

CHURCH IN REGINA

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."

This Week's Pursuit:

HWMR - Crystallization Study of Numbers (1)

Message Two

Israel's Encamping in Array Typifying God's Redeemed People Being Consummated as the New Jerusalem

Scripture Reading: Num. 2:2; Rev. 21:12, 21a; 22:14

"Christ's **death** is the only place where we can enjoy and experience His **resurrection life**"

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays - Saints' Home
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays
Saints' Home

Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
Anaheim, California
February 15-17, 2019
2. **ITERO (Spring)**
Anaheim CA
April 5 - 7, 2019
3. **Memorial Day Conference**
Seattle, WA
May 24-27, 2019
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
July 1-6, 2019
5. **ITERO (Fall)**
Bangalore, India
October 3-5, 2019
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**
Houston, TX
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2019
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
December 23-28, 2019

The arrangement described in Numbers 2 is wonderful and awesome, as indicated in Numbers 23 and 24 when Balaam was asked by Balak to go up to a mountain and to look down on the children of Israel in order to curse them. When Balaam saw the children of **Israel in array**, instead of cursing them, he was **inspired** by the Spirit of God **to bless them**. He blessed them as a people who live alone (23:9), a people in which there is no iniquity (v. 21), and a people whose dwelling is so fair and beautiful (24:5). Simply by looking at this **array**, Balaam was inspired to bless God's people as holy, perfect, and beautiful. I hope that we too will be inspired by considering how God's people were arrayed around the tabernacle. God's design for His people to be arrayed together reveals His perfect thought from eternity to eternity.

As an **array ready for warfare**, God does not want His people to face the **north**, the **south**, the **east**, or the **west**. He wants His people to face the **center**... **Our responsibility is to face the center, which is God's testimony.**

Every person needed to be **encamped** by the standard of his tribe – there was **no personal preference allowed**. Whichever tribe one was born in, that's where he had to go and enroll, and that's where he belonged; there was no choice – each had to be with his tribe. All the tribes of Israel were arranged around and **faced toward the center**, that is, **toward the Tent of Meeting**, the Tabernacle of the Testimony. Two million people were encamped in an array around the tabernacle, facing not the outside or the back but the center, the Tabernacle of the Testimony.

In our Christian life we should have such a **center**. Sometimes young working saints ask me how they should balance their family, work, and church life responsibilities. I tell them that there is no human way to find such a balance, but as long **as we hold the center, everything will be balanced**. If we do not have a center, our efforts to balance our responsibilities will not work. We need to have the right center. When this center is established, we know how much time we should spend with our family, work, and church life. The matter of the center is crucial, especially for so many young brothers and sisters who are engaged in the development of their careers. They are in a very busy stage of their lives, but they need to identify and focus on the center. Otherwise, they will not be led by the center but by whatever appeals to them. The type in Numbers depicts how **God's people should be encamped around the tabernacle and facing the tabernacle as their center**. They live for this center; their whole life is around this center. God arrayed the children of Israel in such a wonderful manner; this points to their actual situation in the coming New Jerusalem in the millennial kingdom.

Moreover, their encamping in array depicts the **coordination** and the **building** in oneness of the Body of Christ today. As Hymns, #885 indicates, the warfare for which we are preparing is fought in the Body. **We need to learn how to live in the Body, to be coordinated together in oneness, and to be built up together**. It is in this building that we are **positioned** to fight the spiritual warfare. The array in Numbers thus shows us both coordination and building; it also connects us to the New Jerusalem, which will be revealed in the coming age and in the new heaven and the new earth.

Amen, Lord, we take Christ and the church as our center in our Christian life and church life. We want to hold Christ and the church as the center so that we may be encamped in array as an army to fight for God's interest on earth. May our whole life, work, and activities be centered on God's testimony on the earth, and may we live a life and do a work for the protection of God's testimony. Oh Lord, cause us to really see that Christ and the church is the meaning of our life and our center in all we are and do!

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, we pray for the **coordination** in the church. Thank You for Your **ordination** and **arrangement**. May we all see our **formation**, be **encamped in array** and have the **tabernacle**, the church today, as **our one central goal** that we may be able to fight and maintain Your testimony.

2. Lord, we adore You for Your plan, Your **sovereignty** and Your **creating ability**. Thank You for **placing** us in the **church**, as Your **army**, according to Your standard. We praise You, Lord as the Triune God **mingling** Yourself with the created man, **forming** a unit of **eternal** and **perfect government**.

3. Thank You, Lord we can see a glimpse of the picture of the scene in eternity. **Strengthen** us to be Your army, the unit of government to **fight** for Your **testimony** even today. May we realize even now that we are the **wheat** that will become the **gold**, **pearls**, and **precious stones** consummating in the New Jerusalem.

4. Cause us, Lord to have a **great and high wall** for our **separation** and **protection**. We want to be absolutely **separated** unto God and fully **protect** God's interest on earth today. May we also have the heart to **bring** people to "*walk through the gate*", **call** on You and **receive** You.

5. We praise You, Lord as the living One who came into the **death waters**. You were **wounded** because of our **transgressions**, **crushed** because of our **iniquities**; yet You **secreted** Your **life over us** and by Your **stripes** we have been **healed**. Continue to make us Your **duplication**, the **precious pearls** for the **building** of Your eternal **habitation** and **expression**.

