

Church in Regina Newsletter

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THE BREAKING OF BREAD MEETING BEING THE LORD'S FEAST

Why do we have the breaking of bread meeting frequently? What does it mean to break the bread? Notice the phrase in 1 Corinthians 10:21, the Lord's table. The breaking of bread meeting is our coming to the Lord's table, the Lord's feast. At this table, in this feast, we eat the Lord's body and drink the Lord's blood. In other words, we eat and drink the Lord. At the same time, when we break the bread, we also **declare** and **testify** to the whole universe that we are a group of Christians who live a life of daily feasting on Christ, daily eating Christ, and daily enjoying Christ. Whenever we break the bread, it is an exhibition of our daily life.

In our normal living we eat the Lord, drink the Lord, and enjoy the Lord. Then on the Lord's Day we come together to have an exhibition for everyone, for all creation to see, declaring to them that our life is a life of enjoying the Lord.

Brothers, in our Lord's table meetings in the past, we still held some traditional concepts in paying attention to how to praise the Lord and how to worship the Father. We learned these things from the Brethren. Although these things are not wrong, they are merely traditional. Actually, **the important thing at the Lord's table is not whether to praise or not to praise. Rather, it is to open up our spirit and exhibit once again for the angels and Satan to see how we receive Christ into us.** At that time we may praise or not praise.

... to come to the Lord's table is to come to a feast, and it is also to come to refuel. It is not a matter of receiving outward teachings, outward corrections, or outward exhortations; instead, it is a matter of meeting the Lord inwardly. Thus, our meeting does not need any regulation. What is the use of regulations? What is their value? It is good enough to touch the Lord within. As long as we are fueled up within, it is not a matter of whether we behave or we do not behave, whether we shout, roll on the floor, or jump; everything will be all right.

However, I do not encourage you to invent some gimmicks; that would be meaningless. To be clever is one thing, but to touch the Lord is another. We do not want regulations because we do not want them to limit people from touching the Lord. However, if we turn this liberty into engaging in gimmicks, that is meaningless. The important thing is that you are not bound, but rather that your whole being is open, free, and released so that you have easy access to the Lord.

Since the Lord's table is a declaration, this declaration must have the life as its backing. If your private life is not the same as what you declare, then what you do at the meeting is not a declaration but a performance, a show. If your private life is not a life of enjoying Christ and you come just to perform at the meeting, that is false. **Our Lord's table is not a performance or a show; it is a testimony, a declaration, telling the whole universe that this is the way we live. We daily eat the Lord, drink the Lord, and enjoy the Lord; therefore, we now come together to testify to the whole universe that we are a group of people who eat, drink, and enjoy the Lord.**

Now I believe that when you come again to the Lord's table, your concept will be changed. You will not come to keep any regulation. In fact, there is no need to keep any regulation. Your spirit is open, and you contact the Lord and touch the Lord in your spirit. There is no regulation or restriction upon you. This is the way you live every day—without rituals or regulations but **opening to the Lord in your spirit to eat and drink Him continually.** Then when the Lord's Day comes, we all come together to make a declaration once again that this is the way we spend our days. We keep the feast every day. How long should we keep the feast? The Lord Jesus told us we should do this "until that day when I drink it new with you" (Matt. 26:29). One day we will feast with Him face to face. Today we start feasting until the day when we will dine at the new feast. (Eating the Lord, Chapter 3, by Witness Lee)

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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:

- ▶ June xx, 2016 - YP Big Event (to be determined by the YP coordinators)
- ▶ June 26, 2016 - Brothers Meeting
- ▶ July 10, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ July 16, 2016 - Prairie Conference in Saskatoon

PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, we thank You for Your **economy**, that is to **eat** You and be **constituted** with You in order for us to become the same as You are in life and in nature, and to become Your corporate expression for the building up of the church.
2. Lord, we would like to meet You upon the propitiatory cover of the Ark, enjoying **fellowship** with You and **hearing words** from Your mouth, to remain in Your presence until we experience the Ark becoming a table full of life supply, a table where we enjoy a **nourishing feast**.
3. Lord, **build** us up together in an actual and practical way to become Your present tabernacle as Your dwelling place with a **table** with bread of the Presence for our **nourishment** and **enjoyment**.
4. Lord, shines upon us, we praise You that through Your incarnation You became the **shining sun**, and became the life-giving Spirit. Lord, deepen our experience to enjoy Your presence as the Spirit in our spirit, that we may **no longer live by ourselves** but by You as our life and life supply.
5. Please pray for **Germany**:
 - a) Lord we pray for the **migration** of people to Germany and for the strengthening of the churches among the local Germans and the refugees.
 - b) Remember also the **translators** to be saved and to become our fellow workers;
 - c) Grant them also **meeting halls** of adequate sizes and in the best locations to be obtained in Berlin and Düsseldorf and for the distribution of the Bible to produce remaining fruit.
6. Please pray for the church in **Regina**: Lord, that we may experience the reality of Your presence as the Spirit in our spirit, and also the reality of the bread of life.

