



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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"long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation"

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 - **Children's Fun Day, Dec 20**

Jan. 2016 - Love Feast, January 4

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

PRAY-READING TO ENJOY CHRIST

The Lord has shown us in a definite way that we must practice **pray-reading**. In my Christian experience no other way can replace pray-reading. The best way to have the enjoyment of Christ is to pray-read. We all have to try it and see.

The Bible is the embodiment of Christ. All the riches of Christ are embodied in the Bible. The Bible has many pages, and each page contains the riches of Christ. Therefore, day by day, we have to pray-read. Eventually, through our pray-reading we will see that Christ is God, the Lamb, the Creator, the creature, the Father, the Son, the Spirit, life, light, love, the King, the Priest, the Prophet, every kind of tree, wheat, corn, milk, honey, water, green grass, tender pasture, and the cattle. We will discover that Christ is every positive thing in the universe. This Christ is also the building, the house, the bedroom, the living room, the kitchen, the window, and the door. We will also find that Christ is the good land, the sun, and the morning star.

... All the riches of Christ are in the Bible. However, we cannot merely meditate over it. Meditation is too poor. Rather, **we should open the Word and eat it by pray-reading**. We may say, "O Lord, Your words were found and I ate them" (Jer. 15:16). In this way we take in the riches of Christ. The riches of Christ are in every verse.

DIGESTING THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MEASURE OF CHRIST

... Pray-reading is wonderful, but we also have to pray, "Lord, clear a way within me. O Lord, have a free course within me." Pray-reading does not help us to obtain mere knowledge; rather, **it brings many things of the Lord into us**. Therefore, we need to give the things of the Lord a free course within us. This affords us the best spiritual digestion, assimilating what we have pray-read. Never say no to the Lord; learn always to say **Amen**.

Whether or not we understand what we pray-read, it always brings something of the Lord into us. When these things get into us, they need a free course. Thus, we always have to say Amen. The **Lord**, the **Word**, and the **Spirit** are one. The Lord is the Word, the Word is the Spirit, and the Spirit is the Lord. When we get the Word into us, we have the Spirit and we have the Lord. Therefore, we must be warned. If we pray-read for ten minutes, we may not understand much, but we will sense that something is within us. We may say that it is the Word, we may say that it is the Spirit, or we may say that it is the Lord. Whatever term we use, there will be something moving within us and adjusting us.

... No one has taught us, rebuked us, corrected us, or instructed us, yet there is a change. Even as we are changing, we do not realize the change. Something subconsciously and unconsciously is changing us. This is the growth in life, and this is the increase of the measure of Christ. This proves that some of the riches of Christ have been dispensed into us.

... When we pray-read, we pray and at the same time we read. This is why it is called pray-reading. This kind of prayer is not a peculiar prayer or a prayer with vain words. It is **prayer using the wonderful Word**. In this way we get into all the riches of Christ. This is what we need in our Christian life. **Pick up pray-reading and try it**. It will turn us around a hundred and eighty degrees. If we would pick up pray-reading in a proper way, we will be another kind of Christian after only one week. We will see the Lord's recovery, we will see God's will, and we will see the church. Then we will see that Christ is so different to us. This is the means that God uses to dispense Christ into us.

(Enjoying the Riches of Christ for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, Ch 4, Section 4)

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

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we would like to enter into a **love relationship** with You. We love You Lord, we respond to Your courting word, **supply** us with Your **life** which enable us to become one with You and makes You one with us.
2. Lord, we thank You for giving the law as an **engagement covenant**, to court us and that has betrothed us into Yourself. Impart Your substance into us, **usher us** into You and **unite us** with Your life and nature.
3. Lord, we also praise You for opening our eyes to see that the primary **function** of the **Bible** is to bring us into **oneness** with You. Lord we love Your word, continue to **infuse** Yourself into us.
4. Lord we simply say **Amen to Your words**, we cannot fulfill Your requirements by our own striving and working, but through Your **moving, working and operating** in us, we can do what we could never do ourselves.
5. Pray 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.
6. Pray 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.
7. Pray for 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.
8. Pray for our **small group / home meetings**. We are those who keep the law by loving God and His word to become one with Him have the living of a God-man to bear the image of God.

