



Church in Regina Newsletter

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Psalms 50:15, "And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me."

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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/Saturday 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
7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA: Dec. 25-30, 2017

THE REAL MEANING OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

Scripture Reading: John 20:22; Matt. 28:18; Psa. 2; Eph. 2:6; Acts 2:1-4; 1:14; 2:14, 46-47; 8:14-17; Rev. 22:1

BEING ENLIVENED BY THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Two important things transpired after the Lord's death—resurrection and ascension. **Resurrection** is the strongest proof that the Son of God is the divine life, a life which nothing can damage, hold, or overcome. This life overcomes all things—Satan, death, Hades, and the grave. Nothing and no one can hold Him, damage Him, or overcome Him.

However, the resurrection of Christ is not only a proof or testimony; it is also an imparting of Himself into His members. In His resurrection, Christ imparted Himself into all those who identify themselves with Him in faith. Therefore, objectively speaking, His resurrection is a proof, a testimony, that He is the indestructible life, and subjectively speaking, it is the imparting of Himself into us to make us the members of His Body.

BEING POSITIONED IN THE ENTHRONEMENT OF CHRIST

In His ascension, Christ was enthroned and made the very Head over all things in the universe. Therefore, He is the Head, the Lord, the King, and the anointed One on the throne. On the one hand, His ascension was His enthronement. On the other hand, because we were identified with Him in His ascension, we also were brought into the heavens with Him. When He was crucified, we died in Him on the cross; when He was resurrected, we were raised up with Him; and when He ascended, we also ascended to the heavens with Him. Therefore, His enthronement is our position. Because He is on the throne in the heavens, we also are in the heavens and on the throne. God committed all authority in the universe to His resurrected and ascended Christ, and now we are in Christ. Therefore, the enthronement of Christ is our position. We are in the heavens on the throne with Christ. The Lord told His disciples to go and disciple all the nations because all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him.

By the resurrection of Christ we have been regenerated as His members, and by His ascension we also have been enthroned and brought into the heavens. Resurrection is a matter of life, while ascension is a matter of position. In His resurrection we receive the Triune God within us as our life to be regenerated. In His ascension we have been brought into the heavens to be positioned and enthroned there. (General Sketch of the New Testament I, chapter 7)

Experiencing The Ascended Christ

In order to experience Jesus as the Lord, the Christ, the Head of the church, the Head over all, and the One enthroned, crowned, and given a name above all names, we need to be in resurrection. When we are in the reality of resurrection, we are in the life-giving Spirit. In the Spirit we experience the resurrected Christ as the Lord, the anointed One, and the Head of everything to the church and the Head directly of the church. In the reality of resurrection, that is, in the all-inclusive Spirit, we realize that this Christ has been crowned with glory and honor, that He has been enthroned, and that He has received the name that is above all names. When we are in such a Spirit, all these aspects of Christ's ascension are not merely doctrines to us—they are realities.

Apart from the life-giving Spirit making Christ's ascension real to us, we may think that the ascended Christ has nothing to do with us in our daily living. But every aspect of Christ's ascension should be part of our daily experience. If we would experience Christ's ascension, we need to walk according to the Spirit. When we walk according to the Spirit, we are walking in Christ's resurrection and ascension. This causes us to be a different kind of person. This is the reason I have been strong to say that the Christian life is not a matter of doctrine. What we need for the Christian life is to walk according to the life-giving Spirit who dwells in our spirit.

We can be in the Spirit because through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been regenerated, reborn (1 Pet. 1:3). We can also be in ascension. In our experience, the heavens come to us, because the all-inclusive Spirit brings the heavens to us. Therefore, when we are in the Spirit, we are in the heavens. (Life-Study of Mark, Chapter 51, Section 2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The conference for Winnipeg on November 3-5 is still open. The deadline for registration is today. Please let sister Kim know if you could come so we can get the final count of the ones who are going.
2. The Semi-Annual Training in Anaheim is still also open. The deadline for the Winter Training is November 1.

Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ October 29, 2017 - Churching to Lloydminster
- ▶ November 05, 2017 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ November 11, 2017 - Love Feast
- ▶ November 12, 2017 - Church Pursuit; Experience of Life, Msg. 14

PRAYER BURDEN

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.”

1. Lord, You are our **great High Priest**, who intercedes for us and ministering life into us that we may be Your overcomers, so that through our **victory** You can be manifested openly in Your second coming.

