

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## THE WAY GOD WORKS HIMSELF INTO US

We should not consider the eating and drinking spoken of in the Bible as commonplace. On the contrary, these matters are crucial. **It is by eating and drinking that we, God's chosen people, take Him into us.** Throughout the years, we have pointed out repeatedly that God's intention is to work Himself into us to be our life and our everything. But we still need to be impressed with the fact that **the way God works Himself into us** is through our eating and drinking of Him.

## EATING AND DRINKING IN GENESIS, REVELATION, AND THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

After the record of the creation of man, there is mention of the tree of life and of a river which "went out of Eden to water the garden" (Gen. 2:9-10). The tree of life was for man's eating, and the flowing river was for man's drinking. Hence, at the **beginning of the Bible**, eating and drinking are presented with respect to the relationship between God and man.

At the **end of the Bible** we also read of eating and drinking. In Revelation 21 and 22 eating and drinking are emphasized strongly. According to Revelation 21:6, the Lord will "give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely." In 22:1 we see the "river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," and in verse 2 we are told that "on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life." The river of water of life flows out of the throne, and the tree of life grows in the

river. In Revelation 22:14 there is a **promise related to eating**, and in 22:17, a **call related to drinking**. Verse 14 says that those who wash their robes have the right to the tree of life, and verse 17 says that whoever wills may take the water of life freely. **In verse 14 we have the promise of eating the tree of life, and in verse 17 we have the call to drink of the water of life.** Therefore, we may say that the Bible concludes with a word about eating and drinking.

In the Gospel of John, the Gospel that emphasizes the deity of Christ, there also are references to **eating and drinking**. According to this Gospel, God was incarnated so that we may eat and drink of Him. Chapter six covers the eating of Jesus as the heavenly manna, as the true bread, the living bread, the bread of God. In verse 57 the Lord Jesus speaks a clear, strong, and definite word concerning eating: "He who eats Me shall

*also live because of Me."*

Chapter seven goes on to speak of drinking the living water. On the last day of the feast of tabernacles, the great day of the feast, the Lord Jesus stood up and cried, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink" (v. 37). Chapter three of John covers regeneration, and chapter four, the drinking of the living water. In this chapter a thirsty Samaritan woman comes to the well to draw water. At the well she meets the Lord Jesus, who talks with her and tells her that living water is to be found in Him. At a certain point He says to the woman, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (v. 10). Then in verse 14 He says that the water He gives will become in the one who drinks it a "spring of water welling up into eternal life" (v. 14). These words about living water are weighty and of great significance.

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

### The Worship of God

Scripture Reading: Rev. 22:9b; 14:7; 4:8-11; 5:9-14; Gen. 4:3-5; Exo. 20:22-26; 32:1, 4-6; 24:10-11; John 4:23-24

### I. "Worship God"—Rev. 22:9b.

The last commandment in the New Testament is to worship God. God wants worship. God wants man to know that He is God and to declare that He is God. To worship God is to confess that He is God. The highest knowledge of God is of His **Godhead**. **Worship is the recognition that He is God and that we are men.** Worship comes from seeing; it takes revelation to worship... God needs our worship of Him, and what Satan fears is our worship of God. The devil's temptation of Jesus in the wilderness opens our eyes to see what Satan wants—the worship from man.

### Upcoming Activities

- ▶ 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
- ▶ March 03, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ March 25, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life, Message Two

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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 , “Your **name** be sanctified,” we confess that You are God, our God and nothing else shall we call God. We are men created by You and it is our duty to **worship** You in Your **Godhead**.
2. Lord we **worship** You, we acknowledge our limitations and acknowledge that You have no limitations. We bow before You, You are beyond us in everything. Only You shall we worship and **serve**.
3. Lord, we are today’s **priest** and the purpose and interest of our lives is to satisfy You in Your way, to present “**burnt offering**” for Your enjoyment and satisfaction and “**peace offering**” for our mutual **enjoyment** and **satisfaction**.
4. Pray for **Germany**:
  - a) That the Lord will continue to gain **translators** who will become our co-workers long term for the gospel, the work and the ministry.
  - b) That the local saints, together with those who are **migrating** to Germany, will continue and follow up the labor from the gospel trips with regular contact, shepherding, and opening of their homes.
  - c) That the enemy’s frustrations will be bound and that we will have favor with the refugee camp administrators and the **refugees**; that the local government would submit to the **headship of Christ**.
  - d) For the continuing labor of the seven follow-up **gospel trips**.
5. Lord we pray for the **Canada Training on Eldership**. The **GTCA** cities: Laval, QC, Mississauga, ON, Abbotsford (including Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, and Langley), BC.
6. Lord, we pray for the church in **Regina**. Lord, we **worship** You in **spirit** and in **truthfulness** in the Divine reality by drinking of the living water.

