



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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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

July 2015 - Love Feast, July 12
 - **Children's Fun Day**,
 July 12 at Wascana Park

Aug. 2015 - Love Feast, August 9
 - Churching, TBA

Church Building

*Eternal Life is the Triune
 God Dispensed into us to be
 our Life and to Live in us*

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 PRACTICALITY OF THE CHURCH LIFE (1)

Scripture Reading: John 10:10b; 6:57, 63; 21:15; 1 Cor. 3:2, 6; 15:45b; 6:17; Eph. 4:13-15; 2:21; 1 Pet. 2:2-3, 5

LIFE—THE PRIMARY THING IN THE PRACTICALITY OF THE CHURCH LIFE

Teachings are apparent, and gifts are visible; however, the **inner life** is something mysterious. It is easy for us to talk about our clothing, including our shoes, socks, pants, and shirt. It is also easy for us to talk about our physical body—our hands, feet, nose, eyes, and ears. But it is hard to talk about our physical life, because life is mysterious. We need clothing and we need our body, but without the physical life we simply become a well-dressed person with a beautified body lying in the mortuary. If we do not have physical life, we are a corpse.

In the practice of the church life, the primary thing to be emphasized is life... Our need is to be made alive. When we have life, it takes care of everything. Life will cause people to realize that they need a turn. Then in life they turn by themselves.

In the Lord's recovery of the church life in a certain place there may be a genuine local church. But without the practicality of life, it will be dead. It may be right in every aspect, but it is dead. The dead body in the mortuary was a real person, but it is now a dead person. Thus, **the primary thing in the practicality of the church life is life**. We can never be too much for the matter of life. Other things can be over-emphasized, but the matter of life can never be over-emphasized.

GROWTH IN LIFE

The most significant thing with life is growth. If there is no growth, it means that either there is no life, or there is something wrong. We need to grow in life. In John 6:57 the Lord Jesus said, *“He who eats Me shall also live because of Me.”* Do you think one lives without growing? Look at the young people: they are not only living, but also growing. While one lives, he grows. We must not only **live by the Lord**, but also **grow by Him**... For the proper and adequate practice of the church life, we must have the growth in life.

LIFE AND GROWTH IN LIFE FOR OUR PRACTICE

Life and growth in life are not our Christian faith, but they are **necessities in our practice**. If we pay our attention only to teachings and gifts, we are still a local church, but I assure you, either we will be a dead one or a dissenting one... Only life and growth in life can keep us alive and keep us in oneness all the time.

When we all turn to our spirit, realizing the need for life and the growth in life and calling on the name of the Lord, love, the uniting power, is there. All the ingredients and elements of Christ will be sweet and nourishing to us. We all will grow together, and none will care to dispute over doctrines or impose gifts on others. This is the way for the practice of the church life.

In 1 Corinthians after Paul said, *“I gave you milk to drink,”* he said, *“I planted, Apollos watered, but God made to grow”* (3:6). He also declared that the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit (15:45) and that he who is joined unto the Lord is one spirit (6:17). These verses relate altogether to the matter of life and growth in life. They clearly reveal that **the primary practice in the local church is the feeding, the planting, the watering, and the growing** with the realization that today Christ is not only a giver of gifts, but a life-giving Spirit. Life is the real practicality. Teachings are for this and even the gifts are for this. But today most Christians have divorced all the teachings and gifts from life. They care only for teachings or gifts, but not life. The normal, proper thing is that we need all the teachings and also the gifts, but we need them for the growth in life.

Paul, in the book of Ephesians, said, *“Until we all arrive at...a full-grown man”* (4:13)—not a highly-educated man, but a full-grown man. Then Paul continued, *“That we may be no longer babes...but...may grow up into Him in all things”* (4:14-15). This book also reveals that life and the growth in life is all we need. The teachings and gifts are at best the means for ministering the nourishing element to people, but they are not the nourishing element itself... We serve the nourishing element. Gifts and teachings have their place, but the nourishing elements are Christ, the Spirit, and the living Word.

If we practice this, we all will grow until we arrive at maturity, at a full-grown man, and no one among us will still be a babe. We will grow up into Him in all things. Even as Ephesians 2:21 says, **we will all grow into a temple, into a real building**. This is not accomplished by teaching, or by the exercise of gifts, but altogether by life and the growth in life.

