



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me, that I might Thy channel be.”

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

Oct. 2015 - Love Feast, Oct. 11
 - Pursuit, Oct 12, AIC, Msg. 15
 - Conference, Winnipeg Oct 16-18

Nov. 2015 - Love Feast, Nov 8
 - Pursuit, Nov 11, AIC, Msg. 16

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

THE WAY TO COOPERATE WITH THE LORD

Having a Revived Living and an Overcoming Life

If we desire to take the way of recovery, we must cooperate with the Lord. First, we must **have a revived living and an overcoming life**. As believers, we must have a revived living. To be revived is to be enlivened within and to live solely for the Lord. Such a revival will lead us to live an overcoming life.

Pray-reading the Word and Calling on the Lord's Name Daily

Second, we need to **live a life of daily pray-reading the Word and calling on His name** to enjoy His riches (Col. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:22; Rom. 10:12). This must be our practice in our daily life... We should **read the Word daily and also pray-read the Word** by turning the Word into prayer. Then the Word will become living to us and will be our food (Jer. 15:16). Reading the Word may be a mental process, but once we turn the Word into prayer, we will receive the supply of life. In addition, we need to call on the Lord's name, but many of us may not call for a number of days. We should **call on the Lord every day and in everything** (Eph. 5:20).

Experiencing Christ by Continually Being Filled in Spirit, Walking according to the Spirit, and Living Christ

Third, we also need to be filled in spirit, **walk according to the spirit**, and live Christ continually so that we may experience Christ (v. 18; Gal. 5:16, 25; Phil. 1:20-21).

Being Ready in Season and out of Season to Testify for the Lord, to Speak Christ, and to Proclaim the Gospel Everywhere

Fourth, wherever we are, whether in season or out of season, we should **testify for the Lord, speak Christ, and proclaim the gospel** (2 Tim. 4:2). This should be manifested in our living throughout the day.

Increasing Our Spiritual Constitution

Fifth, we should **increase our spiritual constitution daily** through spiritual exercises and learning. I would again propose that we use ten to fifteen minutes every morning to pray-read two verses from the Bible. It is best to do this with two or three others. Husbands and wives are the best companions for pray-reading. This kind of pray-reading is a surety, a disinfectant, and an antitoxin. **If a couple can read two Bible verses together every morning, it will be very easy for them to live in the spirit the rest of the day, and they can avoid quarrelling with one another.** As a result, they will have some spiritual constitution.

In addition to pray-reading, **we need to speak to whomever we meet**, whether in season or out of season. This is also a good way to be constituted spiritually. If we can increase our spiritual constitution every day, we will spontaneously supply others in large meetings and in small meetings. Such a living will make it possible for 1 Corinthians 14:26 and Hebrews 10:25 to be recovered among us and for Matthew 16:18 and Ephesians 4:12-16 to be fulfilled for the building up of the church, which is the Body of Christ and the organism of the Triune God. The church can be built up only through meetings in mutuality.

In order to change the system for everyone to function and for the building up of the church, **we need to be revived**. On the one hand, we do not need to wait for a revival. As long as we are **willing to receive grace**, we can be revived. On the other hand, being revived requires that we take the initiative to obtain grace. First, **we must be determined to live for the Lord**. Then we need to **consecrate ourselves** to set aside a specific time to go out every week either to visit people, to preach the gospel, or to lead a home meeting. Finally, we need spiritual exercises every day so that we can have spiritual experiences and be enriched in our spirit to increase our spiritual constitution. As a result, we will have something with which to supply others when we come to the meeting. (The Proper Way for Believers to Meet and to Serve, Ch 6, section 6)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we thank You for Your original intention to present Yourself as **the tree of life** to be enjoyed by us. Give us an **adequate realization and experience** to enjoy You. Refresh us, sustain us, support us, strengthen us, and nourish us that **we may grow** with all the riches of God.
2. Lord, build us up together to be Your **holy priesthood**, separated from the world, from the common things unto Your use. **Sanctify us** from the ordinary way unto the divine things.
3. Lord, we thank You for the assurance that never again we need to be bothered by sin for You offered Yourself as the unique **sin offering** once for all. We **declare** and **announce the good tidings** that the problem of sin has been solved. *“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”*
4. Lord, You’re also our real Melchizedek, our **kingly priest** who care for us, **ministering grace and life** into us until we become Your expression, declaring Your excellency, Your grace, Your life, and Your divine nature to others.
5. Lord, we offer up a **sacrifice of praise continually** to You. We need more grace to experience You when we pass through reproach and suffering to continually praise You in the mingled spirit.
6. We praise and worship You that we are Your **chosen race**, Your **royal kingly body of priest**, Your **holy nation**, and Your **possession**, the people whom You called out of darkness into Your **marvellous light** to serve You corporately.
7. Pray for the **conference** in **Winnipeg** on October 16 - 18.
8. Today we need to follow the apostles to **tell out the excellent virtues of the Lord** that we experienced and enjoyed.

