

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## CULTIVATING, PROMOTING, AND BUILDING UP THE HOME MEETINGS

When the New Testament speaks concerning Christian meetings, it always stresses one point—**speaking**. Paul says, “*What is it then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm*”... Ephesians 5 tells us that psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are firstly not for singing but for speaking. “*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*” The speaking here is with psalms, with poetry. Whether you have a psalm or whether you have a teaching or whether you have a revelation, all are for speaking. If you have a tongue, that is for speaking. If you have an interpretation of tongues, that is also speaking.

Acts 5:42 shows that in the first period of the church life, those new saints who had just gotten saved on the day of Pentecost **met from house to house**. In each home of the early believers they met... They met from home to home preaching and teaching... Everybody spoke.

We all need to practice speaking all day long... We should not speak in a doctrinal way... Just speak in an ordinary, common way, so spontaneously. Whenever we are accustomed to opening our mouth in the meetings, we open it in a professional way. But when we talk in our home, we do not speak in this way. We should come to the meeting to talk as we talk in our homes in our daily life. **Come together and begin the meeting by speaking.**

### THE DIVINE SPEAKING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

What the Bible reveals concerning the divine speaking in the old creation is firstly seen in Genesis chapter one. The Bible tells us clearly that the old creation was created by God's speaking. Genesis 1:3 says, “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” This was done by speaking... Psalm 33:9 says that when God spoke, it was done. When God spoke, that was it! God did not use any gimmicks, any messages, any channels to create the universe. God created the universe only by speaking! He spoke and it was.

### THE DIVINE SPEAKING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

How was the new creation made? It was made by speaking. First, **the entire**

**God was the Word.** This means that the entire God was a speaking. “In the beginning was the **Word**...and the Word was God”. This Word became **incarnated** to be a man, and that man was just God's speaking. **The man Jesus was God's Word.** In other words, He was God's speaking. He told us that He was one with the Father; He was in the Father and the Father was in Him; and the word He spoke was God's working in Him. Then He said, “He who hears My word and believes Him Who sent Me has eternal life, and will not come into judgement, but has passed out of death into life”. **This is the new creation brought into being by speaking.**

Before the day of Pentecost came, the Lord Jesus told His disciples, “*You shall receive*

*power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses*”. This means, “You shall be My speaking people to speak for Me.”... A witness is a speaking person, one who testifies by speaking.

Then Acts says, “*The word of God grew and multiplied.*” How did the word of God grow? It was by speaking! Paul said, “*For you can all prophesy one by one*” You speak God forth, you speak Christ out, you speak Christ to people, you speak for Christ. This is prophecy. **To prophesy is mainly to speak for Christ, to speak Christ forth, to speak Christ out. To prophesy is to speak God, to speak Christ, to speak the things concerning Christ and God, and to speak forth, speak out, and speak for God.** (*The Divine Speaking - Chapter 1 section2*)

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### Meeting Schedule:

#### Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day  
10:00AM to 12:00PM

#### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Saints Homes  
8:30PM to 9:30PM

#### YP Meeting

Fridays  
7:00PM to 9:00PM  
Brother Hedrick's Place

#### Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening  
Saint's Home

### Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA February 12-14, 2016
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring) Anaheim, CA - April 8-10, 2016
3. Memorial Day Conference Washington, DC May 27-30, 2016
4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA - July 4-9, 2016
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall) Gold Coast, Australia - October 6-8, 2016
6. Thanksgiving Conference San Jose, CA - November 24-27, 2016
7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA - December 26-31, 2016

### Upcoming Activities

- ▶ January 16, 2016 - Elder's Training
- ▶ February 14, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ February 15, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life, Message One

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, we thank You for **loving us**, and because of Your love You emptied Yourself, took the form of a slave, humbled Yourself, and became obedient even unto death of a cross for our **full salvation**.

2. Lord, open us, cause us to see that the foundation of Your earthly ministry was built in the “fashion of a man” and on the “form of a slave”. Lord we take You as our pattern to live the **crucified life lived out** in a full and absolute way.

3. Lord, we want to obey Your command - **“abide in Me”**, so that Your promise - **“I in You”** become our experience in our daily life. Lord in everything we do, You are our unique aim - **to live to You**.

4. Lord lead us, direct us, control us, constraint us to fulfill and to satisfy and to accomplish Your desire to **possess us**. We are not of our own, we belong to You, even are **one with You**.

5. Lord, motivate us with Your love that we may be willing to be **slaves sacrificing** and **servicing** the Father, the church and the saints. Continue to disciple us not to seek to be above others, but instead to place ourselves lower than others and be their slaves.

6. Lord we pray for the **translation** of the Bible, the Life-study series, and the various ministry books into **French**, Supply Your slaves with timely grace in their literary work, editing, proofreading, and publishing.

