

CHURCH IN REGINA

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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)

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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

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

Message Seven

The Eternal Blessing of the Triune God

Scripture Reading: Num. 6:22-27; 2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 22:1-2

Message 6 lays the groundwork we will see in this message, namely, that the **Divine Trinity** is the **structure** of the entire divine revelation. There is a great need for us to spend time to study the Holy Trinity, not merely for theological or doctrinal purposes but **to come to know something of God's heart, purpose, economy, and plan...** The **eternal blessing** that is contained in Numbers 6 is consummated in the New Jerusalem. This is because Revelation 22 speaks not only of the blessings granted to God's elect, but even more, it shows that **the One blessing and the ones being blessed have become united, mingled, and incorporated into one.**

Often, when we speak of **blessing**, we do so... according to its most basic definition, a blessing is something that is given or conferred for the happiness or welfare of the one being blessed. Although this definition is accurate, in this message we are speaking **not** about the blessing that is given by one human to another **but** rather about **the blessing of the Triune God to His chosen people...** The Old Testament Hebrew word for blessing has the sense of doing or giving something of value to another.

In this verse the verb **ble**ss means "*to praise or to speak well of*" or "*to say something good concerning another.*" The noun blessing similarly means "well speaking" or "fair utterance." This implies a kind of benefit. If we consider these understandings of blessing together, we will realize that a **blessing from God is a speaking or a statement from God to us** that is **motivated by His favor toward us, His goodwill toward us, and His desire for our happiness.** Yet it is not only the speaking itself that is the blessing; the result of the speaking **brings in a situation or condition** that comes about as the result of the good and kind words spoken by the One blessing us. **It is not a small thing for God to say something good to us.** How wonderful that we are those who, by His mercy, are in a condition that allows us to receive such a blessing.

As to the **content of the blessing** given in Numbers 6..., to a common **traditional understanding**, these blessings have to do mainly with our **safety**—"Jehovah bless you and keep you"; our **bounty or prosperity**—"Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you"; and our **tranquility**—"Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Surely, if we have safety, prosperity, and tranquility, we will be somewhat happy. The problem with this traditional and natural understanding, however, is that each **blessing** is considered to be **outward** or even **material**. However, the **blessings** of the New Testament are primarily **inward** and **spiritual**. In this message we want to see that the blessings contained in Numbers 6 are in fact not primarily outward or material in nature but are, according to Ephesians 1:3, spiritual, heavenly, and **"in Christ."** Because they are such, these **blessings** are **inward, divine, and eternal.** I hope that with the Lord's help, this message would itself be a blessing of the Triune God to us all. If He speaks these things to us, we will be under His blessing. I pray that we all would be enveloped and embraced by this blessed speaking from the Triune God and that the reality of these blessings would fill us, saturate us, and permeate us.

In Numbers 6:26, "*Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*" **Peace** is a result of our **enjoyment of grace.** Many of Paul's Epistles begin with the **blessing** of **grace** and **peace** from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. When we enjoy the Triune God as everything to us, we will have real peace and safety. Today the world is increasingly unsafe. **Real peace and safety can only be found in the Triune God, and such peace and safety issue from the enjoyment of grace.** On the day of His resurrection the Lord came to His disciples and breathed the Holy Spirit into them as the holy breath...[Then, He] said to His disciples, "*Peace be to you*". Whenever we have the compound, all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, which is the Triune God as our blessing for our full enjoyment, the result is always real peace. Additionally, Galatians 3:14 reveals that the **unique blessing** to Abraham is this **consummated Spirit.** Ultimately, the dispensing Triune God is the Spirit today. **This Spirit in our spirit is the blessing that we enjoy day by day and the fulfillment of the blessing** in Numbers 6.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, **unveil** us more to **see** the **vanity of vanities** in this world. **Thank** You Lord for **blessing** us with nothing but **God Himself**. **Dispense** more of Yourself into us as the church, Your **fullness**.

2. **Thank** You, Father for **blessing** us in every way and in every aspect in Your love and for **keeping** us in every way and in every aspect in Your power. We thank You for **blessing** us with Your **dispensing of Your divine Trinity** step by step and little by little.

