



Church in Regina Newsletter

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

EXPRESSION AND FUNCTION

God makes this kind of arrangement to show that the function of the universal Body of Christ should **be the function of the church** in any given locality, regardless of its size. We all must see that the expression of the church as the Body of Christ is one. Seeing this will preserve us from being divided. In addition, in regard to the function of the church as the Body of Christ, **we need to see that we are all members of the Body of Christ and that we should all fulfill our function as members.** In the church life there is a basic matter that we need to pay attention to; that is, the function of the church in relation to Christ is that of a body. Thus, every member of the Body must fulfill his function.

The church is the Body of Christ, and all the saved ones are members of the Body. As a result, for the past few years we have paid much attention to the principle of service in the Body. The principle of serving in the Body is that every saved one needs to fulfill his function as a living member. This **principle** is crucial. **When we come together, we are not merely gathering together as an assembly to express Christ within a certain locality; rather, we are members one of another, each one fulfilling his function, so that the church can be Christ's living Body in practicality.** According to the biblical viewpoint, in addition to our own experience and study of church history, there are two necessary conditions that must be met for the accomplishment of this matter.

Growing in Life without Hindrance

The first condition is related to the saints' personal growth in life. The saints are not only **saved** individuals but also **members** of the Body of Christ. In order for these members to fulfill their function, they need to grow in life.

For the believers to grow without any hindrance is altogether a **matter of life**. After the brothers and sisters are saved, they are all members; nevertheless, if they fail to grow in life, or if they experience hindrances in regard to their growth, they cannot be expected to fulfill their functions as members. For this reason, we need to **lead** the brothers and sisters in the matter of life, help them grow in life, and deal with any hindrances that arise. This kind of leading is necessary for the brothers and sisters to **grow properly**, manifest their **functions as members**, and **realize their position** as members one of another. In this way, Christ will be able to express Himself in their locality, and they will become a miniature expression of Christ.

The Christian life and living are matters entirely related to the Body. If we truly live in the Spirit, we will immediately see that **we are members of the Body** (Eph. 4:4). This is the reason Romans 12 begins by telling us how to serve God in the Body, live the Body life, and function as members one of another. Even the loving of others and the prayer spoken of in verses 9 through 12 are matters in the Body. In other words, loving others and praying are functions of the members of the Body.

The entire Christian living is a living in the Body, and the entire Christian service is a service carried out in the Body. To function as members in the Body is not only to serve but even to live. This is the Christian living and service spoken of in Romans 12 through 16. It is the result of the growth of the Body unto the manifestation of its functions. Hence, if we want the brothers and sisters in a locality to function as members one of another, we must lead them to properly and healthily grow in life. (The Ground of the Church and the Service of the Body, Chapter 4, Section 2)

This Week's Pursuit: SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH (Msg 2)

Serving with a Vision, according to Revelation, and in the Body for the Building Up of the House of God

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-6, 15, 20-22; 22:6-10, 14-15; 26:16, 18-19; Gal. 1:13-14; Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 2:21-22 (Hymns 913)

I. Our service to God must be with a vision and according to revelation—Acts 9:1-6, 15, 20-22; 22:6-10, 14-15; 26:16, 18-19:

Before the Lord appeared to Paul and a light from heaven shined upon him, his zealous service to God was actually in opposition to God and according to Satan's instigation. It is possible for us to repeat Paul's mistakes, for our service to God can be used as an instrument of Satan to destroy God's move. Before Paul encountered the great light on the road to

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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:

- ▶ September 04, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ September 05, 2016 - Conference, The Gospel
- ▶ September 07, 2016 - Bible Distribution
- ▶ October 09, 2016 - Love Feast

PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, we give ourselves to You, thank You for Your calling, shine upon us and show us the **vision and revelation** that our **service** is not of ourselves but being **burdened in the spirit** by You.
2. Lord, grant us a **vision** that will bring us into a full realization that we need to be in the **reality of the Body**, even that we cannot serve without the Body, and, in fact, that we cannot live, we cannot exist spiritually in life, outside the Body.
3. Lord, preserve us in the Body, we stand in the position of a **member** in coordination with others and are willing to be **blended** and be **perfected** into one so that we have the impact and power in our service.
4. Lord, we want to cooperate to accomplish Your desire to **preach** the gospel fervently and to **pursue** spirituality so the that Your house, the church, Your **Body may be built up**.
5. Lord, we want to be Christians who will **match** Your desire and meet Your need in this age, Lord, we need Your mercy that we **come out** of ourselves and our selfishness in order to care for the building up of Your house.
6. Please pray that a larger number of saints from outside Europe will be burdened and available for this crucial **stage of shepherding** in the Lord’s move in **Germany**.
7. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:
 - Conference on September 5, 2016
 - the **Bible Distribution** on Sept. 07, 2016
 - Small group meetings
 - New academic year, the campus work; this is the crucial time for making new contacts, raising up of students to work together on the campus.