*“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.”*

In Revelation 4 we see that **because of creation** God receives worship; the picture in Revelation 4 shows us that from eternity to eternity God has His throne and continual worship; God has had this worship from before the foundation of the world. In Revelation 5 we see that **because of redemption** God receives worship. In the New Testament, **servicing God** is actually the same as **worshipping God**... Today worship is realized in the Body of Christ. Apart from the Body, it is difficult to have the proper worship. Worship in the New Testament is a corporate matter.

**II. Whereas Abel worshipped God according to divine revelation, Cain worshipped according to his own opinion and concept—Gen. 4:3-5:**

**Cain** did not follow the way of salvation through the anticipated redemption but presumptuously offered the fruit of his own labor to God. Cain’s way of worshipping God was to invent a religion according to his human concept and opinion. **Throughout the centuries and generations there have been countless followers of Cain, people in every place and time who have invented their own religion.**

According to Hebrews 11:4, Abel’s offering, a sacrifice, was offered to God by faith, which comes by hearing the word of the gospel. **Abel** was the first priest of God, representing all the believers in Christ. In type, Abel offered Christ to God. This offering included the sprinkling of the blood upon the altar for redemption and the burning of the fat as a satisfying fragrance to God. Abel’s offering, corresponding exactly with what was later revealed in the Mosaic law, proves that his way of worshipping God was according to God’s divine revelation, not according to his own concept.

**III. Exodus 20:22-26 reveals the statutes of the law concerning the worship of God.**

In the worship of God no place should be given to riches, signified in Exodus 20:23 by silver and gold. We cannot serve God and mammon. The proper worship of God must include the **burnt offering**—Christ offered to God for His enjoyment and satisfaction—and the **peace offering**—Christ offered to God for our enjoyment and satisfaction mutually with God.

According to Exodus 20:24-26, the **altar** God requires for man’s worship is primitive and uncultured in the eyes of man and offers no place for man’s wisdom and power. The altar was erected with materials created by God, indicating that the cross has been prepared entirely by the work of God, with **no place given to man’s work**. To erect an altar in this way means to receive what God has prepared, with **no human work added**. In the proper worship of God there should be **no name other than the name of the Lord**. The proper worship of God invites God’s visitation and blessing. To add man’s work to the worship of God is to bring in pollution. Because fallen man himself is sin, pollution, in the eyes of God, **no work of man is acceptable to Him**. Every fallen man who worships God must be terminated, with all his work and ways.

**Steps** refer to man’s way, which promotes achievement by natural ability and creates different levels of attainment among God’s people. God’s salvation clothes man with Christ as his righteousness, but man’s way uncovers the nakedness of his fallen nature. In principle, the exercise of man’s wisdom in building an altar with steps puts Christ aside and causes man’s fallen nature to be exposed. Instead of exercising our wisdom in things pertaining to God, we should fully trust in Christ and thereby remain under Christ as our covering.

**IV. While Moses was receiving the divine revelation concerning the worship of God, Aaron made a golden calf, and the children of Israel worshipped it as if it were the true God—Exo. 32:1-6.**

The golden calf was not a pagan idol, for it was made by Aaron, a genuine high priest appointed by God. Aaron made the calf in the name of Jehovah and took the lead to worship the idol in the way of presenting offerings to God and worshipping God. God’s redeemed people worshipped an idol in the name of Jehovah their God and in the way ordained by God.

**V. To see God is to worship Him, as revealed in Exodus 24:1, 10-11.**

“They beheld God and ate and drank”. While they were beholding God, they ate and drank. As they were experiencing a most wonderful sight, they were refreshed by eating and drinking. God wants us to enjoy Him and to worship Him out of this enjoyment. The worship of God here consists of beholding God and of eating and drinking; this is true worship, the worship God desires.

**VI. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the supply to the believers in their worship of the Father in the dispensing of God—John 4:14, 23-24.**

The **genuine worship** of God the Father is **in spirit and in truthfulness**; the divine reality, experienced and enjoyed by us and constituted into us, becomes the truthfulness in which we worship God with the worship that He seeks. The Lord’s word in John 4 shows us the worship of the Father **in the dispensing of God**. The worship that the Lord spoke of is the worship of the Father in the Son and in the Spirit; this is a worship in God’s dispensing, the worship by the divine dispensing. If we would have true worship, we need God in His Divine Trinity to be dispensed into our being. The worship of the Father in the dispensing of God is related to drinking the living water. To contact God the Spirit with our spirit is to drink of the living water, and to drink of the living water is to render real worship to God. **In order to worship the Father in the dispensing of God, we need to drink of the Spirit so that God may dispense Himself into our being.** We practice this kind of worship mainly in the **Lord’s table meeting**, where, after we partake of the bread and the cup, the Lord brings us to the Father in the Spirit, and we worship the Father in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Jan. 31 - Feb. 06, 2016	24	11	10	6	\$300.00
Feb. 07 - Feb. 13, 2016	22	11	12		\$180.00