

Church in Regina Newsletter

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

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.

5. Speaking Hymns

According to the New Testament, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are profitable not only for **singing**, but also for **speaking**. Sometimes we are inspired by singing. But on other occasions, speaking that is filled with the Spirit may be more inspiring than singing. If we are flat, short of the Spirit, then our speaking will afford no inspiration. But if we are full of the Spirit, then our speaking will have impact and will inspire others. This is not eloquence; it is utterance with impact. **The practice of speaking hymns in the meetings, with Christ as the center and with the exercise of the spirit, refreshes, nourishes, edifies, and builds up the church.** If all the brothers and sisters practiced speaking the hymns in meetings, the meetings would be living, refreshing, and rich. This provides a way for all the believers to share their enjoyment of Christ with one another.

First Corinthians 14:26 says, *“What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation.”* This reveals to us that whenever we meet, everyone should “have” something. Whatever each one has, he must release it by his speaking. According to Ephesians 5, even our hymns are primarily not for singing, but for speaking. Verse 19 says, *“Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord.”* We should treat the hymns in a very living way. While we are speaking to one another in this way, we are able to prophesy and thus build up one another mutually, resulting in the building up of the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16).

Also related to speaking the hymns is the matter of **praying** according to the hymns. In Ephesians 5:19, Paul encouraged us to speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Here he did not mention singing, but speaking. (*Speaking Christ, pp. 73-87*).

Testimony of Enjoying a Hymn

Brother Witness Lee described one of his experiences of enjoying Christ in a particular hymn:

Recently, I had a little problem with my health, and I tried to apply Christ to my situation. I must confess that I found it difficult to apply Him. I could sing, “Hallelujah, Christ is Victor!” However, as soon as I stopped singing, it seemed as if Christ had vanished. I was very troubled about my difficulty in applying Christ. When I was singing hymns and praising the Lord, I could sense that Christ was Victor. But as soon as I stopped singing, I was occupied once again by thoughts of sickness. What should we do when we face such difficulties? How shall we apply Christ when our husband or wife gives us a difficult time? When we face so many hard situations in our daily living, we realize that the secret of experiencing Christ is very precious. To apply the all-inclusive Christ, the One who is so present and available, requires that we know the secret. (The Secret of Experiencing Christ, p. 541)

Upcoming Activities

- ▶ March 27, 2016 - Brother’s Meeting
- ▶ April 10, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ April 17, 2016 - Churching in Saskatoon
- ▶ May 08, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ May 23, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life Message 4

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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, worship You for passing through the **process** of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection to become the **life-giving Spirit** to be received by us, to be our life and life supply.
2. Lord, we thank and praise You for becoming the “Spirit,” the **Spirit of grace** as the reality of the Triune God to be **received** by us and becomes our **enjoyment**.
3. Lord, it’s not merely difficult but it is impossible for us to be a Christian without You **living in us**. How we praise You Lord for breathing Yourself into us, as the all-inclusive Spirit, continue to **fill us** with Yourself so that You can fulfill the requirements of Your economy.
4. Lord, give us a deep impression of the **mingling of divinity and humanity**, open us that we may **enter** into the reality of the **divine and mystical realm** of the consummated Spirit to experience the “complications” all of which are **blessing** to us.
5. Lord, Oh what a **blessing** that we can enjoy You as our daily portion, continue ministering and perform Your **sanctifying work** in us through Your rich supply so that our work becomes our **rest** and **enjoyment**.
6. Lord, rule us by the **divine fellowship**, restrict us in this fellowship which is the **reality of living** in the Body so that the **oneness** of the Body will be kept and the work of the ministry will continue to go on.
7. Please pray for **Germany**:
 - a) That the Lord of the harvest thrust out more workers into the harvest in German.
 - b) That continuing contact and shepherding care of the refugees result in bringing them to salvation and into the church life.
 - c) That the Lord raise up more translators for this work.
8. Pray for the church in **Regina**.
Lord, continue to imparted Yourself into us as our life and everything.

