



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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"... the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life."

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

Dec. 2015 - Love Feast, December 13
 - Children's Fun Day, Dec 20

Jan. 2016 - Love Feast, January 4

Church Building

*Heaven and earth will
 pass away, but My
 words shall by no means
 pass away.*

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

Pray-reading The Word of God with Our Spirit

We need to use our spirit to pray-read The Word of God. To comprehend the Word literally we first need to read the black and white letters with our eyes as well as with our mind. Second, we need to pray-read, **converting** all that we see and all that we comprehend into **prayer**. When we pray, we use our spirit. At first, we may use our mind to pray, but after three to five sentences our spirit will rise up. This is a definite fact. Therefore, never forget that the **essence** of The Word of God is **God's breathing** out. When you read it, you should breathe it in. On God's side, it is a matter of **His breathing out**; on our side, it is a matter of **our breathing in**. The spiritual breath comes out of Him and enters into us. That which comes out of Him and enters into us is the spiritual breath. The Word Of God is spirit and life. Our mind cannot touch the Spirit; only our spirit can touch the Spirit. If we do not touch the Spirit, we do not have life. Only by touching the Spirit can we have life. Ultimately, this life is Christ, and it is also God Himself.

... When we pray-read, our spirit **touches** the Spirit of the Bible, and thus **we receive life**. Many of you can testify to this. For example, a newly saved person may read the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. He may not read the footnotes, and he may not read the Life-studies. He may simply begin to pray-read from verse one: "Oh, Abraham; Oh, the son of Abraham. O Lord, You are the son of Abraham, the son of David. Jesus Christ—Oh, Jesus; Oh, Christ; Jesus Christ. Abraham begot Isaac. Praise the Lord! Isaac begot Jacob..." If he prays like this for five or six minutes, his whole inner being will be very bright and clear, even though he may not understand anything. This is neither imagination nor superstition. We can prove this with the fact of our experience. The Bible is the Bible. Even if you pray-read Genesis 3:1-2, "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said..." your spirit will **be nourished**. This is truly marvelous.

Eating, Drinking, and Breathing the Spirit and the Life in The Word of God

The matter of pray-reading to eat, drink, and breathe the Spirit and the life in The Word of God is seen in the word of the Bible; hence, pray-reading is not superstitious. When we pray-read, the word in letters becomes spirit and life, that is, the Lord Himself. To pray-read is **to receive** "the sword of the Spirit, which is The Word of God, by means of all prayer and petition" (Eph. 6:17-18). Whenever we receive The Word of God by pray-reading, the result is that we eat, drink, and breathe in the Spirit and the life in God's Word. Even an Old Testament saint, Jeremiah, also said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them" (Jer. 15:16). The Word Of God is edible; hence, it is our food. Therefore, we must "long for the guileless milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2:2). In Hebrews 5:12 we are told that The Word of God is of two kinds: **milk** for those who are babes, and **solid food** for those who are mature. In addition, God's Word is also God's breathing out. When we breathe in God's Word, breathing in what God has breathed out, we receive Him. It is clear, then, that to pray-read is to eat, to drink, and to breathe, and the more consistently we practice it, the better. If we eat a little, drink a little, and breathe a little, as time goes on we will be purified. Furthermore, we will go beyond the letter, the historical events, and the people and things, and we will obtain the revelation of life.

(The Full Knowledge of the Word of God, Chapter 2, Section 3)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we love You and we seek You, thank you Lord for Your **living word** as Your breath to infuse Your element into us. We humble our selves to You, subdue us, expose us but more so **feed us** with Your words.
2. Lord, we seek Your words out of love for You and Your word, we want to **breath in Your words** so that we may have **strength of life** to live out the law to correspond to what You are and reflect what You are.
3. Lord, we declare that the **highest profession** on earth is to **spend time being infused** with You that we may shine forth You.
4. For the **sowing** of the gospel and **raising up** of golden **lampstands** in **2016**. Remember the **GTCA cities**: Mississauga, ON, Laval, QC, and Abbotsford, BC. Pray for the FTTA trainees and for a fruitful labor and harvest in the coming year.
5. For the **gospel** and **ministry publications** to reach the people who are fleeing their countries in the Middle East and settling in Europe. May the free **literature distribution** in Arabic and Farsi result in the salvation of many of these migrants.
6. The **translation** of the Bible, the Life-study series, and the various ministry books into **French** requires expertise in literary work, editing, proofreading, and publishing. Please pray for the timely supply of grace.
7. Pray for our **small group / home meetings**. Live a life which correspond to the law as God's expression.

He Didn't Stay Home

He didn't stay home;
 He went and visited people.
 He didn't stay home;
 Jesus taught disciples.
 Fed the following crowd outdoors;
 Made them glad forevermore;
 Serving's what His life was for;
 He didn't stay home. SO!!!!

Don't stay home! (go, go!)
 Go and visit people!
 Don't stay home! (go, go!)
 Go and teach disciples. (GO!)
 Fix some food, go out the door;
 Make them glad forevermore;
 Serving is what life is for,
 So DON'T STAY HOME!!

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

**The Law—the Testimony of God
 Revealing Him to His People
 and the Living Word of God
 to Infuse His Substance
 into His Loving Seekers**

Scripture Reading: Exo. 20:1-17; 34:28; Psa. 19:7; Rom. 7:14; 2 Cor. 3:6; 2 Tim. 3:16; John 5:39-40

I. The law as the testimony of God, the expression of God, is the revelation of who God is to His people—Exo. 16:34; 31:18; 32:15; 40:20; 25:21-22; 38:21; 20:1-17; Psa. 19:7; Gen. 1:26:

A law is always a revelation of what kind of person has enacted that law. God regards the Ten Commandments, the ten laws, as “*the ten words*”—a further indication that the law is a revelation of God Himself, since the words a person speaks are a revelation of that person: God is jealous, holy, loving, righteous, truthful, pure.

