

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## FACT, FAITH, AND EXPERIENCE

In the present age of grace, everything is "by grace" (Eph. 2:8). Everything being by grace means that everything is done by God. Man does not have to do anything to be saved because "to the one who works, his wages are not accounted according to grace, but according to what is due" (Rom. 4:4). Because God deals with man according to grace, there are certain facts.

### FACT

God has accomplished everything for man. Since **everything has been accomplished**, certain "facts" exist. And since they are existing "facts," man does not have to accomplish what has already been accomplished. All of God's works are complete.

However, God's grace is a righteous grace. This is why, with the "facts," there is still **the need for human cooperation**. What kind of cooperation is this? It is not to add anything to what He has finished, but to have man acknowledge that what God has done is real. This is faith.

### FAITH

Faith is to acknowledge that what God has said and done is true. Faith is **to accept the facts**, that is, to acknowledge them as facts.

Faith is a "cashing in." I use the words "cashing in" in the sense of one cashing a check at the bank. Suppose someone gives you a check. That the bank has the money is a fact. For you to cash the check for money is to acknowledge the fact that the bank possesses whatever amount is written on the check. It takes faith to "cash in." With faith, one can cash in and thereby have the money to use. Now, to spend the money is the "experience." To have the

money in the bank is the "fact," to cash the check is "faith," and to spend the money is "experience." In God's grace, what He has done for man are facts. But man must still experience these facts.

### EXPERIENCE

To experience God's grace is **to claim by faith the facts that God has accomplished** for man. These facts are accomplished by God. What man needs is faith. The facts belong to God, and the experience belongs to man. Thus, **faith is God's facts becoming man's experience**. What the Bible shows us is simply "fact, faith, and experience." (The Christian Life and Warfare, ch 8 section 1)

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

### The Blood of the Covenant

Scripture Reading: Exo. 24:4-8; 25:17, 22; 34:27-35; Lev. 16:11-16; Matt. 26:28; Luke 22:20; Heb. 10:19-20

**I. The precious blood of Christ satisfies God, it is the believers' access to God, and it overcomes all the accusations of the enemy (Exo. 12:13; Eph. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 10:19-20, 22; 9:14; 1 John 1:7, 9; Rev. 12:10-11); we need to go further to see that the Lord's precious blood is the blood of the covenant.**

**II. "Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, Here is the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah has made with you in accordance with all these words"—Exo. 24:8.**

The expression blood of the covenant is also used in Matthew 26:28; this matter **comes from the heart of God**, but it has no place in the heart of the natural man. Luke 22:20 says, "This cup is the new covenant established in My blood". The Lord's blood, having satisfied God's righteousness, enacted the **new** covenant and ushers us into the reality of the new covenant. **Through** the Lord's death His blood enacted the new covenant; **by** the Lord's resurrection He became the new covenant with all its bequests; and **in** the Lord's ascension He is the Mediator, the Executor, of the new covenant and the surety of the new covenant, the pledge that **everything in the new covenant will be fulfilled**.

**III. "Moses wrote down all the words of Jehovah. And he rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the base of the mountain and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel"—Exo. 24:4.**

The **altar** points to the need for redemption, termination, and replacement; because we are fallen, sinful, and corrupt, we need redemption and termination, and we also need to be replaced by Christ. The **pillars** signify that after God's people have been redeemed, terminated, and replaced at the altar, they can become the testimony of God, reflecting what He is. The **blood** comes from the sacrifices offered on the altar; it was the blood, not the altar or the pillars, that made effective the enactment of the law.

### Upcoming Activities

- ▶ January 31, 2016 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ February 14, 2016 - Love Feast; Blending Fellowship with the YP of the church in Calgary
- ▶ February 15, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life, Message One

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### Meeting Schedule:

#### Lord's Table Meeting

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

#### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Saints Homes  
8:00PM to 9:00PM

#### 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

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord we still pray to open us to see the matter from Your heart, “**the blood of the covenant,**” give us a deep impression of the true significance, and realization that the blood is the **redeeming** blood, the **cleansing** blood, the **sanctifying** blood, and the blood which **overcomes** the enemy.

2. Lord continue to reveal Yourself to us of what kind of God are You, that You are a **God of holiness, righteousness, love, and light,** and cause us to realize that we are fallen, sinful, and far way from You. Usher us into the Holy of Holies to contact You and be **infused by You.**

3. Lord, bring us into Your presence, to receive You and constitute us by **eating** of You as our life supply and **drinking** of You as our living water to be Your pillars as **living testimony** as Your reflection.

4. Lord, we praise You that through the **redeeming blood** we have life and have been brought into Your presence before the throne to serve You day and night in the temple where there will be no more hunger, no more thirst, but **eternal enjoyment** of You.

