



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

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

- Aug. 2015 - Love Feast, August 9
- Churching, TBA
- YP Big Event, August 3
- Summer School of Truth
Vancouver, August 3 - 8
- YP Fall Conference
Calgary, TBA

Church Building

As PEOPLE OF HOPE, we should not aim our life at “the things which are seen,” but at “the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal”

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

BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, ARE A PEOPLE OF HOPE

The calling we received from God brings us hope. “The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,” - Ephesians 1:18; “One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;” - Ephesians 4:4.

We have been regenerated unto a living hope. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” - 1 Peter 1:3.

Our Christ who is in us, is the hope of glory, “To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,” Colossians 1:27; “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,” -1 Timothy 1:1, **which will issue in the redemption, the transfiguration of our body in glory.**... eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in hope. But a hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly await it through endurance.” - Romans 8:23-25.

This is the hope of salvation, “But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:8, **a blessed hope,** “Awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,” - Titus 2:13, **a good hope,** “Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope in grace,” - 2 Thessalonians 2:16, **the hope of eternal life;** “In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the times of the ages” - Titus 1:2; “In order that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” - Titus 3:7, **it also the hope of the glory of God,** “Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.” - Romans 5:2, **the hope of the gospel,** “If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, of which I Paul became a minister.” - Colossians 1:23, **the hope laid up for us in the heavens.** “Because of the hope laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,” - Colossians 1:5.

We should keep this hope always and boast in it. “And everyone who has this hope set on Him purifies himself, even as He is pure.” - 1 John 3:3.

Our God is the God of hope, “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.” - Romans 15:13, **and through the encouragement of the Scripture we can have hope** “For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” - Romans 15:4, **all the time in God** “Who through Him believe into God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.” - 1 Peter 1:21, **and can rejoice in it.** “Rejoice in hope; endure in tribulation; persevere in prayer.” - Romans 12:12.

Holdfast the boast of hope firm to the end, “But Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are if indeed we hold fast the boldness and the boast of hope firm to the end.” - Hebrews 3:6, **to show diligence unto the full assurance of our hope until the end,** “But we desire earnestly that each of you show the same diligence unto the full assurance of our hope until the end,” - Hebrews 6:11 **and to lay hold of the hope set before us.** “In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have led for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us,” - Hebrews 6:18.

The new covenant bring in a better hope through which we draw near to God. “(For the law perfected nothing), and, on the other hand, the bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.” - Hebrew 7:19.

Our life should be a life of hope, which accompanies and abide with faith. We should follow Abraham, who beyond hope believed in hope.

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we thank You for Your intention to have a holy nation, a kingdom of **priest to reign on the earth**. We wait on You and follow You. Lord recover Your intention today through the church make us Your priest.
2. Lord, we **open ourselves** to You, fill us, saturate us, permeate us until we flow You out and be built up with others in the flow of Your life, that we might **be Your living expression**.
3. Lord, we want to **spend much time** in Your presence to be Your real corporate expression, *“Lord, here we are not ready to work for You, but ready to be filled and possessed by You and to be one with You.”*
4. Lord, separate us from the common things, from the worldly things, from the ordinary way unto Your use. We come to You as **holy priests** to be filled by You and go to people as **royal priests** to tell You out.
5. Lord, we pray for the coming **Summer School of Truth**. Remember all the brothers and sisters, carry them through, sanctify August 3 - 8. Supply all their needs and bless all the preparations and coordinations.
6. Pray for the church in **Regina**. Pray for the **Bible distribution** in September 9, 2015 at the University of Regina.
7. Pray for the construction of the meeting hall of the church in **Vancouver and Surrey**. Pray for the propagation in the Prairies. Lord bless Your work.
8. Lord, remember our dear brother Eric Tenefrancia who undergo a surgery. Touch him Lord, and comfort his family.

We need some time to be separated and shut up unto the Lord so that we may spend not just our time but have our very life and person in His presence.

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

A Kingdom of Priests

Scripture Reading: Exo. 19:4-6a; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10

I. “You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests”—Exo. 19:6a:

God chose the Israelites to be a kingdom of priests. He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt in order to make them a kingdom of priests, a kingdom in which everyone would be a priest, one who serves God; hence, God’s goal was to have a priestly nation. **This nation was to be different from all other nations on earth**, for all the people of this nation would be priests—those who **live solely for God’s interests** and serve Him.