“For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

Damascus, he had tradition, knowledge of religion, and zeal but no vision or revelation. Paul asked the Lord two questions: the first—“**Who are You, Lord?**”— relates to **knowing the Lord**; the second—“**What shall I do, Lord?**”— relates to **receiving the Lord’s vision**.

In Acts 22:10 Paul began to have a vision that cut him off from his previous service and brought him into the New Testament service. Paul’s way of serving God came from a heavenly vision; when he saw this vision, the things of the Old Testament came to an end, and he began to take the New Testament way.

Our service to God may be according to revelation, or it may be natural. Service according to revelation involves **meeting God, being shined on by God, receiving revelation from God, and being burdened in spirit by God**. Natural service is according to our own ideas, views, traditions, or regulations; it may also come from imitating others, and it is often initiated simply to meet the need of a certain situation. We should not have outward acts of service to the Lord without inward revelation; our inward revelation must govern our outward acts.

Vision and revelation are the way and the life of service. We need a vision for the way of service and a revelation for the life of service; the way to serve God comes from the vision, and the life to serve God comes from revelation. It was necessary for Paul to change both his outward way and his inner life; his old way was unacceptable, and his old life had to be terminated. The way of Paul’s preaching came from the heavenly vision, and the content of his preaching came from revelation; his way was heavenly, and his content was the living Christ Himself.

II. As believers in Christ, we are members of the Body of Christ, and we serve God in the Body—Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:14-27:

When we come to the matter of serving the Lord, **we need to be clear that we need the Body**; it is crucial for us to realize that we cannot serve without the Body or have spiritual life outside the Body. **The entire Christian living is a living in the Body, and the entire Christian serving is a service carried out in the Body.**

In the New Testament the service is not touched clearly and definitely until Romans it is here that the matter of service is revealed, and it is presented as a matter of the Body and in the Body. With respect to serving in the church, the emphasis is on the setting for service, but with respect to serving in the Body, the emphasis is on the coordination in service.

According to the New Testament, **the believers are members one of another** and are **coordinated in one Body**. To know the Body of Christ is to realize that we are only members and that we cannot do anything without others. A Christian is not a complete entity; he is merely a member of the Body, a part. When we serve the Lord, we should serve in the position of a member, in coordination with others.

If we have seen the Body, we will no longer be divisive, we will not be individualistic or independent, and we will **be willing to be blended**, without any complaining, murmuring, or criticism but with love, forgiveness, sympathy, forbearance, and long-suffering; it is with such a Body life that there is a real impact in our service.

III. Our service is for the building up of the house of God— 2:21-22; John 2:14-17; 14:2; Hag. 1:2-11:

God wants saved and edified believers to be coordinated and built together as His dwelling place. Leading people to be saved and leading believers to grow in life are merely procedures; God’s ultimate goal is the building up of His house. God’s built-up house reveals and expresses God, gives Him the glory He deserves, and accomplishes His will so that He can have rest. God wants the gospel to be preached fervently, and He also wants the believers to pursue spirituality so that His house, the church, the Body of Christ, may be built up.

We need to care for the building up of God’s house. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, the center of His work was to build a house for God; hence, He was devoured by the zeal of God’s house. The apostles labored for the building up of the house of God. Most believers take care of their personal needs and consider themselves to be the center and the starting point. Concerning both the material realm and the spiritual realm, human beings are selfish and always want to gain something for themselves instead of considering what God desires. If we want to be Christians who match God’s desire and meet His need in this age, we cannot be trapped in ourselves; we must come out of ourselves to care for God’s need. **God desires that we come out of ourselves and be delivered from our selfishness in order to care for the building up of His house.** Instead of focusing on ourselves, we must care for the house of God. We must not focus on anything other than the work of God to build His house. We serve God with a vision, according to revelation, and in the Body for the building up of the church as the house of God.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Aug.21 - Aug. 27, 2016	23	11	13	7	\$290.00
Aug.28 - Sept 03, 2016	22	11	10	7	\$260.00