“... TODAY WE ARE HOLY PRIESTS, GOING TO GOD TO REPRESENT GOD’S PEOPLE AND BRING THEIR NEEDS TO HIM; WE ARE ROYAL PRIESTS, COMING FROM GOD TO THE PEOPLE TO REPRESENT GOD AND MINISTER GOD TO THEM.”

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

The Two Orders of the Priesthood

Scripture Reading: 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 5:10; Exo. 29:1, 4; Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 13:15; 2:12

I. The basic significance of a priest in the Bible is that a priest ministers God to man.

The first mention of a priest in the Scriptures establishes the principle of a priest. The first time the word priest is used in the Bible is with Melchizedek, who was a king and a kingly priest. Melchizedek came from God and ministered something of God to Abraham. The bread and wine signify God as our enjoyment and God being ministered to us to nourish, refresh, sustain, comfort, and strengthen us. We need to realize that a priest is not only one who **serves God** but also one who **ministers God** into man.

II. The two orders of the priesthood are the holy priesthood and the royal priesthood.

The holy priesthood is typified by the order of Aaron. 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 **first order** of the priesthood—Aronic priesthood, **the holy priesthood**—is for the offering of sacrifices to God for our sins; hence, the Aronic priesthood is mainly concerned with the sin offering. The Aronic priesthood solves the problem of sin; Christ’s purifying of sins is typified by the work of Aaron. Christ put away sin by offering Himself to God as the one sacrifice for sins. The Aronic priesthood was not part of God’s initial intention but was added later because of the problem of sin.

The **second order** of the priesthood—the aspect of the priesthood typified by Melchizedek, **the royal priesthood**—is for ministering the processed God into us as our enjoyment for our supply. Christ’s sitting down on the right hand of the Majesty on high is according to the order of Melchizedek. As the kingly High Priest, Christ ministers to us whatever we need, dispensing the processed and consummated Triune God into us as our life supply to fulfill God’s eternal purpose. In our experience today, the kingly priests are those who **come from God to care for God’s people**. As we serve in the practical church life, the real priesthood comes into being when we minister God to others so that eventually they will be God’s expression.

In the Lord’s recovery today we are holy priests, going to God to represent God’s people and bring their needs to Him; on the other hand, **we are royal priests, coming from God to the people to represent God and minister God to them.** 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.

III. The holy priesthood offers spiritual sacrifices to God.

The **spiritual sacrifices** that the holy priests offer according to God’s economy are (1) **Christ** as the reality of all the sacrifices of the Old Testament types, such as the burnt offering, meal offering, peace offering, sin offering, and trespass offering; (2) the **sinners** saved by our gospel preaching, offered as members of Christ; and (3) our **body**, our praises, and the things that we do for God.

In the church we should offer up through Christ the sacrifice of praise to God. In the church Christ sings in us hymns of praise unto God the Father, and we too should praise God the Father through Him. He and we, we and He, praise the Father together in the mingled spirit. Christ, as the life-giving Spirit, praises the Father in our spirit, and we, by our spirit, praise the Father in His Spirit. This is the best and highest sacrifice that we can offer to God through Christ.

IV. The kingly priesthood tells out the virtues of God who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Virtue (2 Pet. 1:3) is **the energy and strength** of the divine life that enables us to reach God’s glory as the goal; virtues (1 Pet. 2:9) are the excellencies of God, referring to what God is and has. To tell out is to proclaim abroad; this is to benefit others by proclaiming abroad as the gospel the virtues of the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Darkness is the expression and sphere of Satan in death; light is the expression and sphere of God in life. God has called us, delivered us, out of Satan’s death-realm of darkness into His life-realm of light.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Sept. 20 - Sept. 26, 2015	23	11	10		\$160.00
Sept. 27 - Oct. 03, 2015	25	11	11		\$290.00