple of God. Through His death and resurrection the individual Christ was enlarged to be the corporate Christ, the church, composed of the New Testament believers as the temple, the house of God, and the Body of Christ. Ultimately, the tabernacle and the temple will consummate in the New Jerusalem—the Triune God mingled with His redeemed people of both the Old Testament and the New Testament—as God's eternal dwelling place.

| WEEK                   | LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE | PRAYER MEETING | YP MEETING | GROUP / HOME MEETING | OFFERING |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| Apr. 26 - May 02, 2015 | 19                      | 11             | 11         |                      | \$140.00 |
| May 03 - May 09, 2015  | 19                      | 11             | 11         |                      | \$380.00 |