6. Lord, may we **daily experience** both Your **redeeming** and **life-releasing death** and Your **life-dispensing resurrection**. May we realize the power of Your resurrection, **keep our self** on the **cross** and **remain there**. Grant us also the experiences of the **bountiful supply of the Spirit** that we may be **conformed** to Your **image**.

7. Please pray for:

North America College Training

- Pray for the weather
- Pray for on-time arrivals
- Pray for each one's health
- Pray for the hospitality

FTTL Graduation at Bower House

FTTA Graduation in Anaheim CA

- Pray that the **graduates** will experience and enjoy Christ, live Christ, pursue Christ, gain Christ, spread Christ, and minister Christ for the building up of the Body and the preparation of the bride.

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts
- Small Group Meeting in Weyburn to become the **church in Weyburn**
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church
- The children, YP and College work

LIFE-STUDY OF 1 THESSALONIANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

June 10, 2019, Monday: (Message 6)

The Triune God Embodied in the Word to Produce a Holy Life for the Church Life (2)

Now we can see what is the Christian life as a holy life for the church life. This life originates with the **Triune God**. Through the **preaching of the word** and our **acceptance of the word**, we **enter into a life relationship with God the Father and have an organic union with Christ**. This comes through faith. Then this **faith** works, acts, and issues in many things. In particular, it **causes us to turn to God** from everything else. Furthermore, in **love** we labor, struggle, and **strive to serve the living God**. At the same time, with the **endurance** of hope we **wait for the coming back of the Son of God**. This surely is a **holy life**, a life that is **sanctified** and **separated**. According to chapter four, verse 7, God has called us in such a life, and according to chapter five, verse 23, God is now sanctifying us wholly for this kind of life so that we may have the proper church life. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 6)

June 11, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 7)

The Church in the Triune God (1)

This Triune God is the **processed** God. He has passed through the process of **incarnation**, **human living**, **crucifixion**, and **resurrection**. In **crucifixion**, He accomplished **redemption**, the termination of the old creation, and the destruction of Satan and death. In **resurrection**, He **germinated** the new creation. Now He is the life-giving Spirit as the ultimate consummation of the Triune God. The church is in such a Triune God. The church is in the processed Triune God, the One who has become the life-giving Spirit with the Father and the Son. **The church is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**. This is different from speaking of the church as merely in God, for it reveals that the church is in the Triune God. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 7)

June 12, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 8)

The Church in the Triune God (2)

The **Spirit** is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God. The Spirit is the **application**, the **reaching** to us, of the Triune God. How does the processed Triune God **reach us** and **contact us**? He does this **as the Spirit**. How can the processed Triune God be **applied** to us in our experience? He is applied **as the life-giving Spirit**. The Spirit is not only the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ; He is the Spirit as God and as Christ. In our experience today, the Triune God is the very life-giving Spirit. Therefore, when we are in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, we are in the Spirit... **As long as we see that the church is an entity in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall realize that we have been absolutely separated by God Himself and are now encompassed by the Lord Jesus Christ**. This makes us a holy people living a holy, separated life. This life is for the church. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 8)

June 13, 2019, Thursday: (Message 9)

The Church Becoming the Embodiment of the Triune God (1)

The church is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. If the Lord were only Jesus and not Christ, we could not be in Him. But because He is the Lord Jesus Christ, we can be in Him and we are in Him right now. Where are we? **We are in the Lord Jesus Christ**. The name **Jesus** implies that everything we are in the old creation and in the fall has been **terminated**, and the title **Christ** implies that we are **no longer in ourselves, in the old creation**, in sin and death, in the world, and in Satan. Instead, we are in resurrection, in the Spirit, and in righteousness, holiness, power, strength, and might. Because we are in Christ, we are even on the throne with Him. Oh, how marvelous it is to be in Christ. To be in the Lord Jesus Christ means on the **one hand** that we are terminated and are no longer in the old creation. **On the other hand**, it means that by being in Christ we are in resurrection. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 9)

June 14, 2019, Friday: (message 10)

The Church Becoming the Embodiment of the Triune God (2)

The Bible reveals that the resurrected Christ, the very Christ in resurrection, is the life-giving Spirit. This can be confirmed by our experience. **We have Christ within us, and we also have the Spirit within us**. But in your experience do you have two in you, Christ and the Spirit, or do you have one? Although both Christ and the Spirit are in us, in experience we have one in us, not two, for Christ today in resurrection is identical to the Spirit. In resurrection the Christ who dwells within us is a wonderful Spirit. This Spirit is life, power, holiness, love, righteousness, might, strength, wisdom, grace, kindness, mercy. Oh, this Spirit is everything! This is why we say that this Spirit, who is God and Christ, is all-inclusive. When we are in Him, we have all these virtues. We have patience, endurance, and all that Christ is. **Christ is the reality of the divine attributes and the human virtues**. If in our practical living we are in Him, we shall be humble, kind, and enduring. We shall be those in resurrection, in the resurrected Christ. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The Brothers Meeting, June 30, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.
2. The Sisters Meeting, June 23, 2019, is moved to July 14, 2019, at Sister Malou's place at 2 PM.
3. The Church Pursuit, July 1, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.