The Lord Jesus, the Priest, brought us into the priesthood through His redemption, and the whole church should now be the priesthood. All the saved ones are called to be priests; **as to our person**, we are sons of God, and **as to our spiritual occupation**, we are priests of God. **Since we are priests, we should be serving God all day long in what ever we do.**

II. In order to realize what a priest is, we need to see God’s eternal plan—Eph. 3:11; Gen. 1:26:

God’s plan is to work Himself into a group of people in order that He might be their life and that they might be His expression. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, God wants to gain a priesthood; all the glorious things in the Bible are related to the priesthood. Man was destined and created to receive God, to be filled, saturated, and permeated with God, and to have God flow out of him so that he might be a living expression of God; this is a brief definition of a priest.

III. As one who serves God continually, a priest is particular kind of person:

A priest is a person who serves God by enjoying God in Christ, through Christ as the reality of the offerings. A genuine priest of God is one who serves God with Christ, through Christ, and by Christ.

A priest is a person who - enjoys Christ, - lives by Christ; his eating, clothing, and dwelling are Christ, - contacts God in the mingling with God, - is absolutely and thoroughly mingled with God, - becomes a part of God’s dwelling, - bears the testimony of God, - ministers Christ to others, - brings man into fellowship with God and brings God into fellowship with man, - builds up the dwelling place of God, - is a laboring priest of the gospel of God.

IV. To be a priest is not mainly to do something for the Lord but to be taken over by Him—Eph. 3:17a:

The main function of a priest is not to work but **to spend time in the presence of the Lord until he is one with Him in spirit**. The Lord’s intention is for us to open ourselves to Him and let Him come into us to fill us, saturate us, and be one with us; then He will do something through us, and whatever He does will flow out of Himself.

The priesthood that God desires to have is **a corporate man** who is saturated and permeated with Himself. If we are saturated and permeated with the glory of the Lord, we will be one with Him and one with one another in Him. If we realize the desire of God’s heart, we will be fully open to Him so that He may flood us with Himself. All Christian work and service must issue out of this priesthood.

V. As a kingdom of priests, we are both a holy priesthood and a royal priesthood—Rev. 5:10; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9:

The order of Aaron is the holy order. **To be holy is to be separated from the worldly things unto God**. The holy order is an order separated from common things unto the divine things and unto the use of the Lord. The holy priests are those who are separated to go to God to represent God’s people.

The order of Melchizedek is the royal order. Melchizedek was a king, and he was a kingly priest. The kingly priests come from God to care for God’s people, just as Melchizedek came from God to meet Abraham to minister bread and wine to him. On the one hand, we are the holy priests, going to God to represent God’s people; on the other hand, we are the royal priests, coming from God to the people to represent God. **The holy priesthood offers spiritual sacrifices to God**, and **the kingly priesthood tells out the virtues of God**. The holy priests offer something to God for the sake of the people, and the royal priests declare the things of God to people. We are the holy priests and the kingly priests, going and coming in two directions.

VI. The building of God’s house is related to the priesthood and depends on the priesthood—Exo. 19:6a; 25:8-9; Zech. 6:12-13; 1 Pet. 2:5:

The building of God as the dwelling place of God is the priesthood; the holy priesthood is the spiritual house. The priesthood upholds the building of the church; without the priesthood it is impossible to build up the church. The building of the church depends on whether or not the saints will bear the priesthood before God. **If we are willing to come forward to God, fellowship with God, live before God, and allow God to flow through us, we will enjoy the riches of Christ and express the glory of Christ in a full way; in this way we will bear the testimony of the church, and the building of the church will be realized among us.**

VII. The Lord’s recovery is the recovery of the priesthood— Zech. 3:1-5; 6:12-13; Hag. 1:8, 12, 14:

What the Lord needs today is a group of people who are brought into His presence and even into the Lord Himself until they are one with Him. When the Lord has such a priesthood - a kingdom of priests - He will have the freedom to flow out and work out His will for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
July 12 - July 18, 2015	21	11	12		\$315.00
July 19 - July 25, 2015	22	11	8		\$1530.00