

Church in Regina Newsletter

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Jonah 1:6, "...Arise, call on your God. Perhaps God will give thought to us, and we will not perish."

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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 Joseph's Place

Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening
Saint's Home

Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA: February 17-19, 2017
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring) Anaheim, CA, USA: Mar 31 to Apr. 2, 2017
3. Memorial Day Conference New York, NY: May 26-29, 2017
4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA: July 3-8, 2017
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall) Leipzig, Germany: October 5-7, 2017
6. Thanksgiving Conference Phoenix AZ: November 23-26, 2017

CHRIST, OUR SHEPHERD

1 Peter 2:25 says, "For you were as sheep being led astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." Christ was our **Redeemer** in His death on the tree. Now He is our soul's **Shepherd** and **Overseer** in the resurrection life within us. Therefore, He is able to guide us and supply us with life that we may follow His model in His steps of suffering. ...Our Lord, as the Shepherd and Overseer of our soul, shepherds us by caring for the welfare of our inner being and by exercising His oversight over the condition of our real person.

...We should not think that in verse 25 Peter uses soul as a synonym of spirit. This is definitely not the case. A shepherd takes care of the physical needs of his flock, and Christ our Shepherd takes care of the needs of our soul. He is **not the Shepherd of our body; He is the Shepherd of our soul, our inner being.** We all have a spirit, and the spirit is our inward organ. But our being is a soul. Therefore, Christ mainly shepherds us by taking care of our soul. He takes care of our mind, emotion, and will.

We may think that our problems are with the body. No doubt, the body does give us many problems. Nevertheless, our real problem is in our soul. Our mind, emotion, and will all have problems. Unbelievers are wanderers in the soul, and they do not have a shepherd to take care of them. But our situation is different in that we have a Shepherd who takes care of our soul. Not only do we have the Lord's life within us, but we also have Him as our Shepherd. He is now **shepherding us in our soul.**

Do you experience the Lord's comfort and sense His comfort in your spirit or in your soul? If you say that His comfort is in the spirit, your answer is not according to the Bible. Before you came into the Lord's recovery, you may not have known that you had a human spirit. But since you have been in the church life, you have seen the revelation concerning the human spirit. But this revelation may have now become to you a new kind of tradition. To say that Christ's comfort is in our spirit is to speak according to a new tradition concerning the spirit. Many times we speak of turning to the spirit, perhaps expecting that when we turn to the spirit everything will be all right. Actually, even after we turn to the spirit, many things may not be all right. From experience Peter knew to say that **Christ is the Shepherd of our souls.** Therefore, Peter does not tell us in verse 25 that Christ is the Shepherd of our spirit or of our body; He clearly says that He is the Shepherd of our souls.

...Apparently persecution is related to our body outwardly. Actually, persecution is aimed at the soul. Because it is our soul that suffers, it is our soul that needs the Lord's shepherding. It is not our body that needs this kind of care, nor is it mainly our spirit. **It is our soul—our mind, our emotion, and our will—that needs the Lord as the Shepherd.**

In our experience sometimes we just do not know what to think about. We do not know where to direct our thoughts. This is an indication that **our mind** needs the Lord Jesus as the Shepherd. I can testify that many times in this kind of situation the Lord Jesus has been a Shepherd to me. As a result of His shepherding our mind is directed and set in the right way.

Our emotion, being complicated, is easily upset. This is especially true of the sisters' emotion. Therefore, we need the Lord Jesus to shepherd us in our emotion. His shepherding comforts our emotion.

Our will also needs the Lord's shepherding. As human beings, we often find it difficult to make the right decision. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to make a decision. Unbelievers have no one to lead them and guide them in making decisions. But we have a Shepherd to lead us and guide us. The Lord's leading and guiding is primarily related to our will. As the living Shepherd, the Lord continually directs our will. I cannot tell you how many times I have experienced this. The Lord is truly the Shepherd of our soul. **He directs our mind, comforts our emotion, and leads and guides our will.** (Life-Study of 1 Peter, Chapter 21, Section 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We need to update our HWMR subscription to LSM. Please let us know how many copies should order.
2. Last week, we joined the YP conference in Calgary. There were a total of 317 registered including YP and Serving Ones, 18 of which is from Saskatchewan. The General Subject of the Conference is the Line of Life in Genesis and last weekend, we covered the Life of Jacob. We will give the young people some time to overflow.
3. There will be a blending conference in Winnipeg this coming November 3-5. The deadline for registration is October 22nd.

Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ October 08, 2017 - Love Feast
- ▶ October 09, 2017 - Church Pursuit: Experience of Life , Msg 13
- ▶ October 29, 2017 - Churching to Lloydmminster
- ▶ October 29, 2017 - Brother's Meeting

PRAYER BURDEN

“Jesus said,... do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs...Shepherd My sheep.”

1. Lord, **commission** us to continue the work of the apostles in their apostolic ministry in **shepherding people**, and to learn the truth so that we may have something to speak and go to contact people to shepherd them.
2. Lord, forgive us, we were held back by the satisfaction of Your judicial redemption, lead and guide us to **press forward** to carry out Your **organic salvation** to accomplish Your economy.
3. Lord, we want to be revived, we want to **be a shepherd**, to go to feed people, to shepherd people and flock people together, to **“flock” us** by Your divine life.
4. Lord, remember the churches, the golden lampstands, Your **testimony** in the divine nature; cause the churches to **shine individually** and **collectively** and to bear the same testimony **universally**.
5. Lord, **trim the wicks** of the church lamps, **cut away** all the wrongdoings, shortages, failures, and defects and **supply** the church lamps **with oil** to make them **burn brightly**.
6. Lord, we can never improve ourselves, we need You to feed us, to **nourish** us in Your **divinity** that we may **grow** and **mature** in Your **divine life** and become the **overcomer** in Your **sevenfold intensification**.
7. Please pray for:
 - the **trainees** going to help in the **ITERO** in Leipzig, Germany on October 5-7, 2017; to arrange the flight of the saints to have a smooth and safe travel.
 - the regional **conferences** and **blending** trips throughout Europe after the **ITERO**
 - the **Canada Brother’s Meeting** in Toronto on November 10 - 12, 2017
8. Lord, cherish and nourish the church in **Regina**, that we may grow and mature:
 - ▶ still pray of the NTRV Bible **recipients**
 - ▶ the children’s, junior high, senior YP mtg
 - ▶ the Bible and Life-study readings
 - ▶ the Ballao family
 - ▶ brother **Nan Zhang and family** to get settled and established here in Regina for the church life
 - ▶ brother Jehu, sisters JL & Karen in Oxbow

This Weeks’s Pursuit:

Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ - (Message 2)

The Apostolic Ministry in Cooperation with Christ’s Heavenly Ministry to Shepherd the Church of God as His Flock for the Building Up of the Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: John 10:11, 16; 21:15-17; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4; Heb. 13:20; Rev. 1:13; 2:1, 7

I. Psalms 22 through 24 are a group of psalms revealing Christ from His crucifixion through His shepherding to His kingship in the coming age:

Psalm 23, which concerns **Christ as the Shepherd** in His resurrection and ascension, is the bridge between **Christ’s redeeming death** and His church-producing **resurrection** in Psalm 22 and **Christ’s coming back as the King**, who will regain the entire earth through the church as His Body in Psalm 24. In His heavenly ministry Christ is shepherding people, and we need to cooperate with Him by shepherding people.

II. John 21 reveals the apostolic ministry in cooperation with Christ’s heavenly ministry; it is the completion and consummation of the Gospel of John:

The entire book covers the earthly ministry of Christ, beginning with His incarnation **as the Word of God** to become a man in the flesh and ending with His resurrection as the last Adam **to become the life-giving Spirit**...John 21 is the completion and consummation of the Gospel of John; it consummates the entire Gospel of John by showing that Christ’s heavenly ministry and the apostles’ ministry on the earth cooperate together to carry out God’s economy.

III. In John 10:10-11 and 16 the Lord unveiled to the disciples that He was the good Shepherd who came that the sheep might have life abundantly and that He had other sheep (the Gentiles) which He must lead to join with them (the Jewish believers) to be one flock (one church) under one Shepherd:

The Lord’s shepherding was firstly in His **earthly ministry**. The Lord’s shepherding is secondly in His **heavenly ministry** to take care of the church of God, issuing in His Body.