5. Lord, increase our faith that everything has been accomplished through Your redeeming blood, and now a **divine facts.** We need You to be our faith to accept all the facts of the covenant You made with us, to become our **experience.**

6. Lord we pray for the **Canada Training on Eldership.** The **GTCA** cities: Laval, QC, Mississauga, ON, Abbotsford (including Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, and Langley), BC.

7. Lord we pray for the church in **Regina.** “*You therefore shall be perfect as You heavenly Father is perfect.*” When the divine life within us grows to perfection, we shall be perfect even as our Father is perfect.

*“For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,”*

**IV. We need to see God’s intention in decreeing the law.**

In decreeing the law, God’s intention was to reveal to His chosen and redeemed people what kind of God He is; as the testimony of God, the law is a portrait or photograph of God; therefore, the first function of the law is to reveal that God is a God of holiness, righteousness, love, and light. The second function of the law is to cause His people to realize that they are fallen and far away from God.

**V. We need to see the relationship between the redeeming blood and the presence of God.**

The only one qualified to enter the Holy of Holies and come to the Ark with the expiation cover was the one who brought with him the redeeming blood from the outer court; this blood, which was the blood of the covenant, brought people into the Holy of Holies to enter into God’s presence.

That expiation cover, corresponding to the propitiation place in Romans 3:25 and Hebrews 9:5, was the lid of the Ark ; it signifies Christ as the **cover** of God’s righteous law and also as the **place** where God meets with His redeemed people and speaks to them in grace. Hence, the expiation cover on the Ark in the Holy of Holies equals the throne of grace, the very Christ who dwells in our spirit; the pure gold of which the cover was made signifies Christ’s pure divine nature.

**VI. Moses was a man who knew God’s heart and His intention therefore, he enacted the law not according to the intention of the children of Israel but according to the intention of God.**

**The Lord has accomplished redemption for us, and His blood is available to cleanse us and bring us into His presence; now He is waiting for us to repent, turn to Him, and receive His redemption and forgiveness. According to the revelation in the New Testament, we are not only brought into God’s presence—we are brought into God Himself; the redeeming and cleansing blood brings us into God!**

This gives us the ground and standing to receive God, to enjoy God, and to eat and drink of God; eventually, by partaking of God in this way, we will become pillars, His living testimony. The way to become pillars is the way of enjoying God; it is the way of eating of Him as our life supply and drinking of Him as our living water; by eating and drinking Him, we enjoy Him and are constituted with Him. This is a basic principle of the divine economy that operates in the universe unto this day.

The basic concept of God’s economy is not that God’s people should keep the law; the law was decreed by God not that His people might observe it but that through it they might come **to know God** in a positive way and **know themselves** in a negative way. Having a proper knowledge of God and of themselves, they would then repent and receive God’s redemption through the redeeming blood, and they would be brought into the presence of God to receive the infusion of God to become pillars as a living testimony and rejection of what God is.

**VII. The blood of the covenant is primarily for God to be our portion for our enjoyment—cf. Psa. 27:4; 1 Cor. 2:9; Heb. 10:19-20:**

In the new covenant God gives us forgiveness, life, salvation, and all spiritual, heavenly, and divine blessings. When this new covenant is given to us, it is a **cup**, a portion for us: “This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you”. The Lord shed His blood, God established the covenant, and we enjoy the cup, in which God and all that is of Him are our portion. The **blood** is the price that Christ paid for us, the **covenant** is the title deed that God made for us, and the **cup** is the portion that we receive from God. “*In this portion we have God, / Whom we lost thru Adam’s fall; / By the shedding of Thy blood, / God becomes our all in all. / In this portion all we have—/ Life and peace, redemption sure; / All that God has planned and willed, / In this portion we secure*”—Hymns, #223, stanza 3.

**VIII. Eventually, the blood of Christ as the blood of the new covenant (Matt. 26:28; Luke 22:20) ushers God’s people into the better things of the new covenant, in which God gives His people a new heart, a new spirit, His Spirit, the inner law of life (denoting God Himself with His nature, life, attributes, and virtues), and the ability of life to know God (Jer. 31:33-34; Ezek. 36:26-27; Heb. 8:10-12).**

**IX. Ultimately, the blood of the new covenant, the eternal covenant (13:20), enables God’s people to serve Him (9:14) and leads God’s people into the full enjoyment of God as their portion (as the tree of life and the water of life) both now and for eternity (Rev. 7:14, 17; 22:1-2, 14, 17).**

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Jan. 17 - Jan. 23, 2016	22	11	12	6	\$270.00
Jan. 24 - Jan. 30, 2016	26	12	13	5	\$425.00