



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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Meeting Schedule

Lord's Table Meeting - Lord's Day
 - 3860 Buckingham Drive
 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 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 - Love Feast, Sept. 13
 - YP Conference in Calgary
 September 25 - 27
 Oct. 2015 - Love Feast, Oct. 11
 - Pursuit, Oct 12, AIC, Msg 15
 - Conference, Winnipeg Oct 16-18

Church Building

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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

THE ISSUE OF TAKING CHRIST AS LIFE— BEING BUILT TOGETHER AS THE CHURCH

Brothers and sisters, if we take the Lord as life and live by Him, the result will be that we will be built by the Lord to be His church. It is not doctrine that builds us together. Doctrines cannot cause us to be built up together as the church. **If we truly desire to be built up as the church, we must take the Lord as life and live by Him.** If we have truly learned this lesson in a serious way, living not by ourselves but by the Lord and taking not ourselves but the Lord as life, then spontaneously we will be built together with all the saints to be the Lord's church. This is why we say that **the church is our living.** Such a living is the issue of Christ's being lived out of us. Such a living is altogether the result of our living by Christ, taking Christ as our life, and allowing Christ to live in us.

Therefore, **the basic lesson we have to learn is to strictly deny ourselves and live by Christ.** When you take Christ as life, allow Christ to live in you, and allow Him to live out through you, the issue will be the church. When you allow Christ to live out through you, this is the building, the coordination. Anyone who takes Christ as life and lives by Him will not be individualistic but in coordination, and he will not only be horizontal but vertical. When we live in this way, our living is the church.

Therefore, if we want to know whether a person is taking Christ as life and whether he is living by Christ, we just have to see whether or not the church is the issue of his living. **If in his living and work he is not coordinated with the brothers and sisters but rather is individualistic, this is proof that he is not living by Christ and not taking Christ as his life. If you live by Christ and take Christ as life, the result will be that you will be coordinated with the brothers and sisters and that you will not be able to be independent.** Furthermore, the relationship between you and the brothers and sisters will not only be horizontal but vertical, having the **authority** and the **order.**

Being Members One of Another to Become One Body

Romans 12:5 says that **we are one Body in Christ and individually members one of another.** Being members one of another is the living of the church. In such a living, there are some who teach, some who exhort, some who lead, some who serve, some who show mercy, and some who give. Whatever you do, however, you have to be coordinated with the brothers and sisters as members one with another.

It Being Impossible for the Members to Be Independent

Since we live by Christ and thereby have the church life, **we cannot be separated from one another and cannot be independent.** First Corinthians 12 tells us that the eye cannot say to the hand, *“I have no need of you,”* nor the head to the feet, *“I have no need of you”* (v. 21)... If I live in Christ and take Christ as my life, I cannot help but live out the church life, and I cannot help but say to the brothers and sisters, **“I need you.”** I will surely say that I need all the brothers and sisters. I am just an eye, so I need the ears, the nose, the mouth, the hands, and the feet. I need every brother and every sister, and they all need me too. I know that just as I cannot live apart from the Lord, so also I cannot live apart from the brothers and sisters. If as a member I leave the Head, I will become a detached member, a dead member. Likewise, if as a member I leave the Body, I will also become a detached member, a dead member. Christ is my life, and the life of Christ is a corporate life.

Becoming a Full-grown Man

The apostle Paul shows us in Ephesians 4 that when Christ lives and grows in us, eventually we will become a full-grown man (v. 13)... The apostle said that **we all become a full-grown man.** Therefore, if we truly have grown up, although we are many, **we become one man.** This one man is a great man of mystery, which is Christ and the church.

One Bread and One Body

Perhaps some will ask, *“In John 12 did the Lord Jesus not say that if a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it will bear many grains? Are these many grains not individual grains?”* Please do not forget, however, that when we come to 1 Corinthians 10, there it tells us that *“there is one bread,”* and that *“we who are many are one Body”* (v. 17). Previously there were many grains, but now these grains have become one bread. In other words, every one of the grains has to be ground; there is not one grain that is preserved whole. The **grains** are not only **ground** to powder but also **blended** as one dough and made into one bread. Hence, although individual grains were produced, eventually they **become one bread.** Therefore, **although we are many, we are one bread, one Body.** (Our Vision - Christ and the Church chapter 2, section 2)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we worship You for Your eternal **plan** to accomplish Your **purpose** according to good **pleasure**, that You determined to work Yourself into us so that You might **be our life** and be Your expression.
2. Lord, **we open ourselves** to You to **be filled** by You, **one** with You, **taken over** by You, and even **possessed** by You in a full way and built up with others in the flow of Your life to be Your living, corporate expression on earth today.
3. Lord, how we praise You for the amazing fact that You in eternity planned according to Your heart desire to attain the **goal of mingling** Yourself with man. Lord, we daily take You as our life, life supply and food so that You can be **mingled with us**.
4. *“The Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God”* - Romans 8:16. *“He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit”* - 1Cor. 6:17. We stand in Your words that we are one spirit with You, **the mingling of the divine Spirit with our spirit**. Lord we make us proper Christians that moment by moment we should walk according to the mingled spirit.
5. Lord, we forget about our thoughts, feelings, and everything else, we want to **live in the spirit** to let You fill and saturate us until You permeate our whole being so that You maybe expressed through us.
6. Lord, we praise You for the past **Bible distribution** in the University of Regina. We pray for all those who received the Bibles, may You open their eyes that they may see Your **eternal purpose of man**.
7. Lord intensify Your work to the our dear brothers and sisters - brother **Dario**, sister **Marilou** and **MJ**; brother **Aldo**, sister **Evangeline** and **their son**; sister **Rachel**; brother **James**; brother **Odel**; and sister **Gloria**. We pray that You **bless them** with Yourself and make them a **functioning members** of the church.