IV. The Lord commissioned Peter to feed His lambs and shepherd His sheep:

He commissioned Peter to feed His lambs and shepherd His sheep in His absence, while He is in the heavens. This is to incorporate **the apostolic ministry** with Christ’s heavenly ministry to take care of God’s flock, which is the church that issues in the Body of Christ. Later, in the book of Acts, Peter said, *“We will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word”*; this is to cooperate with Christ’s heavenly ministry of intercession and of ministering God into His people.

Christ indwells us to be our life and everything, but He is also overseeing, observing, the condition and situation of our inner being. He shepherds us by caring for the welfare of our inner being and by exercising His oversight over the condition of our soul, our real person. Peter exhorts the elders to shepherd the flock of God among them so that when the Chief Shepherd is manifested, they, the faithful elders, will receive the unfading crown of glory.

V. The following words of the apostle Paul also show the incorporation of the apostolic ministry with Christ’s heavenly ministry to take care of God’s flock:

Paul was very concerned for the future of the church, which was a treasure to him and to God.

VI. The main purpose and goal of the apostolic ministry incorporated with Christ’s heavenly ministry are to build up the Body of Christ, which will consummate the New Jerusalem for the accomplishment of the eternal economy of God—cf. Eph. 3:2, 8-9; 1 Pet. 5:10.

VII. The matter of shepherding God’s flock for the main purpose and ultimate consummation of the eternal economy of God is even referred to in Song of Songs:

VIII. To shepherd the believers is very crucial for their growth in life; we must take the shepherding way to preach the gospel and revive the church:

We should pray, *“Lord, I want to be revived; from today I want to be a shepherd; I want to go to feed people, to shepherd people, and to flock people together.”* In John 10 and 21 the Lord used three words concerning shepherding: *feed, shepherd, and flock*; we can also use the word *flock* as

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Sept. 17 - Sept. 23, 2017	22	12	Calgary	6	\$120.00
Sept. 17 - Sept. 23, 2017	21	10		11	\$500.00

a verb. All the churches have to learn how to flock together so that they can be blent together; the elders and co-workers should take the lead to practice this.

IX. The organic maintenance of the golden lampstand is Christ's heavenly ministry to cherish the churches in His humanity and nourish the churches in His divinity to produce the overcomers through His organic shepherding—Rev. 1:13; 2:7; John 10:11, 14; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4; Heb. 13:20:

The Son of Man is in His humanity, the golden girdle signifies His divinity, and breasts are a sign of love. Christ was **girded at the loins**, strengthened for the divine work (Exo. 28:4; Dan. 10:5) to produce the churches, but now He is **girded about at the breasts**, caring for the churches that He has produced by His love (Rev. 1:13). The golden girdle signifies Christ's divinity as His divine energy, and the breasts signify that this golden energy is exercised and motivated by and with His love to nourish the churches.

Christ takes care of the churches in His humanity **as the Son of Man to cherish** them. He dresses the lamps of the lampstands to make them proper, cherishing us that we may be happy, pleasant, and comfortable. The Lord's presence provides an atmosphere of tenderness and warmth to cherish our being, giving us rest, comfort, healing, cleansing, and encouragement. We can enjoy the cherishing atmosphere of the Lord's presence in the church to receive the nourishing supply of life. He trims the wicks of the lamps of the lampstand, cutting off all the negative things, which frustrate our shining. The charred part of the wick, the snuff, signifies things that are not according to God's purpose, which need to be cut off, such as our flesh, our natural man, our self, and our old creation. He trims away all the differences among the churches (the wrongdoings, shortages, failures, and defects) so that they may be the same in essence, appearance, and expression.

Christ takes care of the churches in His divinity with His divine love, signified by the golden girdle on His breasts, **to nourish the churches**. He nourishes us with Himself as the all-inclusive Christ in His full ministry of three stages so that we may grow and mature in the divine life to be His overcomers to accomplish His eternal economy. As the walking Christ, He gets to know the condition of each church, and as the speaking Spirit, He trims and fills the lampstands with fresh oil, the supply of the Spirit. **To participate in His move and enjoy His care, we must be in the churches.**

X. Through Christ's wonderful shepherding, we will enjoy Him as our blessings both today and for eternity—Isa. 49:10; Rev. 7:9-17.