3. Lord, we **want** Your **presence** and **enjoy** Your **grace** day by day. Praise You for **incarnating** to be a **man** to be **grace** and **reality** to us. Thank You for Your **threefold blessing** that not only **blesses** us outwardly but subjectively and experientially.

4. We **thank** You for the Father's **blessing**, the Son's **shining**, and the Holy Spirit's **lifting up His countenance**. **Dispense** more of Yourself into us. **Thank** You for the **assurance**, **confirmation**, **guarantee**, **promise** and for **giving everything** to us.

5. **Thank** You, Lord for Your **gracious visitation**, for the **blessing** of the Triune God **coming** to us for our enjoyment - the **love of God** as the **grace of Christ** by the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit**. May we all be **channels of blessing** and **bring people** into Your presence and **bring** You to them.

6. Lord, **teach** us more to **turn** to You as our **real blessing** and **portion** when everything and all things seem not right. Even in **sufferings**, we want to be those who **enjoy** Your **face**, Your **presence** and **daily grace**. **Thank** You we have **peace** in You, by You, and with You.

7. Please pray for:

Poland

- Three concurrent conference meetings in **Male Ciche** from July 28 - August 3, 2019, one for young people between the ages of 13 and 15, another for young people aged 16 to 19, and a third for parents and children.

The NACT in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA -

- **Pray** that this training would have a **long-term impact** on the lives of each student; on their generation, including those who did not have a chance to attend; and would be a **great blessing** to the Lord's recovery and the Lord's move in North America and across the globe.

Israel

The assembling together of the saints in **Galilee**

UK & IRELAND

Pray for the Blending Conference on August 24-25, 2019, in **Nottingham**.

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

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts
- The university students and for the **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The children, YP and College work
- All the saints will enjoy the readings of the **Life-Study** messages, and have a daily personal pursuing of the truth.
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

LIFE-STUDY OF 2 THESSALONIANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

July 15, 2019, Monday: (Message 06)

Chosen by God Unto Salvation in Sanctification of the Spirit (2)

To **live a holy life** for the church life is to have our **spirit**, **soul**, and **body preserved**. To preserve our **spirit** is to **keep it** from **deadness**, **contamination**, and **offenses**. If our spirit is preserved in this way, we shall have a living spirit with a direct sense of God. We shall also have peace in our conscience. We also need to have our entire soul preserved. Our **mind** needs to be **renewed**, **transformed**, and **sobered**. Our **will** should be **submissive** and **flexible**, yet **strong**. Our **emotion** should always be **properly adjusted**. We also need to be preserved in our **body**. In order to have our body preserved, we should no longer live by our old man. This is a holy life, and this is to be saved in the sanctification of the Spirit. This is the kind of life that is for the church life. (Life-Study of 2 Thessalonians, chapter 6)

July 16, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 07)

A Concluding Word

Walking **disorderly** is upsetting to the church life. If we would have a proper church life, **we need to learn to walk in an orderly way and to stay away from anyone who walks disorderly**. If we want to do a certain thing and the brothers do not feel good about it, you should hesitate and reconsider. The **fellowship** of the brothers **is a protection and a safeguard**. It will preserve you in the church life. As an example, the apostles were not disorderly, they did not eat bread as a gift from anyone. Rather, they worked night and day in order **not to be burdensome to the believers**. A brother would be walking orderly if he did not work and also did not eat. It is not working and yet eating that causes one to be disorderly. **Do not invite those who do not want to work to have dinner with you**. As long as they are not willing to work, you should not invite them to eat with you. To invite them to eat free of charge is to show love for them in a way that is not proper. As the believers **we should not to lose heart doing good; we all must learn to live in an orderly way**. Let us walk orderly so that the brothers will agree with what we do. (Life-Study of 2 Thessalonians, chapter 7)

[Review on 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus & Philemon, and 1 & 2 Thessalonians]

July 17, 2019, Wednesday: (1 & 2 Timothy)

1 Timothy:

1. God's household administration is **to dispense Himself** in Christ into His chosen people, that He may have a house to express Himself, which is the **church**, the Body of Christ. The church life today must be the manifestation of God in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:15).
2. We are given a warning "that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons." This word is a prediction of the **decline** of the church (1 Timothy 4:1).