2. Lord, Your **cross delivered us** from “Egypt” and Your **throne brings us** to “Canaan”, we only need to press on; eating, drinking, and enjoying You as our good land which is the **best worship** that we can give.

3. Lord, You are our **Kingly Priest**, and we thank You for putting us in an environment that is full of **righteousness** and **peace**, we put ourselves under Your rule and authority so that everything will be peaceful.

4. Lord, You’re also our **divine High Priest** in You there is no death but only the **presence of life**, who is now ministering life into us that we may be saved to the uttermost, to be **brought** into Your **perfection**.

5. Lord, we praise You that You became like us in order to **sympathize** with all of our **weaknesses**, even more than like us, for You suffered in Your human life, some things we have not suffered, Lord we thank You for Your mercy.

6. Lord, we can only **call** on Your name - “**Lord Jesus**,” we turn to our spirit so that we can enter into the **gate** of heaven, to touch the **throne** of grace through the heavenly **ladder**.

7. Please pray for the:

- conference in **Winnipeg** on Nov 3-5, 2017
- churching - **Lloydminster** on Oct 29, 2017
- (conference after ITERO) saints will give their full cooperation to the Lord to carry out the **recovery** of the church in **Europe** and that the **new ones** who attended the conferences will be **shepherded** into the church life

8. Lord, remember us here in **Regina**, we do not know what is good for us, but You know and You care for us, strengthen us Lord.

- gain students through the **campus work**
- Chinese speaking saints **small group**
- **Life-study** reading of the saints
- sustain the group meeting in **Moose Jaw**
- brother **Nan Zhang** finding a job
- **trainees** financial need
- the **recipients** of the Bible would open it, read it, and receive life and light

This Weeks’s Pursuit:

Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ - (Message 5)

The Revelation, Experience, and Enjoyment of the Ascended Christ as a Merciful, Faithful, and Great High Priest

Scripture Reading: Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 2:17; 4:14-15; 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1, 27; 8:1-2

I. The basic significance of a priest in the Bible is not that a priest serves God but that a priest ministers God to man:

The first mention of a priest in the Scriptures establishes the principle of a priest. The first time the word *priest* is used in the Bible is with Melchizedek. The foundational story of the priesthood in the Bible is that of a **priest coming from God and ministering something of God to God’s people**. ...Today Christ, our High Priest, is interceding for us in a hidden way that we may be His overcomers to defeat God’s enemies so that through our victory Christ can be manifested openly in His second coming. In His heavenly ministry Christ was designated a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, not to offer sacrifices for sin as Aaron did but to minister to us the very God who was processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection, signified by the bread and wine. **The main point with respect to Christ as the High Priest is that He ministers God into us.**

II. Hebrews is a book on the priesthood in its three aspects—2:17; 5:6; 7:16, 25:

The first aspect—the aspect of the Aaronic priesthood—is for offering sacrifices to God for our sins. The second aspect—the aspect of the kingly priesthood—is for ministering God into us. The third aspect—the aspect of the divine priesthood—is for saving us to the uttermost. For Christ to be **kingly** is a matter of status, but for Christ to be **divine** is a matter of constituent, that is, of having the necessary element that constitutes Him a divine High Priest. Christ’s divinity constitutes Him a High Priest who is living, full of life, and able to continue His priesthood perpetually. The **divine priesthood** is the saving power of the indestructible life; thus, the divine priesthood is the presence of life and the absence of death.

III. Christ is a merciful and faithful High Priest—2:17:

- Hebrews 1 and 2 reveal that Christ is fully qualified to be our High Priest:
- He is the Son of God with the divine nature.
- He is the Son of Man with the human nature.
- He was incarnated to be like us.
- He was tempted, tried.
- He suffered death.
- He made propitiation for our sins.
- He destroyed the devil.
- He released us from the slavery of death.
- He brought forth many brothers in resurrection to form the church.
- He was crowned with glory and honor in His exaltation.
- He is the Author, Captain, of our salvation.
- He helps us.

Christ is able to be a merciful and faithful High Priest because He is both the Son of God with divinity and the Son of Man with humanity. His being merciful corresponds to His being a man. His being faithful corresponds to His being God. Christ’s divinity and humanity are typified by the gold and the linen in the ephod worn by the high priest. The weaving together of the gold and the linen in the ephod typifies the mingling of divinity and humanity in Christ.