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The Law—the Engagement Covenant between God and His People

Exo. 20:1-12; 34:27-29; Isa. 54:5; Jer. 2:2; 31:3, 32; Ezek. 16:8; Hosea 2:19-20

I. The subject of the entire Bible, the content of God’s economy, and the secret of the entire universe are the divine romance between God and His chosen and redeemed people:

When we as God’s people enter into a love relationship with God, we receive His life, it is this life that enables us to become one with God and makes Him one with us. We keep the law **not** by exercising our mind and will **but** by loving the Lord as our Husband and thereby partaking of His life and nature to become one with Him as His enlargement and expression.

II. God’s intention in giving His law to His chosen people was that they become His lovers. 20:6; Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:35-38; Mark 12:28-30:

Both Ezekiel 16:8 and Jeremiah 31:32 use the word covenant, a word that refers to the law given in Exodus 20; when God gave the law, He betrothed Israel unto Himself, and Israel became engaged to Him; this is what Jeremiah 2:2 refers to in saying, “The love of your bridal days.” **God’s goal in giving the law was to make His chosen people one with Him as a wife is one with her husband; the law would then impart God’s substance into them, usher them into God, and unite them with God in life and nature.**

III. In giving His law to His people, God was seeking lovers, and the giving of the law was a transaction in which God’s people became engaged to Him:

... By means of the law as an engagement paper, God officially betrothed the children of Israel to Himself in Exodus 20 at the mountain of God. The Sabbath is mentioned in relation to the work of building God’s dwelling place, signifying that as God’s people work with Him and for Him, they must learn to rest with Him by enjoying Him and being filled with Him. **Keeping the Sabbath is a sign that God’s people work for God not by their own strength but by enjoying Him and being one with Him. It is also an eternal covenant assuring God that we will be one with Him by first enjoying Him and then working with Him, for Him, and in oneness with Him.** God first worked and then rested; man first rests and then works.

The **highest function of the law** as an engagement paper, an engagement covenant, is **to bring** God’s chosen people into **oneness** with Him, as a wife is brought into oneness with her husband, **making them His enlarged and expanded expression, His testimony...** As God’s people love God and **spend time to fellowship** with Him in His word, God infuses them with His divine element, making them one with Him as His spouse, the same as He is in life, nature, and expression.

IV. Since the law was given as an engagement contract and the entire Bible is God’s courting word, we should not try to keep the law apart from loving the Lord and His word and becoming one with Him—John 21:15-17; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; John 14:21, 23:

The truth of God coming into us to do everything for us and in us is the central concept in the Bible concerning the giving of the commandments. As long as we love the Lord and His word and as long as we stay with Him to be infused with Him, He will do in us what we cannot do ourselves. In order to practice the vision of the eternal economy of God, the highest peak of the divine revelation, **we need to spend time to be infused with the Lord as our Husband, becoming more and more like Him to be His expression.**

... As we are infused with the Lord, **we will shine spontaneously to become His living portrait, His testimony; we will not work or strive but simply glow.** Whenever we contact the Lord in a direct, intimate way, becoming one with Him, His word supplies us with life to cause us to grow, become His expression, and spontaneously live in a way that corresponds to what He is. Those who keep the law by loving God and His word to become one with Him have the living of a God-man to bear the image of God, being a portrait of God and a duplication of God.

| WEEK | LORD’S TABLE ATTENDANCE | PRAYER MEETING | YP MEETING | GROUP / HOME MEETING | OFFERING |
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| Dec. 06 - Dec. 12, 2015 | 19 | 11 | 15 | 6 | \$140.00 |
| Dec. 13 - Dec. 19, 2015 | 26 | 11 | 14 | 6 | \$ |