



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“... Christ in us, the hope of glory ...”

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

Sept. 2015 - **Moving to our new meeting place, Sept. 6, 2015 at 3860 Buckingham Drive, Regina, SK S4V 3A1**
 - Love Feast, Sept. 13
 - Pursuit, AIC Msg 14, Sept. 7

Church Building

*For us to live is Christ,
 and what we live out is
 the church.*

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

OUR VISION—Christ and the Church

Suffering on behalf of the Body of Christ and Building Up the Body of Christ

In Colossians 1 the apostle Paul said that he suffered for the Body of Christ to fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ. We have to know that Christ underwent **two kinds of suffering**. The **first** kind of suffering is **the suffering for substitution in which He was judged and stricken by God for our sins**. None of us can have any share in this kind of suffering. He alone went through this kind of suffering for us. The **second** kind of suffering is **the suffering for germination**. This kind of suffering can be likened to a grain of wheat falling into the earth and dying and thereby bringing forth many grains. This kind of suffering is for the releasing and imparting of life to us for the producing of the church. Christ has not yet completed this aspect of His suffering; there is still a lack. This is what Paul referred to as “*that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ*” (v. 24). **This kind of affliction needs to be filled up by all the lovers of the Lord throughout the ages.**

...The early churches could not come into existence without the sufferings experienced by Paul and his co-workers. Likewise, if we do not undergo sufferings, we cannot cause others to receive Christ as life, bear many grains, or gain many members for the building up of the Body of Christ. Therefore, we who serve the Lord should fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ for His Body.

...This should also be our service today. In all of our service in the church, we should bring Christ to people that they may receive Him and be built up in the church.

The Requirement of the Vision

If we desire to serve the Lord according to this vision, we must be prepared to satisfy the requirements of this vision. A person who serves according to this vision **must be willing to pay a price and to suffer**. It is not enough to just pay a price; **we must also accept sufferings**. Hence, the apostle said that there is the need to fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ. If you truly live by Christ and serve God by Christ, and if you truly desire to admonish others in all wisdom for them to gain Christ and be built up into the Body of Christ, then you must be ready to pay a price and also to undergo sufferings. Only those who are willing to pay a great price and to undergo sufferings can walk on the way of service.

Please remember, however, that the price we pay will enable us to gain the glorious Christ and the glorious church, and the sufferings we undergo are for us to gain the glorious Christ and the glorious church. Compared to the glory which will be manifested to us in the future, the momentary lightness of affliction means nothing. Therefore, **we should not hesitate from going forward, considering the price to be too great and the afflictions too heavy. We have to see what we will gain for the price we pay and the afflictions we experience.** Praise God, what we get instead is a priceless treasure.

Pursuing to know Christ and the Church

Finally, we need to pursue to know Christ, and we also need to pursue to know the church. **Christ is our life, and the church is our living**. For us to live is Christ, and what we live out is the church. When Christ grows in us, the church is built up. If we truly let Christ live in us, He will not allow us to be independent, nor will He allow us to always be horizontal, without any order and without any authority. That the church is our living is seen clearly in two matters: **first**, that the members cannot be independent but are coordinated with one another; **second**, that there cannot be the absence of order and authority. This is just like our body—no member is independent; instead, every member is coordinated with other members. Furthermore, every member has its order, and with this order there is authority. To cease from being independent is to be coordinated, and to keep the order is to be vertical. This is the church life. (Our Vision - Christ and the Church chapter 1, section 3)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, thank for your mercy that You have brought us into Your recovery, to know the truth and the essence of the **Word of God**. That through the Word as God's breathing out we can **breath You in** to be **our life and life supply** - our spiritual milk, our bread of life, and our food of life.
2. Lord, open to us Your Word that we may see the **central line** of the **divine revelation** - the Triune God; the economy of God; the all-inclusive Christ; the life giving Spirit; and the Body of Christ.
3. *“And to enlighten all that they may see what the **economy of the mystery** is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God,... in order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenliness the **multi various wisdom of God** might be made known through the church, according to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
4. Lord reveal to us the mystery of Your economy - *“**Making known to us the mystery of His will** according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ...”*
5. Lord we praise You that in even in eternity future You will still be **the Son of Man** - the mingling of God and man, the mingling of God's element with the human element; we also the believers are **born of God** who have been **joined into You** and have become **one spirit with You**.
6. Pray for the church in **Regina**. Pray for the **Bible distribution** in September 9, 2015 at the University of Regina. Pray for the upcoming **blending** with saints in **Saskatoon**.
7. Lord we thank You for the two families brother **Aldo's family**; and brother **Dario's family**. We pray that You **bless them** with Yourself and make them a **functioning members** of the church here in Regina.
8. Lord, bless sister **Shannon Karok** wherever she may go. Continue to guide and lead her.

