

# 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."

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## CHURCH MEETINGS:

### Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays

Saints' Home 7:30 - 8:30 PM

### Young People Meeting

Fridays

7:00 - 9:00 PM

### Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays

Saints' Home

## Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 February 14-16, 2020
2. **ITERO (Spring)**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 March 27-29, 2020
3. **Memorial Day Conference**  
 Atlanta, GA  
 May 22-25, 2020
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 June 29 - July 4, 2020
5. **ITERO (Fall)**  
 Moscow, Russia  
 October 1-3, 2020
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**  
 Boston, MA  
 Nov. 26 - 29, 2020
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 December 21-26, 2020

## KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING THE ALL-INCLUSIVE, EXTENSIVE CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Rev. 4:11; Eph. 1:5,9,11; Col. 1:9-10, 27; 2:6-7; 3:4, 10-11; 4:12

When we read the book of Colossians with the Lord and in the Lord, having an exercised spirit, we will see that to God Christ is everything, and He wants that His Christ would become our everything. **The will of God is in Christ**; the will of God is **concentrated in Christ** and is **for Christ**, for **Christ is everything in the will of God**. So if we are doing something and Christ is not in it, or if we sense that He is not made known to us, this is an indicator that we are off.

We need to **return to Christ again and again**, putting aside any replacements and distractions from Him; Christ needs to become our everything. For example, we may be in the process of courting someone in view of marriage; our main indicator shouldn't merely be the love and attraction but whether being together causes us to gain more of Christ and love the Lord more. The more we love the Lord, the more we love the person we're courting, and the more we love this person, the more we love the Lord; the Lord has to be the source and the center. When this happens, there's such a peace, rest, outflow of life, and unmitigated joy, and many prayers are ascending for such couples to come together.

Christ needs to become our everything not only in our concept but also **in the practical aspects of our daily life**; in **the way we dress**, we **behave ourselves**, we **speak to others**, we **choose things**, and **we act**, in all these things Christ needs to practically become our all. To God Christ is everything; **in the old creation and in the new creation** He is the Firstborn, which means that He is both all-inclusive and extensive.

The book of Colossians is a book concerning the great, eternal will of God, and our prayer is that we may **be filled with the full knowledge of God's will**. God does everything according to His will; He has a pleasure, a purpose in Christ, and He has the counsel of His will, which is the way to accomplish and carry out His will. God's perfect will needs to be carried out; however, God has a certain time when He wants to carry out His will, and He does things in His own way. God the Father knows us, all His children; He knows our natural makeup thoroughly, and **He knows how He will work out His will in us**. We simply need to open to Him and ask Him to reveal His will to us, even to bring us to the full knowledge of God's will. God's will is His determination for the carrying out of His purpose; our God is determined to carry out His will, and He will carry it out.

Colossians is a book concerning the great, eternal will of God (Col. 1:9; 4:12); this is the eternal will of God, the great will of God. We do need to check with the Lord concerning our decisions, concerning whom we should marry, where should we live, what kind of job should we have, whether to take a PhD or not, and so on, but above all we need to see and know the great will of God. The great will of God is the will in Rev. 4:11 **which caused Him to create everything** because He wants something, He wants to gain something. Colossians in particular reveals what **God's will is** according to His desire and intention in the whole universe, in creation, in redemption, in the present age, in the coming age, and in eternity.

Wisdom is in our spirit and understanding is in our mind; wisdom is in our spirit for us to realize, sense, and perceive the spiritual things, while understanding is in our mind to interpret what we perceive. For us to have the full knowledge of God's will **we need to have all spiritual wisdom and understanding**; this is not in us by default, we need to pray that the Lord would give spiritual wisdom and understanding. May we be those who know the great will of God by having the full knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. To understand the will of God we need to both exercise our spirit (where the spiritual **wisdom** is) and our renewed mind (where the spiritual **understanding** is). We all need to exercise our spirit to perceive God's will concerning the all-inclusive, extensive Christ. **We should not be passive**; sometimes passivity is in our nature, so we should **stand against it**, exercise our spirit, and seek to know and be filled with the full knowledge of God's will. Only the spirit can perceive God's eternal will. And when the spirit perceives God's will, we need to be renewed in our mind in the word of God and in the ministry that opens up the word so that we may understand and rightly interpret what we sense in our spirit. *(Excerpt from CWWL, 1964, vol. 1, "The Centrality and Universality of Christ," as quoted in HWMR and spoken message, "Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive, extensive Christ; Lifestudy of Colossians, Messages 1 and 3)*

## Prayer Burden

1) Lord, **You are everything**. Unveil us to see that everything of the Body, the church, in a positive way and in the proper condition, must be You Yourself. You are the Head, the life, and the constituent of the church.