“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”

LIFE-STUDY OF JOHN

September 25, 2017, Monday

Message Thirty-Three: **THE ORGANISM OF THE TRIUNE GOD IN THE DIVINE DISPENSATION (1)**

Fruit-bearing is the overflow of the riches of the inner life. Do not try to bring people to Christ by your own effort. Do not use schemes to win souls. Bearing fruit is a matter of the overflow of your inner life. We need continuously to enjoy Christ as everything to us. Then we shall have an abundance of inner life. Out of this abundance of inner life there will be a flow that will reach others, penetrating into their lives. **This flow will bear much fruit. It is not just preaching or soul-winning; it must be fruit-bearing by the overflow of the riches of the inner life.**

In 15:1-11 we see that the vine and the branches are an organism to glorify the Father by expressing the riches of the divine life. Some readers of this message might be bothered by the word *organism*; it may sound quite strange to their understanding to hear of the organism of the Triune God in the divine dispensation. But we are used to saying that the church, the Body of Christ, is not an organization but an organism. What is the difference between an organization and an organism? A table, for example, is an organization, for many pieces of wood are assembled to form one entity. Why is a table an organization and not an organism? Because in the table as a unit there is not one organ. There are no organs in a table because there is no life in a table. Apparently, our body is also an organization. However, it is much more than an organization because we have both organs and life. **Since our body has both organs and life, it is an organism, not merely an organization. In like manner, the church, the Body of Christ, is an organism.**

1) What is fruit-bearing? - The overflow of the riches of the inner life.

2) "The vine and the branches are an organism to glorify the Father. What is the meaning of the word glorify here? It means to have the intent, the content, the inner life, and the inner riches released from within and expressed."

September 26, 2017, Tuesday

Message Thirty-Four: **THE ORGANISM OF THE TRIUNE GOD IN THE DIVINE DISPENSATION (2)**

In order for the Lord to abide in us, it is necessary to let His words abide in us. **The only possible way for the Lord to be practical to us is by His words.** By what means did we hear the gospel and receive the Lord as our Savior? It was by His words. When we received His word, we actually received the Lord Himself because the Lord is in His word and He Himself is the Word. According to the same principle, if we want to allow the Lord to abide in us, we must let His words abide in us. **Now, since we have in our hands the Scriptures which are full of the Lord's words, we should not say that the Lord is far from us, that He is still mysterious, or that He is still so spiritual instead of being substantial.** Praise the Lord that we have something very substantial, available, and practical in our hands. **We have the Word. We can read the Word and receive it with our heart and our spirit.** We can contact the word of the Lord in our spirit day by day and even moment by moment. As long as we are contacting the Lord's word, we are contacting the Lord Himself.

If we abide in the Lord by abiding in His love, and if the Lord abides in us by His word abiding in us, then we shall have some intimate fellowship with the Lord. Out of this fellowship we shall have some prayer in the spirit which will be the expression of the living Lord dwelling within us. By praying in this manner we shall know that the Father will be expressed and glorified. **We always talk about glorifying God, but how do**

we glorify God? It is by abiding in the love of the Lord and by letting the word of the Lord abide in us. Then God the Father will be expressed through us and will be glorified in the Son. Out of this intimate, intense abiding, clusters of fruit will be produced because we have been filled with all of the Lord's riches of life. The overflow of the abundance of this life will be so prevailing that it will bear fruit, and God the Father in the Son will be expressed and glorified.

- 1) According to message 34, what is the only possible way for the Lord to be practical to us? - By His words.
- 2) According to message 34, how do we glorify God? - It is by abiding in the love of the Lord and by letting the word of the Lord abide in us.

September 27, 2017, Wednesday

Message Thirty-Five: **THE ORGANISM OF THE TRIUNE GOD IN THE DIVINE DISPENSATION (3)**

We are not branches of many separate trees; we are all branches of the same tree. So we need to maintain a good fellowship with all the other branches as well as with the tree. This is why in this chapter the Lord also tells us to love one another (vv. 12, 17). The branches need to love one another in the life of the Son, in the love of the Son, and in the commission of the Son which is to bear fruit for the glorification of the Father. **We need to love one another in the Lord's life, the divine life, in the Lord's love, and in His commission of fruit-bearing. Life is the source, love is the condition, and fruit-bearing is the goal.** If we all live by the Lord's life as the source, in the Lord's love as the condition, and for fruit-bearing as the goal, we surely will love one another. Having different sources of life, different conditions, or different goals will separate us and prevent us from loving one another.