2 Timothy:

1. We have the **divine provision** for the inoculation against the decline of the church. There are eight basic elements of the divine provisions for this inoculation: a **pure conscience**, **unfeigned faith**, the **divine gift**, a **strong spirit**, **eternal grace**, **incorruptible life**, **healthy words**, and the **indwelling Spirit**.
2. We are also given five specific titles given to the **inoculators**: teacher, soldier, contender (an athlete), husbandman, and a workman. First, **teachers** are the one who had received such a good deposit, to pass on the riches of grace to others. They are ministers of Christ, to spread the riches of God's New Testament economy. Second **soldiers** are the one who is fighting for God's interest. Third **contenders** are the one who contends lawfully to receive the crown. Fourth, **husbandman** are the ones who must partake of the fruits, the food. They also must be the one who is able to suffer, endure, and have patience. Fifth, **workman** are the ones who must cut straight the word of the truth.
3. The **antidote** of the inoculation is the **divine Word**. We need to know the Bible not merely according to letters in black and white, but also according to the divine revelation and heavenly wisdom. We in the Lord's recovery do not treasure theology, tradition, or the councils. We honour, respect, and treasure the holy Word under the shining of the heavenly light which comes by a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Because we depend on God's enlightenment, His Word is opened to us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. **Brothers Meeting**, July 28, 2019, is at Brother Joseph's house at 6 PM
2. Please get your copy of the **Holy Word for Morning Revival** from Sister Lolit.
3. The **French-speaking conference** on August 30 to September 1, 2019, will be in Montreal, Canada. The cost for the conference is \$60 and includes tour of Montreal and Quebec.
4. The **Children's Bible Camp** hosted by Church in Winnipeg is on August 22 to 25, 2019. The deadline to sign up is July 7th. This is mainly for children who are entering kindergarten to children who have just finished Grade 6. The registration fee for each child is \$35 and \$20 for serving ones.

4. To the inoculator, The **crown of righteousness** of which Paul was assured is the **incentive** to the inoculator. If we are **faithful** to the healthy word of the truth and if we are **faithful** inoculators to dispense the ingredients of the divine inoculation into Christians today that they may return to the full knowledge of the truth, this reward will be given to us at the time of the Lord's appearing. This means that if we are faithful to the Lord's ministry, we shall receive the crown of righteousness as our reward.

July 18, 2019, Thursday: (Titus & Philemon)

Titus:

1. The subject of the book of Titus is the maintenance of the **order of the church**. If the order of the church is to be maintained, the **authority** in the church needs to be established. For this, the faith of God's chosen ones, the truth according to godliness, and eternal life are indispensable.
2. The apostle first charged Titus to speak things fitting to healthy teaching. Then he further charges him to show himself a pattern of good works. In his teaching, which should be healthy, he should show three things: uncorruptness, nothing corrupted or corrupting, but everything pure, genuine, and sincere in content, presentation, and motive; gravity, dignity worthy of respect; and healthy speech, discourse given with healthy words to minister healthy things, speech which is uncensurable, irreprehensible. (Titus 2:1,7-8)
3. Paul gave instructions to slaves concerning the need to behave according to the **highest standard of human character**. The slaves were to have an excellent **testimony of the life of Jesus** in their human living. He charged the slaves to behave well in it, to live in it according to the standard of the humanity of the Lord Jesus. Even in the midst of such an unjust social system, Christians could live out a life with the highest standard of humanity (Titus 2:1-8)
4. To have an **orderly life**, we need to take care of four units: the church, the family, the social system, and the government. If we care for these units properly, we shall have an orderly life in every way. For the **church life**, we have the faith of God's chosen ones, the full knowledge of the truth, eternal life with its hope, and the word of proclamation. For the **family life**, we have healthy words, healthy teaching, and healthy speech. For the **social system**, we have the grace of God. For a good relationship with the **government**, we have the marvelous supply which are kindness, love, and mercy (Titus 3:1-8).