7. Lord we pray for the church in **Regina**. We love the Father, the church and the saints. Lord give us the **spirit of a slave**, the **love of a slave**, and the **obedience of a slave**. We empty and humble ourselves, to keep Your Word.

**“By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God.”**

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

**Christ as the Slave of God and the Believers as Slaves of God and Christ Jesus in the Church Life**

Exo. 21:1-6; Phil. 2:7-8; Mark 10:45; Luke 22:24-27; Rom. 1:1; James 1:1; Gal. 5:13

**I. The spirit of the ordinance in Exodus 21:1-6 is the spirit of a slave, the spirit of service - Rom 1:1 Titus 1:1 Phil. 1:1 James 1:1 :**

A slave does not stand on his own rights; he knows only to serve and to sacrifice, not to care for his own interests. To be a slave is to have the spirit of sacrifice; a slave is always willing to care for others, to serve them, and to sacrifice himself for them. Love is the basis of a slave’s service. Love is the motive and the prerequisite for a slave’s continual service. The love of a slave is followed by obedience.

**II. The slave in Exodus 21:1-6 is a type of Christ as the Slave of God, who sacrificed Himself to serve God and God’s people - Matt.20:28; Eph. 5:2, 25:**

The subject of the Gospel of Mark is Christ as the Slave of God, the Slave-Savior. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He was a Slave who had no rights. In His gospel service the Lord Jesus was a Slave not only to God but also to man. Mark 10:45 reveals that, as the Slave of God, the Lord Jesus served sinners even with His life, His soul; by giving His life as a ransom for sinners, the Lord Jesus accomplished the eternal purpose of God, whom He served as a Slave.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; this is the mind that was in Christ when He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, and humbled Himself, being found in fashion as a man. As the Slave of God, the Lord Jesus stood in the position of doing nothing on His own but acting only according to the word of the Father.

The New Testament reveals the **threefold love** of the Lord Jesus for the **Father**, the **church**, and the **saints**. As the Slave of God, the Lord Jesus was obedient unto death; His death on the cross was an act of obedience. Because the Lord Jesus loved God the Father, He kept the Father’s word not only as a Son but especially as a Slave. The Lord listened to God and did God’s will by keeping His word.

**III. The apostle Paul followed the Lord Jesus to be slave - Rom. 1:1; Titus 1:1; Isa. 50:4-5.**

Paul was such a slave by the serving and sacrificing life of Christ. As a slave of Christ and of God, Paul was willing to empty himself, humble himself, and sacrifice his rank, rights, and privileges. Paul had the spirit of a slave. Paul had the love of a slave; he was a person who loved the church. Paul had the obedience of a slave.

**IV. If we would take Christ as our pattern and follow Paul’s example, we must learn to be slaves and sacrifice everything for others - Gal. 5:13.**

A slave knows only to serve and to sacrifice, not to care for his own interests. We need to empty ourselves, humble ourselves, lower ourselves, not claim anything for ourselves, and sacrifice ourselves to serve others.

**V. A slave lives to the Lord not to himself - 2Cor. 5:14-15; Rom.14:7-8.**

To live to the Lord is to take Him as the aim of our living; in everything we do, Christ should be our unique aim. To live to the Lord means that we are under the leading and constraint of the Lord to fulfill His demand, satisfy His desire, and accomplish His purpose. To live to ourselves means that we are under our own control and direction and that we care for our own aims and goals.

**To the Lord** implies that we are the Lord’s possession, that we already belong to Him; **for the Lord** implies that we are still our own and are according to our pleasure and convenience. Living for the Lord implies that we and the Lord are still two; living to the Lord indicates that we are one with the Lord. Living to the Lord is based upon the fact that we are the Lord’s; we belong to Him. We need to realize that the Lord bought us with the great price of His precious blood. Now He is our Lord and Master, and we belong to Him. All that we have, all that we do, and all that we are, are to Him; everything is wholly to Him, and now we should live to Him.

**VI. In the church life all should be slaves - Phil. 1:1; Col1:7; 4:7, 12; 2 Pet.1:1.**

Only those who are willing to be slaves can remain permanently in the church life. The Lord Jesus taught us not to be above others but instead to place ourselves lower than others and be their slaves. **In the church life there is no rank; we are all brothers, and we must all serve as slaves.** All who believe in Christ, belong to Him, and have His life of service and sacrifice should take Him as their pattern by learning to be slaves, loving God, the church, and God’s people; with such a love as our motivation, we need to be slaves sacrificing and serving. In carrying out God’s New Testament economy, we need to have the spirit of a slave, the love of a slave, and the obedience of a slave.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Dec. 27 - Jan. 02, 2016	25	13	12		\$510.00
Jan. 03 - Jan. 09, 2016	26	11	12		\$380.00