

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## ENJOYING HYMNS

It is important that we know the hymns in order to have meetings that are according to the Scripture (1 Corinthians 14:26; Hebrews 10:25). We need to know the crucial points of the **contents** of the hymns, the **standard** of the hymns, the **sensation** of the hymns, the **wording** of the hymns, and the **tune** of the hymns. Additionally, the **hymns are not only for singing, but also for speaking in meetings**. By speaking the proper hymns to one another and singing them to the Lord, He will enrich, enliven, uplift, refresh, and strengthen the meetings.

### 4. Writing Hymns

To write a good hymn is not an easy task. A hymn must have the proper thought and proper **poetic** wording to accommodate of the **rhyme** and the **rhythm**.

The secret of learning anything is to do it again and again. In learning to do something, we make mistakes and are trained by learning from those mistakes. When Witness Lee wrote hymn #501—"O glorious Christ, Savior mine," he polished, corrected, and adjusted it close to one hundred times. Some hymns were written in a quick and light way, which is not proper. **Spiritual songs and hymns are the cream, the culmination of a person's writing, thought, learning, life experience, and spiritual experience**. Someone could not have composed the hymn—"Oh, what a life! Oh, what a peace!" without having had the experience of living Christ. That hymn is the cream of the author's experience, thought, learning, and writing.

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Hymns are poetry, and every poem is an expression of the writer's sentiment. The word "sentiment" denotes more than just a feeling. This word implies feeling, realization, understanding, and appreciation. The more one considers his sentiment, the more he will be inspired to write poetry. The kind of sentiment expressed in a particular hymn is a measure of that writer's enjoyment of Christ; it indicates the extent to which the writer has experienced and enjoyed Christ. Thus, Wesley wrote his hymn on the incarnation of Christ according to his sentiment, and Darby wrote his hymn on the exaltation of Christ according to his sentiment. Both hymns were written according to the measure of the Christ enjoyed by the writers.

Look to the Lord in this matter of composing hymns. There is a need for good composers and writers. When a hymn is written, it must be polished, adjusted, and improved again and again. The best writers and composers make use of lexicons. To write a hymn is a difficult task, but there is the need.

To sing the psalms of the Old Testament is beneficial, but nonetheless somewhat according to the Old Testament dispensation. There is also the need for some melodies to be put to the New Testament which help the believers get into the feeling of the New Testament. Songs are needed for the book of Ephesians, in particular on the truths from Ephesians 1:3-14 and 3:3-11. Verses can be rewritten to fit the meter and rhyme while maintaining their revelation and truth. There is the need for a few modern-day Charles Wesleys. His writings and his melodies were really marvelous. One of his great melodies is the one for "And can it be that I should gain" (#296). A. B. Simpson is another excellent writer and composer of hymns who should be a pattern to us.

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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

### Upcoming Activities

- ▶ March 20, 2016 - Love Feast & YP Conference
- ▶ March 25, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life, Message Two
- ▶ March 27, 2016 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ April 10, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ April 17, 2016 - Churching in Saskatoon

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, thank you for showing to us the **word of the cross**. Open us more so that we can see the **preciousness** and the value of the **salvation** of the cross which to us who are being saved is the power of God.
2. Lord give us a deep realization that nothing in our human life is more precious than Your **kingdom**. Cause us Lord to **seek** first Your kingdom and Your righteousness and that we no longer treasure what we once treasured.
3. Lord, change our concept of value that our **soul** is more **precious** than the world. Oh Lord, that we may **give up the world** to gain our soul and make us **willing to forsake** anything in order to preserve the purity of our soul.
4. Lord, grant us the light to have a thorough change in our concept of value to **bring out** the **precious** from the worthless. Lord, charm us by Your beauty that we may **pursue more** of You that we may become Your mouth.
5. Lord, grow in us as the **seed of life** that we may experience You as the **stone** living in us and make us also living stones - transformed with Your stone nature, that we may **be built together** with others as a spiritual house.
6. Lord, we want to experience You as the **tested stone**, the precious cornerstone joining us together with the Jews and as an established foundation **holding us** together for Your building.
7. Lord, we praise You and worship You for paying the **highest price** to redeem us from our vain manner of life to a holy life. Lord grant us a **holy fear** and a **serious caution** not to miss the purpose of Your high redemption.
8. Pray for the church in **Regina**.  
*Lord, we want to spend more time with You to consider the preciousness of Your blood shed on the cross for us. Make us diligent in pray-reading Your word to develop the seed of faith that we may grow in life unto maturity as our entrance into Your kingdom.*

**Five precious things:**

- (1) the precious stone, which is the Lord Himself (1 Pet. 2:4, 6-7)
- (2) the precious blood (1 Pet. 1:19)
- (3) the precious promises (2 Pet. 1:4)
- (4) the precious faith (2 Pet. 1:1)
- (5) the precious proving (1 Pet. 1:7)