IV. Christ is a great High Priest—Heb. 4:14-15:

- Christ is great in His person, in His work, and in His attainment.
- Christ was tempted in all respects like us, yet without sin; He has passed through the heavens, and He is touched with the feeling of our weaknesses.
- Christ bears us before God in the Holy of Holies. He is our merciful, faithful, and great High Priest, and we are on His shoulders (His bearing strength) and on His heart (His love).

We should respond to Christ’s priesthood by coming forward with boldness to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace for timely help. Since today our spirit is the place of God’s habitation, it is now the gate of heaven where Christ is the ladder that joins us, the people on earth, to heaven, and brings heaven to us. Hence, whenever we turn to our spirit, we enter through the gate of heaven and touch the throne of grace in heaven through Christ as the heavenly ladder.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Oct. 08 - Oct. 14, 2017	22	11	7	12	\$340.00
Oct. 15 - Oct. 21, 2017	21	11	5	15	\$360.00

V. Although Christ as the High Priest is taking care of us, we all have our own thought and feeling as to how He should care for us; many times we do not know what is best for us or what the reason is for certain things; only the Lord as the High Priest knows the reason, and His care for us is always positive—Rom. 8:28-29:

When the apostle Paul prayed to the Lord, asking Him to remove the thorn, the Lord said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness”. . . . Christ as our High Priest, who **bears us on His shoulders and breast and ministers God into us**, is an experience in the Holy of Holies, where we enjoy God Himself and all His riches; this experience of Christ as our High Priest is the highest experience and enjoyment.

VI. Ultimately, Christ as the High Priest is caring for God’s need and interests:

God will listen to our prayer when our prayer to God is toward Christ, the kingdom of God, and the house of God as the goal in God’s economy. No matter for whom we are praying, our prayers should be aimed at the interests of God, that is, at Christ and the church as God’s interests on earth, for the fulfilling of God’s economy.

VII. Christ’s heavenly ministry as the High Priest in ascension consummates in the New Jerusalem, which will be the mingling of divinity with humanity to be the very expansion, enlargement, increase, and expression of the Triune God in humanity forever as the ultimate goal of God’s economy— Rev. 21:2, 9-11.

“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”

LIFE-STUDY OF JOHN

October 16, 2017, Monday

Message Fifty-One: **BEARING FRUIT BY THE OVERFLOW OF THE INNER LIFE**

No other book in the Bible unveils the Trinity as fully as the Gospel of John does. **This whole book concerns the Trinity.** In no other book are the Father, the Son, and the Spirit revealed in such a practical way as They are here. **The entire Gospel of John is a book on the Son with the Father and with the Spirit.** Hence, the organism in chapter fifteen is not merely an organism of Christ, but of the Triune God.

The focus of the Bible is God as life growing in an organic body. **This means that God is the growing life and that the growing life needs an organism, an organic body, in which God can grow and through which He can express Himself.** We have been told that God was our Creator, the object of our worship, and that we, the creatures, had to worship Him. **Although this is not wrong, it is a very superficial understanding of the revelation in the Bible. It is definitely not the inner content of the focus of God’s revelation. The inner content of the divine focus is that God is not only our Creator and the object of our worship, but that He is life. Life does not require worship.**

By contacting God and eating and drinking of Him, we have such an overflow. This overflow is nothing less than the Triune God, who is the constituent of the organism and who is living Himself out of us. **Therefore, the overflow of life is the Triune God living Himself out of us.** We are the branches of the divine vine; we are part of the organism of the Triune God. In life, in nature, and in position we are the same as He. **Hallelujah! Daily we are contacting our God. He is not simply the object of our worship but the Spirit within us as the living water.** As we drink of Him and eat of Him, we have the overflow of life. This overflow is our fruit-bearing in our daily living. Whether or not the ones we contact will receive this flow is a matter of God’s choice. But we can be assured that the chosen ones will receive it and become fruit born by the divine organism. This is the way to increase the organism and to spread the kingdom of God. This is what it means to bear fruit by the overflow of the inner life.