God's dispensing is to dispense the unsearchable riches of Christ in the operation of the Triune God to us, the believers in Christ. The result of God's dispensing is the church becoming the fullness of Christ.

This Weeks's Pursuit: THE MAIN CONTENTS OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY

The Divine Revelation of the Word of God

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:5, 9; 2 Tim. 3:16; John 6:63; 1 Tim. 1:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19

I. The Lord's recovery is not an ordinary Christian work; the Lord's recovery is something from deep in the heart of God and revealed in His Word; our understanding and exposition of the Bible are different from traditional theology because we care for the desire of God's heart, which He has shown to us from the Word—Eph. 1:5, 9; Phil. 2:13.

II. We need to know the essence of the Word of God.

“All Scripture is God-breathed”—2Tim.3:16a. The Word of God is the divine breath, the breathing out of God; God's speaking is God's breathing. On God's side, the Word is God's breathing; on our side, the Word is for us to receive as our profit in teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness. The Word of God is spiritual milk(1Pet2:2), the bread of life(Matt.4:4;Deut. 8:3), and spirit and life (John 6:63). The Word of God is Christ; it is the embodiment of GodHimself. We do not consider that the written words in black and white are the living God. The written words contain God Himself, and this God is Christ.

III. There are three lines of truth in the divine revelation in the Word of God—the central line, the line of supplemental points, and “the leaves and the branches”:

The central line includes:

the Word(v1;1John1:1),
 the Triune God (Matt.28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14),
 the economy of God (1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; 3:9),
 the all-inclusive Christ (John 1:1, 14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17),
 the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:4),
 the Body of Christ (1:22-23; 4:16), and
 the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2):

In all our handling of the Scriptures the central line should stand out. We should be particularly careful not to confuse the central line and the line of the supplemental points. We receive all believers according to the standard of the central line, not according to the line of the supplemental points. The line of the supplemental points includes the prophecies concerning Christ; the Old Testament types; the church (supplementary to the Body of Christ); and the kingdom, including the judgment seat and the wedding feast.

The leaves and the branches are other items in the Bible that are helps to the central line and the line of the supplemental point. These items are either manifestations of the other lines (leaves) or channels of the organic supply for the working out of the other lines (branches). The leaves and the branches include but are not limited to the God-ordained way, the Lord's table, the administration of the local church, head covering, the keeping of days, and the rapture. We need the leaves and the branches, but we should not be distracted by them. We must learn how to apply the leaves and the branches to help us progress in the central line in the Word of God, but we should never allow them to become our central line.

IV. We need to have a proper understanding of five crucial truths in the revelation of the Word of God:

God's economy is His household administration, arrangement, and plan. The mystery hidden in God is to gain a church to express His wisdom; this mystery became God's arrangement, and His arrangement is both His economy and His plan. Through the New Jerusalem God will head up all things in Christ so that the glory of God may be expressed eternally; this is God's economy.

God's dispensing is produced out of the economy of God, and it is the goal of His economy. God's dispensing is to dispense the unsearchable riches of Christ in the operation of the Triune God to us, the believers in Christ. The result of God's dispensing is the church becoming the fullness of Christ.

The first time that the Bible clearly speaks of the Divine Trinity is in Matthew 28:19:

The Father, the Son, and the Spirit all are God, the only one God

The Father, the Son, and the Spirit coexist simultaneously from eternity to eternity.

The Father, the Son, and the Spirit coinhere and are inseparable.

All that the Father has is the Son's, and all that the Son has is received by the Spirit.

The Son is called the Father and became the Spirit. The God-man Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit (Luke1:35;Matt.1:18-20), thus having the divine element, and He was born of a human virgin, thus having the human element (vv. 21, 23); He is the complete God (Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9) and a perfect man. In both the Lord Jesus and the believers in Christ, there is the mingling of the divine element and the human element, without a third element being produced.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Aug. 16 - Aug. 22, 2015	20	2	11		\$100.00
Aug. 23 - Aug. 29, 2015	22	11	11		\$290.00