**“This Weeks’s Pursuit: The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today**

**The Supreme Preciousness of the All-inclusive Christ**

Scripture Reading: 1 Pet. 1:7, 19; 2:4, 6-7; 3:4; 2 Pet. 1:1, 4; Phil. 3:8-9

**I. The believers in Christ should have a change in their concept of value—Matt. 23:16-26; 1 Sam. 16:7; Luke 16:15; 9:54-56; 1 Pet. 3:4:**

1. Their valuation of the Lord Jesus.
2. Their valuation of the word of the cross.
3. Their valuation of God's kingdom and righteousness in comparison to a man's daily necessities.
4. Their valuation of the Lord Jesus in comparison to their relatives.
5. Their valuation of a man's soul in comparison to the whole world.
6. Their valuation of their body in comparison to the seriousness and consequence of sin.
7. Their valuation of hierarchical position in comparison to being slaves of the Lord & to one another.
8. Their valuation of Christ as the treasure of justice in comparison to earthly treasure.
9. Their valuation of the enjoyment of sin in comparison to the unseen reward.
10. Their valuation of the knowledge of Christ in comparison to all things.

**We need to ask the Lord to grant us the light to have a thorough change in our concept of value so that we will continually choose Christ and all that He is as our super-excelling portion.**

“If you bring out the precious from the worthless, / You will be as My mouth”—Jer. 15:19;  
We must treasure the Lord's words more than our apportioned food, tasting the Lord in His word. We must treasure the Lord's words more than all earthly riches so that we can speak oracles of God to dispense the unsearchable riches of Christ as the varied grace of God.

**II. Christ Himself is the preciousness to His believers. Phil. 3:8-9:**

Peter was charmed (attracted and captivated) by the Lord ... followed the Lord as his Shepherd unto his martyrdom. Peter realized that he, James, and John had been admitted into the highest degree of initiation at the Lord's transfiguration, admitted to be the initiated spectators of His majesty.

In His ascension Christ is “the Majestic”—He is our God and Savior and the Lord of all as our Judge, our Lawmaker, and our King in God's government in order to dispense Himself into us to be our enjoyment for our full salvation.

**III. The precious stone for God's building is Christ Himself—1 Pet. 2:4, 6-8:**

In God's New Testament economy, Christ as God's chosen and precious cornerstone saves us to make us living stones and transforms us for the building up of God's spiritual house, His dwelling place.

**IV. The precious blood of Christ has redeemed us from our vain manner of life—1 Pet. 1:15, 18-19:**

Christ's redeeming blood is the blood of the covenant that ushers us into God's presence, into God Himself, and into the full of enjoyment of God in His holy nature so that we might be holy in all our manner of life to become His holy priesthood and holy city.

**V. The precious and exceedingly great promises have been granted to us by our God and Savior, Jesus Christ—2 Pet. 1:1, 4; cf. Isa. 42:6; Heb. 8:8-12:**

By calling on the precious name of the Lord, we drink of Him as the cup of salvation, enjoying Him as the reality of all the precious and exceedingly great promises of God for the goal of God's building.

**VI. God has allotted to all the believers equally precious faith—v. 1:**

Just as the children of Israel were allotted a piece of the good land, God has allotted Christ as faith to us, making our regenerated spirit, the hidden man of our heart, a spirit of faith. **We all have the same precious faith in quality, but the quantity of faith we have depends upon how much we contact the living God so that we may have Him increased in us.**

**VII. The precious proving of our faith is by various trials that come through sufferings —1 Pet. 1:7:**

We need to pay the price to gain more of Christ as the golden faith through the fiery trials so that the **proving of our faith** may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of the Lord. The believers who live an overcoming life by faith will be found by Christ at His return as the treasures ready to receive the salvation of their souls as the end (result) of their faith.

**VIII. We must redeem the time to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the supreme preciousness of God so that we can be constituted with Him to be men of preciousness as His personal treasure; as we live in His precious presence, enjoying Him as our portion, even as He enjoys us as His treasure, He builds Himself into us to make us His spiritual house and His holy and royal priesthood for the accomplishment of His heart's desire—2:7; 3:4; Dan. 9:23; 10:11, 19; 2 Cor. 2:10; Psal. 16:5; Exo. 19:4-6; 1 Pet. 2:1-9; 2 Pet. 3:8, 11-12.**

| WEEK                    | LORD'S TABLE MEETING | PRAYER MEETING | YP MEETING | HOME MEETING | OFFERING |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| Mar. 06 - Mar. 12, 2016 | 22                   | 11             | 11         |              | \$510.00 |
| Mar. 13 - Mar. 19, 2016 | 24                   | 15             | 15         | 5            | \$300.00 |