(The Speciality, Generality, and Practicality of the Church - chapter 3)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we sing to You. We praise You for our **salvation** and Your **victory** over Your enemy. Lord carry us and “plant” us to the “**mountain of Your inheritance**,” in the place which You have made to dwell.
2. Lord, we focus our attention to You goal to build up Your **habitation**. Your enemy is still attacking to frustrate us and hinder the building up of Your dwelling place, but we stand with You, in Your view, the building work has already been accomplished.
3. Lord, we **pray unceasingly**. We know that as we follow You, our flesh enjoys fighting and never wants to keep the peace, but we declare the fact that the **old man has been crucified** with You. Lord we are willing to destroy not only the negative thing but even the good aspect of our natural life. Encourage us by the fact that You are still working on us and within us.
4. Lord, we love You, we seek You, in our practical daily life give us a **sense of kingship**, fill us with Your divine authority. By **eating** and **drinking** of You as our life supply we are victorious over the flesh, and by **praying** with You as the **fighting Spirit** we put to death the flesh.
5. Lord, we still need Your ultimate calling of us to **live within the veil** through a stronger **experience of the cross** in dealing with our flesh, we need to go on to experience the “rending of the veil.”
6. Pray for the church in **Regina**. Pray for the **Bible distribution** in September at the University of Regina.
7. Pray for the upcoming **conferences** - Summer training in Anaheim, and College Training in Chicago.



This Weeks's Pursuit: Crystallization-Study of Exodus (2)

The Glorious Triumph of Jehovah as a Man of War and the Continual War with Amalek

Scripture Reading: Exo. 15:1-18; 17:8-16

I. Exodus 15:1-18 is a song of praise concerning the glorious triumph of Jehovah as a man of war for His salvation and His victory leading to God's habitation and His kingdom:

In verses 1 through 12 the children of Israel praised God for His salvation and His victory. Salvation is related to God's people, and victory, to God's enemy. At the same time that God defeated the enemy, He also saved His people. Exodus 15:13 speaks of God's habitation, even though the temple as God's dwelling place was not built until centuries later. God's habitation was first the **tabernacle** and then the **temple**, both of which typify the **church**; the tabernacle was constructed within a year after the exodus from Egypt, and it remained until the temple was built. The mention of God's habitation in Exodus 15:13 indicates that **baptism leads to the church life**.

In poetic form Exodus 15:14-15 is a prophecy that the children of Israel would **defeat** God's enemies and take possession of the good land. The peoples in verse 14 signify the unbelievers, the heathen. The **Philistines**, who lived between Egypt and the good land, signify the people of the religious world. The **Edomites**, the descendants of Esau, signify those who are natural, those who are not chosen, redeemed, regenerated, and transformed. The **Moabites**, the descendants of Lot, signify the fleshly ones, for their source was an act of incest. The **Canaanites** are related to the evil powers in the heavenlies. **The intention of all the enemies was to keep God's people from reaching His goal**—the building of His dwelling place for the fulfillment of His purpose, however, in the eyes of God His goal has already been achieved, and that is why Moses used the perfect tense when speaking of God's habitation.

Verse 18 refers to the kingdom—“*Jehovah shall reign forever and ever.*” God's habitation, God's house, brings in God's kingdom, God's reign. Today the church is first God's house and then His kingdom. **The church brings in God's kingdom to the earth**. Exodus 15:1-18 indicates that the goal of God's salvation is the building of His dwelling place for the establishing of His kingdom. For this we, like Moses and the children of Israel, should praise the Lord.

II. In Exodus 17:8-16 there is a picture showing the continual war with Amalek:

Amalek fought against the children of Israel as they were journeying to attain to God's goal. Amalek signifies the flesh, the leading enemy in frustrating us from going on with the Lord. The name Amalek means “warlike,” indicating that the flesh is warlike, destructive, and disturbing. The flesh works in a hidden way to undermine God's people and even to kill them. The fact that God has a continual war with Amalek reveals that God hates the flesh and desires to exterminate it. The flesh denotes the totality of the fallen old man, our entire fallen being: It is the living out and the expression of the old man. It cannot be changed or improved; thus, we need to be mindful of the fact that the flesh is always with us. The flesh is the camp of God's enemy and the largest base for his work.

God hates the flesh in the same manner that He hates Satan, and He wants to destroy the flesh in the same manner that He wants to destroy Satan. With Amalek there is a hand against the throne of the Lord. The flesh is in rebellion against God and against His throne. Amalek tried to overthrow God's throne, just as Satan once tried to do. **Our flesh is an enemy of God's authority and is in rebellion against God's governmental administration.**

When Amalek is dealt with, the kingdom of God immediately comes in. The kingdom of God denotes the authority of God by which all things are subject to God. Because the flesh is versus the kingship, the flesh must be thoroughly dealt with before the kingdom of God can come in. If we follow the Lord's word to utterly destroy the flesh, we will have the kingship and will be in God's kingdom. We fight against Amalek by the interceding Christ and the fighting Spirit. **Moses** lifting up his hand on the mountaintop typifies the ascended Christ interceding in the heavens. **Joshua** fighting against Amalek typifies the indwelling Spirit fighting against the flesh. In the battle against Amalek **we need to cooperate with the Lord by praying and by putting the flesh to death.**

When we pray, we are one with the interceding Christ. When we put the flesh to death, we are one with the fighting Spirit... No matter how mature and spiritual we may become, as long as our body has not yet been refigured, we still have the flesh... **We need to learn the lesson of the cross daily.**

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
June 14 - June 20, 2015	19	11	12		\$200.00
June 21 - June 27, 2015	24	11	7		\$190.00