2) Lord, grant us spiritual wisdom with understanding in a clear, renewed mind. May we see that **the will of God does not include trivial matters**. Deepen our thoughts regarding Your will, the eternal will, the will of God that is in Christ, concentrated in Christ, and for Christ.

3) Lord, saturate us with Yourself, that we may take You as our life and our person. May we all endeavor to spend time to read Your word, meditate on Your word, and pray **until we are filled with the truth and with the full knowledge of Your plan**. We pray that this revelation direct and control our daily walk, and that we all walk worthily in Your eyes

4) We praise You for your **all-inclusiveness** and for Your **extensiveness**. You are more vast than the whole universe yet You are so receivable. We open more to continually receive and enjoy You.

5) Lord Jesus work Yourself more into us today. We want to participate in Your economy by being mingled more with You, as **the all-inclusive, extensive One**. Only You count for anything. Have a free course within us that we simply live by You who dwells in our spirit.

6) Lord, we want to know You, experience You, enjoy You, be saturated with you and have You become our life and person. We **estimate** and **evaluated** everything according to You. We forget about the self and concentrate our entire being on You. Occupy us even more.

7) Please pray for:

### EUROPE

- Pray for the follow-up of the seeking ones after the Bible distribution in **Lausanne, Switzerland**
- Pray for the first Lord's table Meeting in **Zagreb, Croatia** on March 1
- Pray for the church in Milan and the literature center in Italy. Thank the Lord that the funds needed for the property has been received. Pray for the funds for needed renovations.

### CHINA

- Pray for the sick saints in Wuhan, China. May the Lord intercede for the saints, for His mercy and His salvation.

### NORTH AMERICA

- Airdrie, AB; Guelph, ON; London, ON as GTCA targeted cities in Canada. Pray for the Lord's move in Canada for these cities
- Strengthen and comfort **Sister Zaida Lim** in her time of grieving. Make Your home more in her heart. May she be blessed with more experiences and enjoyment of Christ in the Body and for the Body.
- Pray for the safe arrival of brother **Alejo dela Cruz** on March 13, 2020. Pray that God will protect him on his travels that there will be no delays in his travel.

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

- Campus Work: The **setting up of the club** at the University of Regina. Pray for two students remaining fruit by the end of the semester
- The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

## LIFE-STUDY OF REVELATION

*"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"*

### The Church in Laodicea—To Dine with the Lord and to Sit on His Throne (Message 16)

..... In Greek **Laodicea** means the opinion, the judgment, of the people or the laymen. The church in Laodicea as a sign prefigures the degraded recovered church. This degraded recovered church differs from the reformed church signified by the church in Sardis, and also differs from the proper recovered church signified by the church in Philadelphia. It will exist until the Lord comes back. **Once the recovered church becomes degraded, it is lukewarm**—neither cold nor hot. This should be a warning to us. **Once we become lukewarm, we are not fitting for the Lord's move and shall be vomited out of His mouth**. In verse 18 we see the Lord's counsel to the church in Laodicea: "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see." We must realize that **the gold, the garment, and the eyesalve are all Christ. Christ is everything. Our need today is Christ**. To overcome in the epistle to Laodicea means to overcome the lukewarmness and pride of the degraded recovered church, to buy the needed items, and to open the door for the Lord to come in. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 16)

