



# The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“...live in the church as the kingdom of God...”

## 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

June 2015 - YP conference, June 14  
 - Love Feast, June 14  
 July 2015 - Love Feast, July 12  
 - Children's Fun Day,  
 July 12 at Wascana Park

## Church Building

God has called us into His  
 eternal glory: He  
 predestinated us for  
 glory, called us into glory,  
 and will bring us into  
 glory!

## 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 GROUND OF LOCALITY

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Rev. 1:11

### THE CHURCH EQUAL TO THE CITY

Acts 14:23 says that elders are ordained **in every church**, but Titus 1:5 says that elders are ordained **in every city**. This means that “in every city” is “in every church,” and “in every church” is equivalent to “in every city.” To ordain elders in every church is not to ordain elders in every home or in any other kind of place, but in every city.

Then Revelation 1:11 says, “What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”... To is repeated seven times. Therefore, to the seven churches is to the seven cities, and to the seven cities is to the seven churches.

### THE VISION OF THE GROUND OF LOCALITY

Not only is the city limit the boundary of the local church, but the city itself is the ground of the church. The ground of the church is the city in which the church stands. If a vase stands on a table, the table is the ground upon which the vase stands. A local church stands in a city, so the city in which it stands becomes its very ground.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GROUND

Why is the church ground important and necessary, and why do we stress this matter so much? We must all realize that the church in the entire universe is one Body; thus, regarding the church, there is a real oneness. **The church should not be divided.** How could your body be divided? You can divide anything else, but you can never divide your body. As the Body of Christ, the church must be one.

This oneness of the church is expressed in many localities. It was expressed in Jerusalem, it was expressed in Antioch, and it was expressed in Corinth. But the many local expressions of the church do not mean that the church is divided. There is only one United States of America. But the United States has many expressions. In Toronto the United States has one consulate, or one expression; likewise, in Vancouver there is one... There are many expressions but only one United States. The many consulates of the United States throughout the world as her many expressions do not mean that she is divided. But there can never be more than one consulate of the United States in any one city... Regardless of the size of a city, as long as a consulate of the United States is there, that consulate must be uniquely one. It may have many offices, but it must only be one consulate.

**The church is one; she should not be divided. But the church must be expressed in many places. Therefore, in every city, if there is an expression of the church, that expression must be uniquely one. If it is otherwise, there is division, and that cannot be.**

### THE GROUND NOT DEPENDENT ON THE CONDITION

... The condition may fluctuate, but the ground, the standing, never changes. Today we may be very spiritual, but after two months we may not be so spiritual; and after two years, we may be worse. But if today we are weak, can you say that after two years we will not be strong? This, however, is a matter of condition, which easily fluctuates; but the standing of the ground can never change.

### THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE ONENESS

It is only by the unique ground of locality that the church can be kept one. Without this ground she will be spontaneously divided. The church is one, so the expression of the church must also be one. Regardless of how big or how small a city may be, the church must be uniquely one in that city. We should never be divided. Wherever we are, we are one, and wherever we go, we are one. If I go to San Francisco, I must go to the church in San Francisco. If I go to London, I must go to the church in London. If I come to Los Angeles, I must come to the church in Los Angeles.

**Oh, how we need to see the importance of the ground! It is only by the ground that the oneness of the church can be kept, and it is only by the ground that we can learn the lessons we need in order to experience the reality and practicality of the church life. Without the ground it is impossible to have the proper church life.**

(The Practical Expression of the church, chapter 3)

## Prayer burden

1. Lord, we thank and praise You for Your **heavenly calling**. Give us a clear view of what the world is. All things necessary for our human existence are under Your divine limitation. We depend our living and our existence from the heavenly source, not on the supply of the world. Lord, thank You that You ordained our existence is to live Christ, to live God, and have God's testimony.
2. Lord, strengthen us, to **exercise our faith** to bring others out of the usurpation and tyranny of Satan and the world into the rich enjoyment of You for God's kingdom and God's building. Lord, day by day we need to experience You in a practical way as our life and as our person.
3. Lord, You are holy, righteous, and loving, we should also **live a life characterized** by holiness, righteousness, and love. How we need to **live a life** that **corresponds** to Your attributes!
4. Thank You Lord that in eternity past You chose us and predestinated us and in time You called us, justified us, and glorified us. Thank You Lord for this **foreordained** fact in eternity and we believe that in You there is no variability.
5. Lord it is by grace that we have been brought into You through the **preaching of the gospel**. Increase our faith also to preach You as the gospel that we could bring people out of the tyranny of the world and help them experience You in all Your unsearchable riches so that You may be able to establish Your kingdom and have a dwelling place on earth.
6. God has called us that we may also enter into the **fellowship of His Son**, Jesus Christ our Lord, to partake of and enjoy His all-inclusive riches. Pray for the **Bible distribution** on September in the University of Regina. Pray for the upcoming conferences - Calgary, Camping in Saskatoon, Summer training, and College Training in Chicago.
7. Pray for Michael and Melissa Bearce a couple from **Williston, North Dakota, USA**. They are inviting believers to meet once a month to worship the Lord together outside denominations.