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2) How can we have the overflow of life? - By drinking of Him and eating of Him

LIFE-STUDY OF GALATIANS

October 17, 2017, Tuesday

Message One: **THE BACKGROUND AND SUBJECT OF THE BOOK**

Now we come to the background of the book of Galatians. Written before A.D. 60, Galatians is earlier than either Ephesians or Colossians. Galatians was written in the earlier part of Paul’s ministry, before he was imprisoned. In order to have the proper experience of the church as the Body of Christ, we need the book of Galatians. We need both an adequate experience and understanding of all that is conveyed to us in this Epistle. If we intend to practice the church life today, we need to know the Christ revealed in Galatians. **Galatians reveals that Christ is versus religion with its law.** The law given by God through Moses was the foundation of the Jewish religion. **Judaism was built on the law. The book of Galatians reveals that the very Christ whom we need for the church life is versus law and religion.**

The subject of the book of Galatians is related to its background. **The subject is the rescue of the distracted believers out of the evil religious age.** In 1:4 Paul says that Christ “gave Himself for our sins, that He might rescue us out of the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.” An age is a part of the world as the satanic system. An age refers to a section, an aspect, the present or modern appearance, of the system of Satan, which is used by him to usurp and occupy people and keep them away from God and His purpose. We may regard each decade as a distinct age or section of Satan’s world system. In verse 3 Paul says, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Grace is God as our enjoyment (John 1:17; 1 Cor. 15:10), and peace is the condition, the issue, which results from grace. Peace is the result of the enjoyment of God our Father. How good it is that grace and peace come to the churches from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ!**

- 1) What does the book of Galatians reveal?
 - Galatians reveals that Christ is versus religion with its law, it reveals that the very Christ whom we need for the church life is versus law and religion
- 2) What is the subject of the book of Galatians?
 - The rescue of the distracted believers out of the evil religious age

October 18, 2017, Wednesday

Message Two: **THE APOSTLE'S GOSPEL**

In this message we come to 1:6-12. The main item revealed in these verses is the gospel preached by the Apostle Paul. It is crucial for us to see that Paul's ministry was a completing ministry, a ministry of completing the divine revelation. Paul's gospel is the gospel of completion. Therefore, if we did not have Paul's writings, we would lack a vital part of God's revelation. **Paul's Epistles not only complete the divine revelation; they form the very heart of God's revelation in the New Testament. Thus,**

Paul's gospel is not only the gospel of completion; it is also the center of the New Testament revelation. For this reason, Paul's gospel is the basic gospel. Paul's gospel is the gospel of grace (1:6). **Grace is the Triune God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, processed to become our enjoyment. According to 1:6, we have been called in the grace of Christ. Through Christ we enjoy the processed all-inclusive Triune God.**

Paul's writings testify to the fact that he had received revelation directly from Christ. In his Epistles there are many marvelous expressions which no man could utter apart from divine revelation. Certain ancient philosophers, such as Confucius, have composed some writings that are regarded as important. But there is no comparison between the best of these writings and those of the Apostle Paul. If Paul had not received revelation from Christ, how could he have written the things he did? It would have been impossible. **His writings prove that his gospel was not according to man, that it was not received from man, and that it was not taught by man, but that it was received through a revelation of Jesus Christ.** The expressions Paul uses are too wonderful to have come from any source other than a revelation directly from the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1) What is Paul's Gospel?
- 2) "Paul's writings testify to the fact that he had received revelation directly from Christ."

October 19, 2017, Thursday

Message Three: **GOD'S SON VERSUS MAN'S RELIGION**

The crucial point in this message is that this living Person, God's Son, is versus man's religion. This was true at the time of Saul of Tarsus, it has been true throughout the centuries, and it is true today. Instead of focusing his attention on this living Person, man has a natural tendency to direct his attention to religion with its tradition. But from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22 the Bible reveals a living Person. **God cares only for this living Person, not for anything else.**

The focal point of the Bible is not practices, doctrines, or ordinances—it is the living Person of the Son of God. In 1:15 and 16 Paul said that it pleased God to reveal His Son in him. Concerning the Son of God, many are still under the influence of the traditional teachings in Christianity with respect to the Trinity. **The New Testament reveals that God the Father loved the world and gave His Son for us (John 3:16).** But the problem we face is how to understand this. In what way did the Father send His Son? One day, Philip said to the Lord Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father and it suffices us" (John 14:8). Surprised at such a request, the Lord said, "Am I so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father. How is it that you say, Show us the Father?" (v. 9). Then the Lord went on to say, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?" (v. 10). However, later on in this chapter, in verse 16, the Lord Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever." Nevertheless, the Lord Jesus said that He would ask the Father and that the Father would give the disciples another Comforter to be with them forever, even the Spirit of reality (v. 17), who had been abiding with the disciples and who would be in them. **But then in verse 18 He says, "I will not leave you orphans; I am coming to you." This indicates that the very He who is the Spirit of reality in verse 17 becomes the I who is the Lord Himself in verse 18. This shows that after His resurrection the Lord would become the Spirit of reality.**