This Spirit of reality testifies concerning the Son as the vine. It testifies in front of the persecuting religion. Furthermore, the Spirit testifies to the branches and through the branches to the world. Religion may persecute, but the Spirit of reality testifies that the Son is the vine. **Through the believers as the branches this testimony will go forth throughout the whole world.** It is going on today. Verse 26 says, "But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of reality who proceeds from the Father, He will testify concerning Me." Religion persecutes, but the Spirit of reality testifies. The Holy Spirit is the reality of all things, and we are to be witnesses of the Spirit of reality.

- 1) "Religion persecutes, but the Spirit of reality _____. The Holy Spirit is the reality of all things, and we are to be witnesses of the Spirit of reality."
 - a) testifies
- 2) "The branches need to love one another in the life of the Son, in the love of the Son, and in the commission of the Son which is to bear fruit for the glorification of the Father. We need to love one another in the Lord's life, the divine life, in the Lord's love, and in His commission of fruit-bearing. Life is the source, love is the condition, and fruit-bearing is the goal."

September 28, 2017, Thursday

Message Thirty-Six: **THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT UNTO THE MINGLING OF DIVINITY WITH HUMANITY (1)**

The Son went into death in the flesh, but He came back in resurrection as the Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45). **He came as the Spirit to be another Comforter.** He went through death as the Redeemer to accomplish redemption for us, but He came in resurrection as the Spirit to impart Himself as life to us. The Son's sending of the Comforter was His coming as the Comforter. His sending was His coming. **In other words, He sent Himself in another form to come as the other Comforter. This is excellent, marvelous, and yet mysterious.**

Righteousness is related to Christ because righteousness comes from Christ and even is the resurrected Christ Himself (v. 10; 1 Cor. 1:30). Adam is sin, and Christ is righteousness. In Adam we are sinful and condemned; in Christ we are righteous and justified. In Adam we have inherited sin; in Christ we have righteousness imparted to us. It is unnecessary to consider how we should act or behave, because as long as we are in Adam we are sinful and as long as we are in Christ we are righteous. It is not a matter of conduct or behavior; it is a matter of where we are. In Christ we are righteous, and in Adam we are sinful. In Adam we are condemned, but in Christ we are justified. **The only way to be freed from sin is to believe in Christ, the Son of God (v. 9). If we believe in Him, He is righteousness to us, and we are justified in Him (Rom. 3:24; 4:25).**

Now the Son as righteousness is given to the believers. **The satisfying Son, the accepted Son, the Son who has satisfied the Father and has been accepted by Him, has been given to His believers as their righteousness.** The Son Himself is now our righteousness. Since He Himself was to become our righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30), it was prophesied in Jeremiah 23:6 that He would be called "the Lord our righteousness." The believers are justified in the Son and with the Son as their righteousness. Since the Son has been given to the believers as their righteousness, they are justified in Him before God. It is only in the Son as our righteousness that we are justified by God. **The believers have been freed from the source of sin, the devil. The devil is the source of sin, and the Son in the flesh destroyed the devil on the cross (Heb. 2:14). By believing in the Son we are freed from the source of sin.**

- 1) How are we freed from the source of sin? - By believing in the Son
- 2) According to chapter 16, what are the three categories in the work of the Spirit? - To convict the world; - To glorify the Son by revealing Him with the fullness of the Father to the believers; - To disclose what is to come.

September 29, 2017, Friday

Message Thirty-Seven: **THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT UNTO THE MINGLING OF DIVINITY WITH HUMANITY (2)**

In verses 14 and 15 the Lord said that the Spirit of reality "shall receive of Mine and shall disclose it to you." All that the Son is and has is revealed as reality to the believers through the Spirit. This is to glorify the Son with the Father. **The Spirit discloses the Son with the Father to the believers. He makes all that Christ is and has real to us.** The Bible says that God is light (1 John 1:5). The Bible also says that Christ is light (John 8:12). This means that the very light, which is God Himself, is the Son. **But how can this light be realized? How can it be real to us? It is realized through the**

Spirit. When the Spirit moves within us, the light is shining. The light is both the Father and the Son. The Father is the source and the essence of light, and the Son is the embodiment and expression of this light. We realize this light in actuality by the Spirit. When the Spirit moves within us, He is the reality of light.