### The Scene in Heaven After Christ's Ascension (Message 17)

God's plan is hidden in heaven (Rev. 4:1). When God finds a man on earth after His heart, heaven is opened to him. Here, and in 19:11, it is opened to John, the writer of this book, and it will be opened to all believers in the Lord in eternity. In heaven, there is firstly a throne, and the book of Revelation is focused upon it. Beginning with chapter four, **this book unveils God's universal administration. The throne of God in Revelation is the center of God's administration**. The rainbow around His throne signifies that God is the covenanting God, the faithful God, who will keep His covenant while executing His judgment upon the earth. God on the throne is also in the appearance of a sardius stone. Sardius is a most precious stone, red in color, which signifies redemption. Today, **God is not only the God of life, but also the God of redemption**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 17)

### The Worthy Lion-Lamb (Message 18)

In chapter five we have the same scene as chapter four after Christ ascended there. God's administration is a secret, a mystery. In the book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, we have an unveiling of God's economy. **After Christ's ascension, there should no longer be a secret, for it has been unsealed by Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension**. Before His death, there was a mystery that no man knew anything about. But by His death, resurrection, and ascension, He has fulfilled all of God's requirements. God's economy with His redemption is for the accomplishment of His eternal dwelling place, the New Jerusalem. **God's anointed One, Christ, is the Lion, the Lamb, and the stone**. He has destroyed the enemy, has redeemed us, and has become the stone. The concept in Revelation is that of **Christ's being the Lion to defeat and destroy the enemy, the Lamb to redeem us, and the stone to build God's eternal dwelling place**. In what way does Christ build up God's dwelling place? By the way of the seven Spirits as the seven burning, enlightening, searching, judging, and infusing eyes. By means of the seven Spirits He transforms us into precious stones to be built up into the New Jerusalem. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 18)

### World History From Christ's Ascension to the End of this Age—Seals One through Four (Message 19)

In this message we come to the first four seals with the four horses and the four riders. The first four seals comprise four horses with their riders in a four-horse race. All four riders are not real persons but personified things. It is evident that the rider of the second horse, the red horse, is war; the rider of the third horse, the black horse, is famine; and the rider of the fourth horse, the pale horse, is death. White signifies clean, pure, just, and approvable. The white horse is a symbol of the preaching of the gospel, which is clean, pure, just, and approvable both to men and to God. **Only the rider on the first horse, the preaching of the gospel, has been conquering continuously**. Wherever the preaching of the gospel goes, there is this conquering, the red horse is a symbol of the raging of war, which is altogether a matter of shedding blood. Since Christ's ascension, the preaching of the gospel has been followed by war. The black horse is a symbol of the spreading of famine, which causes a black visage. Famine always follows war, for war causes food to be scarce. The pale horse is a symbol of the killing of death, causing a pale appearance. Three negative things—war, famine, and death—help to advance the preaching of the gospel. Hallelujah! (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 19)

### The Cry of the Martyred Saints and God's Answer to It—Seals Five and Six (Message 20)

While the gospel is being preached, as indicated by the first seal, there is always the martyrdom of the faithful saints. **The martyrdom of the saints is not because of their opposition to any human rules, but because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus**. The word of God is the glad tidings, the gospel, they proclaim to people. The testimony of Jesus is the life they live. Certainly Satan hates this. Hence, whenever and wherever the saints preach the word of God and live the testimony of Jesus, Satan instigates people to persecute them, even to death. After waiting for a long time, near to the end of this age, the martyred saints cry out for revenge, urging the Lord to judge and avenge their blood "on those who dwell on the earth." The sixth seal, which marks the beginning of supernatural calamities, is God's answer to the cry of the martyred saints in the fifth seal. **After the opening of the sixth seal, the Lord comes in to shake the earth and the hosts of the heavens**. The significance of this calamity is that it is a warning to the earth's dwellers. It is not yet the actual wrath of the Lord. It is God's answer to the cry of the martyred saints in the fifth seal and it reveals that God is soon to come in to avenge them and to vindicate Himself. God is coming to avenge the blood of His dear saints. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 20)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our **Church Pursuit** on February 17, 2020 is at brother Nathan's place at 6 PM.
2. The **Brother's Meeting** on February 23, 2020 is at brother Joseph's place at 6:30 PM.
3. The **Spring YP Conference in Calgary** is on March 13-15, 2020. The deadline for registration is on March 1, 2020.