

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## THE DEFINITION OF LIFE

### I. LIFE IS NOT DEVOTION

Many Christians consider devotion to be the spiritual life, but devotion is our exercise of piety. It is an exercise on our side by **our own effort**. Paul said in Galatians 2:20a, "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." This shows that life is Christ living within us... One may be very devotional and yet not have much life... Life is not any kind of activity. Life is altogether Christ Himself.

### II. LIFE IS NOT GOOD BEHAVIOR

But we need to stress that life is not good behavior springing from our own effort to develop our conscience. Life is Christ. Man was created good, but man was corrupted and damaged by the fall. Still there is something good within man which was created by God... The good behavior developed by man is **according to his doing**, but life is Christ lived out from us. Life is not our doing. Paul said in Philippians 1:21a, "For to me, to live is Christ." Thus, life is not good behavior; it is Christ lived out of us.

### III. LIFE IS NOT POWER

We also need to see that life is not power. The Spirit has two aspects: the aspect of life within us and the aspect of power upon us. When the New Testament talks about the Spirit's power, it uses the preposition upon. Upon means outside. When the New Testament speaks concerning the Spirit as life, it uses the preposition in. The Spirit is in us.

### IV. LIFE IS NOT GIFT

Life is not gift. Gift is the **ability for function** (Rom. 12:6), but life is the divine Being in our being. John 1:13b says that we believers are begotten of God. To be begotten of God is to have God's being in our being. Life is God Himself, the divine Being, in our being.

### V. LIFE IS NOT THE GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE

The growth in knowledge is not life. The growth in knowledge is the increase of knowledge. You may accumulate a lot of biblical knowledge by reading books or by studying in a seminary and yet not know life at all. Life is the increase of God within us. Colossians 2:19b reveals that the church grows with the growth of God, with the increase of God as life.requires that we know the secret. (*The Secret of Experiencing Christ, p. 541*)

### VI. LIFE IS NOT OUR HUMAN LIFE

Our human life is not the life on which the Bible focuses. Our human life (bios and psuche) is mortal. Our human life is not life because it dies and is destined to die. The real life is immortal. Whatever is mortal is not life.

### VII. LIFE IS GOD'S CONTENT AND GOD'S FLOWING OUT

Life is **God's content and God's flowing out**. God's content is God's being, so life is God's inner being (Eph. 4:18a). God's flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us. In Revelation 22:1 we see the river of water of life flowing out from the throne of God. This is God's flowing out. Life is God's content, His inner being, and life is God flowing out into us and being imparted into our being.

### VIII. LIFE IS CHRIST

We need to impress the saints that life is Christ (John 14:6a; Col. 3:4a; 1 John 5:12a). Christ is the embodiment of God, who is life. Colossians 2:9 says that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ bodily. God as life is embodied in Christ, and Christ is the expression of God.

### IX. LIFE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the reality of Christ. The Son is the embodiment of the Father, and the Spirit is the reality of the Son. Romans 8:2a uses the term the Spirit of life, and 2 Corinthians 3:6b says that the Spirit gives life. Thus, the Holy Spirit today is the Spirit of life who gives life 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

- ▶ April 10, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ April 17, 2016 - Churching in Saskatoon
- ▶ April 29 - May 01, 2016 - Conference in **Winnipeg and Edmonton**
- ▶ May 08, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ May 23, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life Message 4

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, we worship You for revealing the **way of eternal life**, open us that we may know more about the intrinsic **essence** of this eternal, divine life - the source of life, the embodiment of life and the flow of life.
2. Lord, build the church, prepare us to be Your bride for the **building of the New Jerusalem** by the eternal, divine life through Your **dispensing** and **enjoying** You as the light of life, the tree of life and the river of water of life.
3. Lord, we praise and glorify You that You are **“the Spirit”** who indwell **in our spirit**. **Saturate** our mind for the transformation of our soul, and **permeate** our body until we are transfigured into Your glorious image.
4. Lord, lead us to live according to the **principle of the tree of life**, the principle of **dependence**, to continually depend on You, and constantly in **direct contact** with You.
5. Lord, leads us also to the **constricted way** according to the divine regulations, to bear Your **testimony**, to carry out Your economy for the **building** of Your Body.
6. Lord, cause us to live a **normal Christian life** and make us **vital, healthy** in our walk in our spirit that we may work - go forth and bear fruit to produce and build the church through the **outflow of the inner life**, in the way of life .
7. Pray for the church in **Regina**.  
Lord, that in that day, when we see You in Your **judgement seat**, we will be **judged** and **rewarded** according to the quality of our work, build upon the foundation of gold, silver and precious stones.