Through His resurrection the Lord has made the disciples one with Him. Since that time, **they can pray in His name (v. 26). As they are identified with Him, He no longer prays for them but prays with them in their praying.** They no longer pray indirectly to the Father through the Son; they pray directly to the Father in the Son because they are one with Him. We have peace in the Lord (v. 33). Although the Lord died and has been resurrected, we remain in the world where there is no peace. In this world we shall have only trouble. But the Lord Himself will be our peace, and we can have peace in Him. **No matter how much this world troubles and persecutes us, the Lord has overcome the world. We do not need to worry; neither do we need to fear the world. Let the world persecute and trouble us. The Lord is our peace. He has overcome the world.**

1) How can God in Christ become real in us? - By the Spirit

2) Where do we have peace? - In the Lord

September 30, 2017, Saturday

Message Thirty-Eight: **LIFE'S PRAYER (1)**

In this message we come to the profound prayer uttered by the Lord in John 17. This prayer is the completing prayer of the Lord's message given in chapters fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen. What is the subject, the central thought, of this prayer? **We have seen that the subject of the Lord's prayer in John 17 is glorification.** The Lord was God incarnated in the flesh, and His flesh was a tabernacle for God's dwelling on earth (1:14). His divine element was confined in His humanity, just as God's shekinah glory was concealed within the tabernacle. Once, on the Mount of Transfiguration, His divine element was released from within His flesh and expressed in glory, being seen by three of the disciples (Matt. 17:1-4; John 1:14). But it was concealed again in His flesh. Before He uttered this prayer, He had predicted that He would be glorified and that the Father would be glorified in His glorification (12:23; 13:31-32). Now He had to pass through death that the concealing shell of His humanity might be broken for His divine element, His divine life, to be released. **He also had to be resurrected that He might uplift His humanity into the divine element and that His divine element might be expressed so that His entire being, both divinity and humanity, might be glorified. In this way, the Father would be glorified in Him. In John 17 He prayed for this.**

The concluding prayer of the Lord was for the glorification of the Triune God. The fulfillment, the answer, of this prayer for the glorification of the Triune God has three stages. **The first stage was the Lord's resurrection. In the Lord's resurrection, all the life beauty, life essence, life color, life shape, and all the aspects of the divine life of the Triune God were released.** In His resurrection, the Lord's divine life was released from within His humanity and imparted into His many believers (12:23-24), and His whole being, including His humanity, was brought into glory (Luke 24:26), and, in that, the Father's divine element was expressed. God firstly answered and fulfilled this prayer in the Lord's resurrection (Acts 3:13-15). **Secondly, this prayer has been fulfilled in the church, in that, as His resurrection life has been expressed through His many members, He has been glorified in them and the Father has also been glorified in Him through the church (Eph. 3:21; 1 Tim. 3:15-16).** When the Lord is manifested and glorified through us, the Father is also glorified in the Lord at the same time. Thus, the Lord's prayer is still being fulfilled today through the church. **What is the third stage of the fulfillment of the Lord's prayer in John 17? It is the New Jerusalem.** This prayer in John 17 will be ultimately fulfilled in the New Jerusalem. Through the holy city the Son will be fully expressed in glory, and God will also be glorified in Him for eternity (Rev. 21:11, 23-24). Look at the picture of the New Jerusalem: it is a vessel to express Christ, to make God expressed through Christ. **The New Jerusalem is the glorification of the Son so that the Father might be glorified through the Son.**

1) What is the subject of the Lord's prayer? - Glorification

2) What are the three stages for the fulfillment, answer of the prayer for the glorification of the Triune God?

- The Lord's resurrection
- His resurrection life has been expressed through His many members, He has been glorified in them and the Father has also been glorified in Him **through the church**
- **The New Jerusalem.** This prayer in John 17 will be ultimately fulfilled in the New Jerusalem.