As the word of God and the testimony, the expression, of God, the law is a type of Christ as God's Word and God's testimony, God's expression; Christ describes and expresses God in a full and adequate way. Christ is the reality of the law as the testimony of God; the testimony of God signifies Christ, the embodiment of God, as the living portrait of what God is. As the law is the ten words of God that reveal God to His people, so Christ is the Word of God revealing God to us.

We should not try to keep the law from without but let Christ live Himself out from within so that we may become the testimony of God, the expansion and enlargement of God's expression. The reality of keeping the law is to live God and express God; such a living, a living in the eternal economy of God, is the living of a God man, a life of continually denying the self and being crucified to live Christ, who is God's testimony, by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ for the enlarged and expanded expression of God.

II. There are two aspects of the law—the aspect of the letter — and the aspect of the Spirit; “the letter kills, but the Spirit: gives life”—2 Cor. 3:6; cf. Psa. 119:50:

If our attitude in coming to the law is to care only for the **commandments in letters**, we will have the law in the aspect of the killing letter. Whether in our experience the law is positive or negative **depends on the condition of our heart** in receiving the law. If in coming to the law we do not seek God in love but rather separate the law from the living God as the source of life, the law, which was intended to result in life but cannot give life of itself, will become a condemning and killing element to us.

However, if we take every part of the law—all the commandments, ordinances, statutes, precepts, and judgments—as **the word breathed out by the God** whom we love, we will have the law in the aspect of the life-giving Spirit. **If we love God, humble ourselves, and regard the law as His living word through which we contact Him and abide in Him, the law will become a channel through which the divine life and substance are conveyed to us for our supply and nourishment.** By being infused with God's substance through the law as God's word, we become one with God in life, nature, and expression and spontaneously live a life that expresses God and corresponds to His law.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Nov. 29 - Dec. 05, 2015	18	11	11		\$300.00
Dec. 06 - Dec. 12, 2015	19	11	15	6	\$140.00

III. The function of the law has two aspects:

On the **negative side**, the law **exposes** man's sin and **subdues** sinners before God; the law also **guards** God's chosen people in its custody that they might be conducted to Christ. On the **positive side**, as God's living testimony, the law functions to **minister** the living God to His seekers, and as God's living word, the law functions to **dispense** God Himself as life and light into those who love the law.

IV. The law is the living word of God to infuse His substance into His loving seekers to make them His testimony for the fulfillment of His eternal economy:

The law is spiritual, the same in essence, nature, and substance as God, who is Spirit. The law as God's ten words is His breath **to convey** His element into the ones who receive His words. Christ Himself is God's real and living law, the Word of God, the breath of God, the expression of God. By **pray-reading the Word**, we breathe God's element into us, being infused with what God is, to cause us to live Christ and become the living expression of God, His living law, the living portrait of God.

V. The highest and most intrinsic function of the law as God's word is to impart God's substance into us to make us one with God, the same as God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead:

While Moses was receiving the law from God, he was being **infused** with the element of God to cause him to glow with God. When we are infused with God's substance through His word, we become what He is, and His divine attributes are expressed in our human virtues. **We keep the requirements of the law not** by our own efforts **but** with what has been infused into us of the Lord through our contact with Him; once we have been thoroughly infused with God's substance, He Himself, the Law-giver, from within us will keep His own law.

VI. There are two kinds of people dealing with the law—the loving seekers of God and the letter-keepers of the law—cf. Gen. 2:9; 2 Cor. 3:6, 15-16:

The **psalmists** were the loving seekers of God, loving the law as the testimony of God and as His living word:

- They loved God—Psa. 18:1; 73:25; 116:1.
- They sought God—42:1-2; 43:4; 119:2, 10.
- They dwelt with God—27:4; 84:1-7; 90:1.
- They beheld God's beauty—27:4.
- They were infused with the riches of God—52:8; 92:13-14, 10.
- They enjoyed the riches of life—36:8-9.
- They were supplied with God to keep His word—119:57.
- They treasured the law of God—vv. 14, 72, 127.
- They tasted the sweetness of the law—v. 103.
- They hoped in the word of God and mused upon it—vv. 147-148.

Simeon and Anna were also among those who lovingly sought God:

- As Simeon and Anna waited for Christ, the Holy Spirit was upon them— Luke 2:25.
- They also had the revelation of the Holy Spirit and walked by the Spirit— vv. 26-27.
- Dwelling in the temple, they served God with fastings and petitions; thus, they enjoyed God and received His infusion—v. 37.
- Because they had been infused with the substance of God, they could live a life that corresponded to the law as God's expression.

The Judaizers, the legal and dogmatic letter-keepers of the law, had a heart not for God but for the killing letter of the law, seeking the law apart from God. Before he was saved, Saul of Tarsus was zealous for the law; as a Judaizer, he was even a blasphemer of God and a persecutor of man.

VII. By being infused with God's substance through His living word, we become the true worshippers of God, those who are according to what God is, who correspond to what God is, and who reflect what God is for His glory—John 4:24; 5:39-40; 2 Cor. 3:18:

A true worshipper of God is one who is infused with God and lives out God, who thereby becomes a person according to what God is and corresponding to what He is; the living of such a person corresponds to God's living and reflects what He is—this is the living testimony of Jesus. The law as the word of God is God's breath for us to breathe in God so that we may have the strength of life to live out the law, which corresponds to God's nature and expression.

VIII. The highest profession on earth is to spend time being infused with God so that we can glow with God and shine forth God; this accomplishes the eternal economy of God to work Himself into man so that He may have His testimony, His enlarged and expanded expression—2 Cor. 3:15-18.