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

The Consummated Spirit

Scripture Reading: John 1:14, 29; 7:39; 20:22; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Gal. 3:14; Phil. 1:19

I. The term the consummated Spirit implies that the Spirit has been processed and thus has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39; Gal. 3:14:

According to the revelation in the Bible, the Spirit of God eventually became the consummated, all-inclusive, and compound Spirit—Phil. 1:19.

II. The consummated Spirit is the Triune God after He has passed through the process of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 7:39:

The process through which the Triune God passed to become the Spirit is an economical, not essential, matter. With God, change can never be essential; it can only be economical. In His economy God has changed in the sense of being processed; although God has changed in His economy, He has not changed in His essence. **Processed** refers to the steps through which the Triune God has passed in the divine economy; **consummated** indicates that the process has been completed; and the consummated Spirit implies that the Spirit of God has been processed and has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39.

III. Concerning the consummated Spirit, there are three major and crucial points:

The Spirit of God has been compounded to become the compound ointment, as revealed in Exodus 30:23-25. The Spirit was “not yet” before Jesus’ glorification in resurrection, as revealed in John 7:39:

The **Spirit of God** was there from the beginning (Gen. 1:2), but the Spirit as “**the Spirit of Christ**” (Rom. 8:9), “**the Spirit of Jesus Christ**” (Phil. 1:19), was “not yet” at the time of John 7:39, because He was not yet glorified. The Lord Jesus was glorified when He was resurrected, and through this glorification the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Jesus Christ. The last Adam, who was Christ in the flesh, became the life-giving Spirit in resurrection; since then, the Spirit of Jesus Christ has both divine and human elements, including the reality of the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ. The Spirit is considered to be the **seven Spirits of God** to function as the seven lamps before the throne of God and the seven eyes of the Lamb, as revealed in Revelation.

IV. The consummated Spirit was breathed as the holy breath into the disciples by the Son in resurrection—John 20:22.

The Gospel of John reveals that Christ became flesh to be the Lamb of God and that in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit; thus, in His resurrection Christ breathed Himself as the consummated Spirit into the disciples. The Holy Spirit in John 20:22 is the Spirit expected in 7:39 and promised in 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; and 16:7-8, 13; this indicates that the Lord’s breathing of the Holy Spirit into the disciples was the fulfillment of the promise of another Comforter. The Christ who breathed Himself into the disciples is the life-giving Spirit. **By breathing the Spirit into the disciples, the Lord Jesus imparted Himself into them as life and everything.**

The Holy Spirit in John 20:22 is actually the resurrected Christ Himself, because this Spirit is His breath; therefore, the Spirit is the breath of the Son. The Lord is the Spirit who gives life, and this Spirit is our breath; the Word, who was God, became flesh to be the Lamb of God, and in resurrection He became the holy breath for us to breathe in. The consummated Spirit as the breath is everything to us in living the Christian life; only the breath, the Spirit, can be a Christian and can be an overcomer.

V. The consummated Spirit is the divine and mystical realm into which we may enter and in which we may live.

The three of the Divine Trinity are self-existing, ever-existing, coexisting, and coinhering, and as such, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are a **divine and mystical realm**. The divine and mystical realm into which we may enter is **not** simply the divine and mystical realm of the Triune God **but** the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit. With the Triune God Himself as a divine and mystical realm, there are no “complications,” but in the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit there are a number of “complications,” all of which are blessings to us.

In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we have not only divinity but also the humanity of Christ, the death of Christ with its effectiveness, and the resurrection of Christ with its power.

1. In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we receive the Spirit as the unique, all-inclusive blessing—Gal. 3:14.
2. In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we receive the transmission of the ascended Christ and the supply of His heavenly ministry.
3. In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we experience God’s organic salvation and reign in life.
4. In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we live in the kingdom of God as the realm of the divine species.
5. In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we live in the fellowship of the divine life, which is the reality of living in the Body of Christ.
6. In the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit, we are mingled with the Triune God for the keeping of the oneness.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Mar. 13 - Mar. 19, 2016	24	15	15	5	\$300.00
Mar. 20 - Mar. 26, 2016	24	11	11	6	\$305.00