*“Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”*

## This Week's Pursuit: Crystallization-Study of Exodus (1)

### The Purpose of God's Calling

Scripture Reading: Exo. 3:7-8, 10, 12, 17-18; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:9, 20; 5:10; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thes. 2:14; 1 Thes. 2:12

**I. As revealed in Exodus, the purpose of God's calling was to deliver the children of Israel, God's chosen people, out of the tyranny of the Egyptians and out of Egypt, the land of bondage, and to bring them into Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey - 3:7-8, 10, 17.**

The nation of Egypt typifies the kingdom of darkness, and Pharaoh typifies Satan, the devil. The world is not a source of enjoyment; it is a place of tyranny, and every aspect of the world is a form of tyranny. In the world Satan is keeping God's chosen people, those destined for the fulfillment of God's purpose, under his usurping hand.

To exist is one thing, but to **exist for the divine purpose** is another thing. Satan has usurped people so that they care only for their existence, not for God's purpose in their existence. To bring a person out of Satan's hand and out of the kingdom of darkness is a mighty work. One aspect of God's purpose in calling us is to use us to bring others out of the usurpation and tyranny of Satan and the world.

In fulfilling the purpose of God's calling there are three stations—the wilderness, the mountain, and the good land. **Wilderness** is used in a positive sense to denote a place of separation from the world. As soon as a person is saved, he should be brought out of the world into the wilderness where there is no Egyptian element. We need to have the power of resurrection in our preaching of the gospel so that others are raised out of their tombs and brought into the wilderness—a realm in resurrection—by a journey of three days.

The **mountain** is where we receive the revelation regarding God's eternal purpose and concerning God's desire to have a dwelling place on earth. On the mountain, where the sky is clear, we can see the vision of God's economy.

If we would reach the ultimate goal of God's calling, we need to journey onward and enter into the **good land**, so that God may be able to establish His kingdom and have His dwelling place on earth today.

### II. The purpose of God's calling is fully revealed in the New Testament.

God's calling is according to His **predestination**, His **purpose** (2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 8:28), and His **grace** (2 Tim. 1:9-10). God's calling is **in Christ** (1 Pet. 5:10) and **through the gospel** (2 Thes. 2:14).

The New Testament reveals various aspects of the **purpose of God's calling**:

1. God has called us **out of darkness into** His marvelous light. Darkness is a sign of sin and death; it is the expression and sphere of Satan in death. When God calls us, He opens our eyes and turns us from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to Himself; to be turned to God means to be turned to the authority of God, which is God's kingdom of light.
2. God's calling is that His chosen ones may be **separated and made holy unto** God, to be the holy ones, the saints.
3. God has called us so that we may **enter into the fellowship** of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to partake of and enjoy His all-inclusive riches.
4. God has called us **into** the sufferings of Christ.
5. For the Body of Christ, God has called us **into** the peace of Christ.
6. God has called us for the purpose of **obtaining** the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ; He has called His chosen ones unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth so that they might obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ—2 Thes. 2:13-14.
7. God's calling is by His own glory and with the goal of our entering into the eternal glory of God. God has called us not only by His glory but also to His glory. In order that we might enter into His eternal glory, the God of all grace is ministering to us the riches of the bountiful supply of the divine life in many aspects and in many steps of the divine operation on and in us in God's economy.
8. God has called us into His kingdom. The kingdom of God is an organism constituted with God's life as a realm of life for His ruling, in which He reigns by the divine life and expresses Himself in the divine life. **Today we, the called ones, should live in the church as the kingdom of God so that we may grow and develop in the life of God unto full maturity; through this growth and development, the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our ord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to us.**

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
May 10 - May 16, 2015	18	11	11		\$270.00
May 17 - May 23, 2015	22	11	11	17	\$140.00