*“We need to depend on the Lord continually. Never be independent of the living Lord. One second of independence means death.”*

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

**The Eternal Life**

Scripture Reading: Matt. 7:13-14; 2 Cor. 3:6; Rev. 22:1-2

**I. The way of the Lord's recovery is the way of the eternal, divine life; we need to know the intrinsic essence of life in the Lord's recovery—Psa. 16:11; Jer. 21:8; John 1:4; 10:10b; 14:6; 1 Cor. 15:45b:**

The intrinsic essence of the Triune God is the eternal, divine life—God the **Father** is the **source of life**, God the **Son** is the **embodiment of life**, and God the **Spirit** is the **flow of life**. The intrinsic essence of the New Jerusalem is the eternal, divine life—God the Father is the **light of life** God the Son is the **tree of life**, and God the Spirit is the river of **water of life**. God builds the church to prepare the bride of Christ for the building of the New Jerusalem by the eternal, divine life, the resurrection life—the flowing, transforming, and building life.

**II. The eternal life, the life of the Triune God, is dispensed into the tripartite man to save the believers subjectively in this life through regeneration, sanctification, renewing, transformation, conformation, and glorification—Rom. 5:10b; 8:2, 10, 6, 11:**

First, this life was the **divine life in the Spirit**. Second, it became the **life in our spirit** through regeneration. Then from our spirit it saturates our mind for the **transformation of our soul**, to which our mind belongs, and becomes the life in our soul. Eventually, it will **permeate our body**, ultimately issuing in the transfiguration of our body, that is, the redemption of our body.

**III. The unique way for the daily life of God's people and for their fellowship with God and with one another is the divine life flowing in the divine nature— Rev :21 : 21b; 22:1-2; 1 John 1:3:**

The street of the holy city is pure gold, symbolizing the divine nature, and the river of water of life proceeds in the middle of the street. Where the divine life flows, there the divine nature is as the holy way by which God's people walk; and where the holy way of the divine nature is, there the divine life is flowing. The street connected to and coming out of the throne is a fellowship street ; the divine fellowship brings God to all is redeemed people in order to bring them back to Himself as their throne for is golden administration within them. When we walk and move in the divine nature of God, we are brought under God's golden administration to enjoy the flow of life and the supply of life.

**IV. We should live according to the principle of the tree of life, the principle of dependence, not according to the principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the principle of independence—Gen. 2:9, 17; Rom. 8:6:**

That God is our food, signified by the tree of life, means that **we must depend on God continually**; the tree of knowledge indicates independence. Knowledge or religion means to be good and to do good, to worship God or to work for God, without having the living presence of God. In the eyes of God, the greatest sin is independence; independence is a spiritual insulation, disconnecting us from the life of God. **We must learn to depend on the Lord continually, living constantly in direct contact with God.**

**V. In our service to the Lord, we must reject our natural enthusiasm, natural strength, and natural ability; our service must be life flowing out of us as a ministry of life to others—John 7:38; 2 Cor. 3:6; 1 John 5:16a:**

We must be burning in spirit with the fire of God's life; we should not serve with strange fire, signifying the natural enthusiasm not dealt with by the cross and not in resurrection. Strange fire in the priestly service, a sin of presumption, causes death before God. Our natural strength and ability need to be dealt with by the cross to become useful in resurrection for our service to the Lord.

**VI. In the decree of the kingdom's constitution, Christ displayed the two possible ways of people's life and work before God— Matt 7:13-14,21-27:**

The **broad way** leading to destruction is according to the worldly systems, satisfying the natural tastes, to get the crowd, to maintain a career of man, and to achieve man's enterprise. The **constricted way** leading to life is according to the divine regulations, fulfilling the spiritual requests to bring in God's elect and to bear the testimony of Jesus Christ, carrying out God's economy for the building up of the Body of Christ. The way that leads to a living reward in life is the **Way**—the way of the truth, the straight way, the way of righteousness, the way of peace, the way of salvation, the way of God, and the way of the Lord; it is slandered as the way of heresy. **The God ordained way is to have a living and working that are always narrow and constricted, according to the pattern of the Lord's indescribable life and ministry.**

We in the Lord's recovery must walk in our spirit; walking in spirit restricts us, causing us to live a normal, Christian life and making us vital, healthy believers. The Lord Jesus sowed Himself as a seed of life and fell into the ground as a grain of wheat so that the life within Him could be released to bring forth many grains; we need to serve Him and follow Him in this way. The work that the Lord needs to produce and increase the church is the over ow and out ow of the inner life, not the endeavor of outward activity. The important thing regarding our work is not its quantity but its quality; gold, silver, and precious stones are always small in quantity but high in quality, whereas wood, grass, and stubble are always high in quantity but low in quality.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Mar. 20 - Mar. 26, 2016	24	11	11	6	\$305.00
Mar. 27 - April 02, 2016	22	11	11	5	\$265.00