Philemon:

In Philemon we have an illustration of the believers' **equal status in the new man**. In the new man all the believers have the same status.

This short Epistle serves the special purpose of showing us the equality in eternal life and divine love of all the members in the Body of Christ.

All the believers in Christ have equal status in the church. This is based on three facts: First, **Christ's death** on the cross has abolished the ordinances of the different ways of life for the creation of the one new man. Second, we all have been **baptized into Christ** and made one in Him without any difference. Third, in the new man **Christ is all and in all**.

The case of Onesimus and Philemon illustrates to the uttermost that in the new man all the believers have an equal status. Oh, it is crucial that we see this! Praise the Lord for the salvation of Onesimus, and praise the Lord for this illustration of our equal status in the new man!

July 19, 2019, Friday: (1 & 2 Thessalonians)

1 Thessalonians:

A local church is born of God the Father with His life and nature and is united with the Lord Jesus Christ organically in all He is and has done. Hence, it is of men, yet in God and in the Lord organically. Such an **organic union in the divine life** and nature is the vital base for the believers to live a holy life for the church life, which is the theme of the two Epistles.

The church life is the Christian life constructed of the **work of faith**, the **labor of love**, and the **endurance of hope** in the coming Lord.

We have three details as the contents of a **holy life for the church life**: **turning** to God from idols, **servicing** a living and true God, and **waiting** for His Son from the heavens. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

In a way that is organic and of life, God has made it possible for the church to be **in** the Triune God. (1 Thessalonians 1:1)

It is basic to living a holy life for the church life to see that the church is in the Triune God. 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.

The **church is the embodiment of the Triune God!** We are in the church which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we are being **transformed** into the image of the Triune God and **conformed** to this image to be in reality and practicality the embodiment of the Triune God, having the **Father** as our **element**, the **Son** as our **form**, and the **Spirit** as our **expression**, shining the glory of the Triune God to the universe.

As those who believe in Christ, **we have a life full of hope. Our hope is the Lord's coming back**. Furthermore, our hope includes resurrection and rapture. **Resurrection** is not only a matter of life, but a matter of life overcoming death. When life overcomes death, that is resurrection. **Rapture** is something that goes even beyond resurrection. A person may be resurrected and yet not be raptured. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We have God's operation in **sanctifying** and **preserving** the believers. God desires to sanctify us wholly and to preserve our spirit, soul, and body complete. However, we need to cooperate with Him. **The way to cooperate is to rejoice, pray unceasingly, give thanks to Him in everything, not quench the Spirit, and not despise prophesying in the church meetings.** (1 Thessalonians 5:12-24)

2 Thessalonians:

Second Thessalonians is a book of **encouragement and correction**. The kingdom is the goal of the Christian life. Today we are living in the church life with the goal that one day we shall enter into the kingdom of God. The New Testament emphasizes the cross, the church, and the kingdom. The **cross** produces the church, and the **church** ushers in the **kingdom**. As we are living in the church life, our goal is to enter into God's kingdom.

We all need to be clear regarding the Lord's coming and not be shaken or alarmed by strange teachings concerning it. We should not simply know about the Lord's coming. **We need to live a life to match the Lord's requirements so that we may be counted worthy to be in the manchild, or to be among the one hundred forty-four thousand, or to be the living ones who are raptured.** (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

The degree of our salvation depends on the extent of our **sanctification**. The more we are sanctified, the more we are saved. We need to be impressed that God's salvation is not simple and that it is related to sanctification. We need to have the proper concept concerning God's salvation. If we have the right understanding of this, we shall realize that the extent to which we are saved is determined by the degree we have been sanctified. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

In order to experience the carrying out of salvation in sanctification and grow in the basic structure of the holy life for the church life, we need the **eternal life** as the **eternal encouragement**. We also need the **Spirit** as **grace**, and we need the **grace** itself. **Therefore, it is by the eternal life as the eternal encouragement, by the Spirit as grace, and by grace itself as the processed Triune God that we live a holy life for the church life.**