

Church in Regina Newsletter

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The Purpose of the Life of God

Our God is a **God of purpose**, and His divine life which is indwelling us is therefore a purposeful life (Rom. 8:28; Eph. 1:11, 3:11). The purpose of the divine life is not merely to make our lives better or happier, as some have supposed; rather it is much deeper, higher, and richer (John 10:10). In **John 2**, an introduction to a Gospel that is wholly focused on life, the purpose of the life of God begins to be unveiled.

John reveals that the Lord Jesus, as the incarnated divine Word, was the living embodiment of the divine life and as such His actions expressed the desire and purpose of this divine life (1:1, 4, 14). When the Lord visited **the temple** in John 2, He beheld a fallen situation – the temple and its offerings had become a common thing filled with commerce. Rather than bringing their own animals to sacrifice at the temple as God had commanded, many Jews simply bought something from vendors within the temple to offer to God (2:14). When Jesus arrived and saw this situation, it offended Him to the uttermost. He expressed His zeal for God's house by cleansing the temple: *"And having made a whip out of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, as well as the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the money of the moneychangers and overturned their tables"*(v. 15). Offended by this exposing of their degraded situation, the Jews asked Jesus for a sign. This afforded Him the way to reveal something marvelous regarding life's purpose. He responded by saying, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"* (v. 19). The Jews assumed He was referring to the physical temple and were incredulous. However, in verse 21 the Lord makes it clear that He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Through His incarnation the Lord had become the very dwelling place of God on earth, **the reality of the physical temple** in Jerusalem (1:1, 14; 14:10; Col. 2:9). The physical temple had been the dwelling place of God in the Old Testament, but when the Lord Jesus was on the earth, He became the reality of that temple as the **dwelling place of God**. His actions indicated that what God cares for is His building; God's life is for His building.

When the Lord said He would raise up the temple, He was speaking of His crucifixion and resurrection (John 2:22). In His resurrection His mystical Body was **enlarged** (Eph. 1:22-23), becoming the church as the Body of Christ (3:6), the real, mystical house of God (1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:22), encompassing all the believers in Christ (vv. 14-16). Although Jesus cared for the physical temple, He cared even more for the spiritual house of God, giving up His life to bring it into being. Christ's death and resurrection were for the formation of the building of God, the church. The life of God is absolutely set and focused on the building, the house of God. **Life's purpose is to build up the house of God.**



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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:

- ▶ May 29, 2016 - Children's Fun Day
- ▶ June 3-5, 2016 - Red Berry Camp in Saskatoon
- ▶ June 12, 2016 - Love Feast

PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, show us what the divine and mystical realm is. Give us the taste of the experience of the **God-man living**. Make us **men of prayer** who lives and prays in the divine and mystical realm.
2. Lord, we enter into the realm of the **consummated Spirit**. We want to breathe in the Spirit and live in the **realm** of the Spirit. Thank You that we can call on Your name so we can receive You and be filled by You.
3. Lord, thank you for **saving us organically**. Thank You for God's **life** imparted into our life, God's **nature** wrought into our nature, God's **mind** wrought into our mind and we have His divine **element**. We pray for much participation in God's divinity.
4. Lord, we praise you for your divine and mystical **Body**. We pray that you will carry out Your **transmission** into us, the church. Transfuse more of Yourself into us for the building up of the divine and mystical **temple of God**.
5. Please pray for the **college training**:
 - a) Lord, we pray that you will raise up a new generation in the Your recovery to bear Your testimony and consummate the age.
 - b) A generation that develops a romantic relationship with the Lord by spending time with Him in the morning.
 - c) A generation that reads the Bible everyday, experience the essential Spirit for their daily walk, experience the outpouring of the economical Spirit in preaching the gospel to their friends and schoolmates.
 - d) A generation that is built up with spiritual companions and has renewed consecration everyday.
6. Please pray for the **Summer School of Truth** (August 1-6).
7. Please pray for the church in Regina: Lord, remember our small group meetings and home meeting.

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.”

**This Weeks’s Pursuit:
BECOMING DIVINE AND MYSTICAL PERSONS
LIVING IN THE DIVINE AND MYSTICAL REALM
FOR THE BUILDING OF THE DIVINE AND MYSTICAL TEMPLE OF GOD**

I. The Triune God Himself is a divine and mystical realm — John 14:10-11:

The three of the Divine Trinity — the Father, the Son, and the Spirit — are self-existing, ever-existing, and countering and as such are divine and mystical realm. The Father is embodied in the Son, and the Son is the Father’s embodiment, forming a divine and mystical realm.

II. Christ, the first God-man, is a divine and mystical person; to be divine is on God’s side, and to be mystical is on man’s side:

In His living as the first God-man, all that the Lord Jesus did was divine and mystical; God was manifested in a mystical, human way. His mystical human life was a divine realm, and this realm is the kingdom of God. He was a God-man, and all that He said and did were divine facts accomplished in His human life mystically. His prayers were in the divine and mystical realm; He was a man in the flesh, yet He prayed to the mysterious God in a divine and mystical way and realm.

III. The divine and mystical realm into which we may enter is the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit and the pneumatic Christ — John 14:16-20

IV. We need to enter into and become part of the divine and mystical realm:

We enter into the divine and mystical realm by seeing this realm; in spiritual things to see is to enter into and we enter by becoming part of this realm. We become part of the divine and mystical realm through the divine birth (through regeneration we were born into the divine and mystical realm), through participating in God’s divinity, and by being built up in the Body of Christ, which consummates the New Jerusalem as the divine and mystical realm for eternity.

V. Every believer should be a divine and mystical person, one who is human yet lives divinely — Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 10:1

We have been separated from being common; we have been sanctified and separated unto God and now we are in the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit and the pneumatic Christ. As God-men, we, the believers in Christ, should live as divine and mystical persons.

VI. As believers in Christ, we should live in the divine and mystical realm:

In the divine and mystical realm, we receive: the Spirit as the unique, all-inclusive blessing, the transmission of the ascended Christ and the supply of His heavenly ministry; God’s organic salvation; the kingdom of God as the realm of the divine species; a spontaneous and effortless Christian life according to the automatic function of the law of life; the truthfulness as the expression of the revealed divine reality; and we are mingled with the Triune God for the keeping of the oneness.

VII. As divine and mystical persons, we live in the divine and mystical realm for the building of the divine and mystical temple of God — John 2:19-22:

The Triune God is dispensing Himself into us to make us His dwelling place; this dwelling place also becomes our dwelling place. The Father’s house signifies the mingling of the Triune God with His redeemed people to be a dwelling place for both God and His people.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
May 15 - May 21, 2016	19	11	11		\$170.00
May 22 - May 28, 2016	16	8	11	4	\$140.00