“As New Testament priests, we should learn how to display Christ as the bread of the Presence to all of God’s worshippers, helping them how to enter into the Holy Place to experience and enjoy Christ as our life supply.”

This Weeks’s Pursuit: The Crystallization Study of Exodus 3

The Table of the Bread of the Presence

Scripture Reading: Exo. 25:23-30; John 6:33, 35, 57

I. We all need to learn to feed on Christ, to take Him in, and to enjoy Him as our spiritual food—John 6:57; Matt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16

God’s economy is that we eat Christ and be constituted with Him in order to become His corporate expression. Eating is the way to experience God’s dispensing for His expression. God’s economy is not a matter of outward things but of Christ coming into us inwardly; for this, **we need to take Christ by eating Him**. As we eat, digest, and assimilate Christ, we are constituted with Him, being made the same as He is in life, nature, and expression for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ.

II. The table of the bread of the Presence signifies Christ as the food, the nourishing feast, for the believers as God’s priests—Exo. 25:23-30:

All those who ate the bread displayed on the table were priests; thus, the table signifies that Christ is a **feast** for God’s priests.

III. In the sequence of God’s revelation, the table of the bread of the Presence comes after the Ark, implying that the table is connected to the Ark—Exo. 25:10-23:

In spiritual experience, when we meet with God upon Christ as the propitiatory cover, enjoying fellowship with God and hearing words from His mouth, the Ark becomes a table where we enjoy a nourishing feast. The Ark spontaneously becomes the table; this means that Christ, God’s testimony, becomes our nourishment. As the embodiment of God, Christ becomes a table full of life supply to nourish us. It is a fact of spiritual experience that when we have the propitiatory cover of the Ark, Christ as our place of propitiation, eventually **the Ark becomes a table**.

The height of both the Ark and the table is the same—one and a half cubits; this reveals that our enjoyment of Christ must match the standard of God’s testimony. The Ark issues in the table, and the table brings us back to the Ark; this means that Christ as the embodiment of God issues in our enjoyment of Him and that our enjoyment of Him always brings us back to Him as God’s testimony.

IV. The table of the bread of the Presence was set up in the Holy Place within the tabernacle, signifying within, or among, God’s people as His builded habitation—40:22; Heb. 9:2:

In the Bible a table signifies not an individual feasting but a corporate feasting. Christ as the food of God’s priests is for a corporate feasting within God’s dwelling place. Those believers who have been builded together in an actual and practical way are God’s present tabernacle as His dwelling place. Within God’s dwelling place, the saints who have been built together, there is a table with bread for nourishment. **The enjoyment of the table of the bread of the Presence requires the building of the church**. Apart from the church as God’s dwelling place, we cannot have the enjoyment of Christ as a table of the bread of the Presence for our nourishment. We must be those believers who are built up together as God’s present dwelling place in an actual and practical way; then within this building there will be the table of the bread of the Presence for our nourishment and enjoyment.

V. The table of the bread of the Presence was made of acacia wood overlaid with gold—Exo. 25:23-24:

Acacia wood here signifies that Christ’s humanity is the basic element for Him to be our feast. The fact that the table was overlaid with gold signifies the expression of God. Within Him Christ’s humanity is the basic element for our enjoyment, and upon Him is His divinity as the expression of God. If we enjoy Christ, we will express God; this means that as we enjoy the Lord Jesus as the supply with which to serve God, the outcome will be gold, Christ’s divinity as the expression of God. The more we enjoy Christ as the basic element of our feast, the more we express God.

V. The bread on the table in the Holy Place is called the bread of the Presence—Exo. 25:30:

The table was set before God—that is, in God’s presence—not far from the Ark. Whereas manna was gathered by all the people outside the court of the tabernacle, the bread of God’s presence was enjoyed only by the priests in the presence of God in the Holy Place within the tabernacle. Manna typifies Christ as the life supply of God’s people for their living; the bread on the table typifies Christ as the life supply of God’s priests, enabling them not only to live but also to serve God. This bread indicates that God’s people should no longer live by themselves but by Christ as their life and life supply.

The Hebrew word translated “presence” in Exodus 25:30 actually means “face”. *The bread of the Presence*, the face-bread, means that God’s presence, God’s face, is the life supply to the serving priests. As the One whose face shines upon us (Num. 6:25), Christ the Son is the visible presence of the invisible God. The Lord Jesus came as the face of God. God and His presence are invisible, but through His incarnation He became the shining sun. This shining sun is God’s invisible presence becoming visible. In our experience the reality of God’s presence is the Spirit in our spirit, who is also the reality of Christ as the bread of life.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
June 05 - June 11, 2016	17	11	11	5	\$320.00
June 12 - June 18, 2016	22	15	9	7	\$195.00