



# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF HUMAN LIFE

Man was created by God with the highest and most noble purpose, that is, to express Him in the resemblance of Him in His life, nature, and expression.

## GOD'S REDEMPTION BEING A GREAT PART OF HIS ECONOMY

**God's economy** is that God became man so that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead to produce the organism of the Triune God, the Body of Christ, which consummates the New Jerusalem.

### The Need for Redemption

A great part of God's economy is His redemption. Redemption indicates that something is wrong, requiring a rescue and a remedy. Redemption is needed because after God created man for the fulfillment of His economy, the subtle one, Satan, came in to seduce man from the line of God's economy to sin. Man fell into sin, and sin as the sinful nature of Satan was injected by Satan into man's nature. As a result, the God-created man became sin, poisoned by Satan.

### God's Way to Carry Out His Redemption

In God's redemption the first part is **to terminate**, to destroy, the fallen old man.

The second part is to **rescue** what was created by God, the God-created humanity. Something remains of the humanity created by God, and **God is not willing to give it up**. He created it, and although it has become fallen, **He will maintain it and bring it back to Himself**. Thus, in His redemption, God, on the one hand, **destroys** what is fallen and, on the other hand, **rescues** what was created by Him.

In the **third** part of His redemption, God **uplifts** the redeemed God-created humanity... The God-created humanity was very good, but it did not have anything of God's nature. It was only human, without divinity. After this humanity became fallen, in His redemption God destroyed the fallen part, rescued the God-created part, and then dispensed Himself into this redeemed humanity.

God's redemption includes **not only death but also resurrection**. Without resurrection, God could not bring back to Himself the lost created man. To bring back the lost God-created man is actually to resurrect the God-created man. In resurrection God used His own life, nature, and element as the substance to uplift the redeemed created man. Furthermore, in resurrecting the dead humanity, **God put Himself into man**.

### God's Redemption Being according to His Economy

God's redemption is according to His economy. In one sense, God's **redemption** has already **been accomplished**, but the **application**, or the practice, of God's redemption **requires a long process**. In the view of God's economy, we became fallen in Adam six thousand years ago (Rom. 5:12); Christ as the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8); and we were regenerated through Christ's resurrection almost two thousand years ago.

### Sealed with the Spirit until the Day of Redemption

We were sealed by the Spirit when we were saved initially, and this sealing will proceed until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30). Redemption here does not mean to redeem our spirit or our soul but **to redeem our body**. Our body still remains unredeemed. Redemption in its entirety was accomplished by God in an instant, but in practice and application redemption is still not finished... At Christ's coming He will **transfigure** our body (Phil. 3:21). That will be the completion of God's redemption.

### God Being Patient with Us and Doing Things Slowly

When Paul received an abundance of revelations, having been caught away to the third heaven and to Paradise, God was concerned that he might become proud (2 Cor. 12:1-7). Therefore, Paul was given a thorn in his flesh by a messenger of Satan. This was permitted by God, and it was a real **perfection** to Paul, who had not yet been purified and could have become proud. Thus, God purified him, perfected him, by an affliction in his body. This is God's economy. Our God is omnipotent, yet for us He has to be very patient and do things slowly.

### The Outer Man Decaying and the Inner Man Being Renewed Day by Day

Second Corinthians 4 tells us that *"though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day"* (v. 16). Day after day our outer man is decaying, being consumed, and our inner man is being renewed. This indicates that it is not easy for God to renew us. This cannot be accomplished just by our prayer. God needs to use His "therapy" to renew us.

## Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ October 30, 2016 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ November 11, 2016 - Church Pursuit (Experience of Life - msg 7)
- ▶ November 13, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ November 11 - 13, 2016 - Canada Brother's Meeting in Richmond, BC

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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, increase our appetite to eat more of You through Your Word that we may be able to come to the full knowledge of the truth and **grow in life** for Your **increase** and **spread** to become Your Body for Your expression.

2. Lord, we would like to experience and enjoy You as our pleasant **Bridegroom**. Thank You for redeeming and regenerating us, encourage us some more to **contact people** to get them regenerated and give them proper care that Your **Bride** maybe produced.

3. Lord, thank You for the high revelation that You've given us, use us to **speak the Word**, You as the **unlimited** One, who gives the **immeasurable** Spirit to produce Your bride as Your **universal** increase.

4. Lord, we praise You for not taking the opportunity to get a name for Yourself as the means for Your increase but rather You preferred to **fall as a grain of wheat** into the ground and die that we might be produce the **many grain for the church**.

5. Lord, have mercy on us that we, as the many grains are willing to be **broken** and be **blended** with others, that we may be one by being in You, walking in You, acting and living in You, as our **limitation**, our **sphere** and our **everything**.