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This Weeks’s Pursuit: The Recovery of the Priesthood for God’s Building

The definition of a Priest

I. A priest is a person who lives solely for God’s interests and serves Him—Exo. 19:6; Rom. 14:7-8; 2 Cor. 5:15:

Priests are the most normal and proper persons, those who realize that God’s plan is to work Himself into a group of people in order that He might be their life and that they might become His expression. A normal and proper human being is one who is a priest, one who serves God; if we are not priests serving God in all that we do, we are abnormal.

II. A priest is one who receives God, who is filled, saturated, and permeated with God, and who has God flowing out of him so that he might be a living expression of God—1 Pet. 2:5, 9:

According to the revelation of the Scriptures, to serve God is to contact God, to receive God into us, and to be filled, saturated, and permeated with God. God’s intention is not to call us merely to work for Him; His intention is that we first open ourselves to Him in order that He may come into us to fill and flood us until He has taken possession of every part of our being.

Our entire being must be saturated, permeated, and possessed by God. If this is our situation, we will be one with God and will not only be clothed outwardly with Him as power but also permeated inwardly with Himself as everything. As we are saturated, permeated, and possessed by God, spontaneously He will flow out of us, and we will be built up with others in this flow of life.

III. A priest is a person who contacts God in the mingling with God—1 Cor. 6:17.

The priest’s passing through the Holy Place and into the Holy of Holies is his contact with God, and this contact is not in himself but in a mingling with God; a priest’s contact with God is in God.

When we as priests contact God, we contact Him not merely objectively but also subjectively; we do not contact God apart from God, but we contact God in God, that is, in the mingling with God.

IV. A priest is one who is absolutely and thoroughly mingled with God—14:20:

God’s purpose is to mingle Himself with us so that He becomes our life, nature, and content, and we become His corporate expression. The mingling of God and man is an intrinsic union of the elements of divinity and humanity to form one organic entity, yet the elements remain distinct in the union. The will of God is the mingling of God with man, and the fulfillment of God’s purpose depends on the mingling of divinity and humanity.

The Christian life is the mingling of divinity and humanity; to be a Christian is to be mingled with God, to be a God-man. In His economy God mingles Himself with us to become one entity with us. We may experience God’s organic salvation to such an extent that we and God are completely mingled as one, having one life and one living.

The mingled spirit is a spirit that is one spirit with God and that is the same as God in His life and nature but not in His Godhead. The divine Spirit and the human spirit are mingled as one within us so that we can live the life of a God-man, a life that is God yet man and man yet God. The God-man living is the living of the two spirits, the Spirit of God and the spirit of man, joined and mingled together as one. To live in the mingled spirit is to let Christ fill and saturate us until He permeates our whole being and is thereby expressed through us. In order to live and serve as priests, we need to know that the Lord Jesus today, as the embodiment of the Triune God, is the Spirit indwelling our spirit and is mingled with our spirit as one spirit.

V. A priest is one who serves in newness of spirit—Rom.7:6:

Everything that is related to our spirit is new, and everything that comes out of our spirit is new. Our regenerated spirit is the source of newness because the Lord, the life of God, and the Holy Spirit are there.

VI. A priest is a person who ministers to the Lord—Acts 13:1-4a:

“As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” The work of the church in Antioch began during a time of ministering to the Lord. All our work for the Lord must issue from this priestly service of ministering to the Lord; this is the unique principle for the work of the New Testament.

The work of the Holy Spirit can be revealed only at a time of ministering to the Lord. If we do not place ministering to the Lord as the top priority, everything will be out of order. Only at a time of ministering to the Lord will the Holy Spirit send some forth.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Aug. 30 - Sept. 05, 2015	22	11	14		\$280.00
Sept 06 - Sept. 12, 2015	30	11	14	17	\$90.00