Apart from Christ, the living Person of the Son of God, whatever we have is religion. For example, a brother may love his wife. But if he loves her apart from Christ, even this is religious. The same is true of sisters who submit to their husbands apart from Christ. This kind of submission is religious and traditional. I have known some Chinese wives who were submissive simply because they were submissive by nature. Before they were saved, they were submissive. After they became Christians, they became good, submissive, Christian wives. But this kind of submission has nothing to do with Christ. It is the expression of Chinese tradition, not of the living Person of the Son of God. I am concerned that many of us are trying to practice the church life apart from Christ. If this is the case, our church life will be nothing more than a religion with its own kind of tradition. **How desperately we need a vision of this living Person! It is crucial that He be revealed in us.**

- 1) What is the focal point of the Bible? - The living Person of the Son of God
- 2) "Apart from Christ, the living Person of the Son of God, whatever we have is _____."
 - b) religion

October 20, 2017, Friday

Message Four: **THE REVELATION OF GOD'S SON IN US**

As a living Person, Christ is spiritual and mysterious. Apart from God's revelation of His Son in us, no human being would be able to see this living Person. Due to the shortage of revelation, millions of people have not realized anything of this Person, even though He is living, real, active, and aggressive. Hence, the problem today is the lack of revelation. Today many of us earnestly desire to live Christ. But to live Christ we need revelation. **As we have pointed out again and again, the only way revelation can come to us is if we drop our concepts. We also need to pray, "Lord, I trust in You to defeat the god of this age. Apart from You, I do not worship anything. Lord, I turn my heart to You, and I drop all my concepts. I don't want to worship anyone other than You."** If you pray in this way, the light will shine, and you will receive revelation. If you drop your concepts and turn your heart to the Lord, the veils will be taken away, and the god of this age will have no ground in your being.

The more revelation we receive of the Son of God, the more He will live in us. The more He lives in us, the more He will become to us the unique and central blessing of the gospel which God promised to Abraham. This means that He will be to us the all-inclusive land realized as the all-inclusive, processed, life-giving Spirit. **This should not simply be a doctrine to us. If we drop our concepts, turn our heart to the Lord, pay attention to the spirit, and spend time in the Word, Christ will be revealed in us, He will live in us, and He will be formed in us.** Day by day, He will become more of an enjoyment to us. As a result, this living Person will make us a new creation in a practical way. The book of Galatians eventually brings us to the new creation by way of the inward revelation of the living Person of the Son of God.

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2) What is the way to receive an inward, subjective, spiritual revelation?

October 21, 2017, Saturday

Message Five: **THE FORMATION OF PAUL'S APOSTLESHIP**

Paul was made an apostle not according to love, but according to life. It was as a matter of life that he was made a pattern for all the believers, the brothers and the sisters as well. This indicates that by taking Paul as our pattern, we all, brothers and sisters, can be God's sent ones today. Paul's status was that of an apostle, and ours should be the same. Hence, as we study the formation of Paul's apostleship, we are also studying the formation of our own apostleship. **All of us in the Lord's recovery need to be sent ones.** At the least, a young sister can be sent by the Lord to her parents to testify to them about the Lord Jesus. Are you ready to be sent by the Lord? We all should be prepared to be sent forth by Him.

In 1:15 and 16 Paul says that God was pleased to reveal His Son in him. The Son of God was unveiled to Paul and shown to him. This means that he received a vision of the living Person of the Son of God. Since Paul is a pattern of the believers and the Son of God was revealed in him, we also should have Christ revealed in us. **When the Son of God is revealed in us, something divine is added to us.** Selection and calling do not cause anything to be added into us. But the revelation of the Son of God in us causes divinity to be added to our humanity. **God Himself is added into our being to become our life. He who has the Son has life (1 John 5:12). Hence, to have the Son of God revealed in us means to have God added to us to become our life.**

1) "According to life, all the believers are males. However, according to love, we all are females. Christ is our Bridegroom, and we are His Bride. The relationship between the Bride and the Bridegroom is a matter of love, not a matter of life. Love is the unique requirement of married life. Therefore, we are living sons of the living God, whereas we are the loving Bride of our dear Bridegroom."

2) What does it mean to have God revealed in us? - To have God revealed in us means to have God added to us to become our life.