6. Pray for **Germany**, for the regular and consistent follow-ups with new contacts/new believers, so that they may become **remaining fruits**.

7. Please pray for the **raising up** of the golden lampstand in **Krakow, Poland**. Please pray that suitable housing will be found for all the full-timers and that the **coordination** of the full-timers with the local saints will cause the Lord's blessing to be poured out for the church life.

8. Please pray for the brothers and sisters in **Lloydminster** for their desire to have **Lord's Table Meeting**.

9. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:  
 - Young people's meeting and campus work  
 - Small group meetings  
 - The recipients of the Bible  
 - Brother Clarence and wife Tricia

*"... that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one"*

**This Weeks's Pursuit:**

**THE INCREASE OF CHRIST FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH (Message Two)**

**The Increase of Christ as Portrayed in the Gospel of John**

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:14; John 3:29a, 30a, 31-36; 12:24; 20:17; 17:21-23

**I. The increase and spread of the church is the increase and spread of Christ—John 12:24; Acts 5:14; 9:35; 11:21, 24**

After passing through death, the Lord Jesus entered into resurrection to impart His divine life into those who believe into Him so that they could become His reproduction. Through His death and resurrection, Christ has been **propagated, increased, and spread**. The church is the Body of Christ, even Christ Himself; hence, **the church is Christ's increase and spread on earth**. The church does not merely announce Christ; the church increases and spreads Christ.

**II. "He who has the bride is the bridegroom...He must increase"—John 3:29a, 30a**

The increase in verse 30 is the bride in verse 29, and the **bride** is a living composition of all the regenerated people. Regeneration not only brings the divine life into the believers, but it also makes them the **corporate bride** for Christ's increase. The bride as the increase of Christ is related to the spiritual part of our being. Our regenerated human spirit is part of the increase of Christ, and this increase is Christ's multiplication and reproduction; **through regeneration we have become part of Christ's increase**. Christ increases by regenerating redeemed sinners, making them His bride, His wife. For Christ to increase continually, we need to contact people and help them to be regenerated, thereby producing new spiritual children.

The Christ who is increasing is the immeasurable and unlimited Son of God. He is such an immeasurable and unlimited One, who comes from above, who is above all, to whom the Father has given all, and who dispenses the Spirit without measure. Such a One needs a universal increase to be His bride to match Him. Christ the Son gives the Spirit without measure to God's people.

The unique way for us to become the increase of the unlimited Christ is to **receive** the Spirit and **be filled** with the Spirit; the more we have the Spirit, the more we will be Christ's **increase**. This increase begins with our regeneration, and it consummates with our being filled with the immeasurable Spirit.

**III. "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit"—12:24:**

The Gospel of John reveals that the Lord Jesus came to impart the divine life to us so that He might have an increase for Himself. The Lord Jesus fell into the ground and died to **release** His divine element, His divine life, from within the shell of His humanity to produce many believers in resurrection, just as a grain of wheat has its life element released by falling into the ground and growing up out of the ground to bear much fruit, that is, to bring forth many grains. These **many grains** are His many members that constitute His mystical Body - His eternal, boundless increase. We should not remain as whole grains; rather, **we need to be broken and ground** into fine flour so that we may **be blended with others** for making a loaf; this loaf is the Body of Christ, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.

The church life portrayed by the house of feasting in Bethany was marvellous. It was excellent in **quality**, but it was much too small in quantity. It was necessary, therefore, for the Lord Jesus to die a life-releasing death so that this kind of **church life could be multiplied in resurrection**.

**III. "Go to My brothers and say to them, I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God"—20:17:**

Through Christ's resurrection His disciples were regenerated with the divine life, which had been released by His dying as a grain of wheat. He was the Father's only Son, the Father's individual expression; through His death and resurrection the Father's **only Begotten** became the **Firstborn** among **many brothers**. His many brothers are the many sons of God and the church, a corporate expression of God the Father in the Son; this is God's ultimate intention. The many brothers are the **propagation** of the Father's life and the **multiplication** of the Son in the divine life; hence, in the Lord's resurrection God's eternal purpose to have many sons for His eternal, corporate expression is fulfilled.

**III. "That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us...And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one"—John 17:21-23a:**

We need to see the oneness of the increase of Christ, a oneness in which all the regenerated ones, the grains, and the brothers are one. The Triune God is three, but the three are in a unique oneness - a oneness of coinherence, which is a model of the oneness of the Body of Christ. The oneness of the Body of Christ, the oneness of the increase of Christ, is the enlarged oneness of the Divine Trinity.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Oct. 16 - Oct. 22, 2016	19	10	10	8	\$280.00
Oct. 23 - Oct. 29, 2016	18	11	combined = 12		\$285.00