

CHURCH IN REGINA

"2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day."

HWMR Week 3—Job's Experience of God's Consuming and Stripping in the Old Testament Being Far Behind That of Paul in the New Testament

The Renewing Capacity of the Divine Life in Resurrection

The old creation does not have the divine life and nature, but the new creation does (John 1:13; 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:4). Anything created by God that does not have God in it as its life, nature, appearance, and expression is old, but anything that has God within it as its life, nature, appearance, and expression is a new creation. **Before we were regenerated, we were the old creation. After we were regenerated, we became a new creation.** To be regenerated is to be made a new creation. Second Corinthians 5:17 says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." In the sense of being in Christ, we are the new creation, but **in actuality in our daily life**, we are not that new because we do not have Christ as the only One who occupies us, who fills us up, and who is our life, nature, appearance, and expression. Even though we have been regenerated to be made a new creation, we are still the old creation most of the time according to our daily walk in actuality. Regardless of how long we have been in the Lord, we still keep our old habits. Sometimes we live in the spirit to live Christ, but most of the time we still live in our old habit, our old nature. We have to admit that this is the old creation. **We are regenerated, but still today there is a mixture in our daily living.** Our living is partly the new creation and even more the old creation.

At the Lord's table we praise and worship the Lord, and it seems that we all are the new creation. While we are the new creation, though, we are even more the old creation because we are so much in our old habit. We were born into the old creation, and we have been living according to our old habit for years. When I talk about our habit, I do not mean only things that are bad. One person may be very slow according to his natural constitution, but another person may be very quick. It is easy for quick persons to make mistakes, whereas slow persons are slow in doing things and in producing things. Regardless of whether we are quick or slow, however, we are the old creation. **What we are in our natural constitution according to our birth is the old creation.** Some people are talkative according to their natural constitution, and others are quiet. Although some talkative ones may function in the meetings, we should not think that all the functioning is of the new creation. Some functioning may be according to a person's quick temperament in his natural constitution. Some will never speak because they have a quiet disposition. Both the talkative ones and the quiet ones are the old creation.

What shall the Lord do with us? He surely does not want the old creation. We have God doctrinally, but we may lack God as our life and nature in our daily life. We may be slow in our disposition, but many times God's nature is to do things immediately, especially in the meetings. We may be quiet in our nature, but God wants us to be a new creation to utter something in the meetings against our natural habit. God desires that we all be His new creation, having Him as our nature. He also wants us to express Him. God is our portion, but can we say that He is our new habit? **We all have to be brought out of our old habit into taking God as our new habit.**

Being Renewed Day by Day with the Divine Element Through Sufferings

We may be good saints in the church who have been kept and preserved by the Lord, but have we been renewed with the divine element? Is there some renewing going on with us, or are we remaining the same day by day and year after year? It would be tragic if we would pass through many sufferings and still remain the

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples' Meeting

Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

April International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

April 16-18, 2021

International Memorial Day Conference

May 28-31, 2021

July Semiannual Training

July 5-10, 2021

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And He Himself
is the
propitiation for
our sins...

same. In order to consummate His renewing work in us and with us, God becomes our life and nature within. In addition to this, God as the sovereign Lord controls the entire universe in order to renew us. God uses the environment in order to work His life and nature into us. Without the environment, we could never be renewed. We would remain the same...

We may say that God punishes us by chastising and correcting us because we are so wrong. In a sense this is correct. There are verses from the Bible that support this understanding, but if we know the Bible in its principle, we can see that **God desires to renew us**. God cares for whether we are still in the old creation or whether we are being renewed. We may be the most right persons and still be the most old persons. We may be strong in our habit and strong in what we are. **God's intention is not merely to chastise or correct us but to use the outward environment to trouble us, to remind us, and to wake us up to realize that we have God as our nature, yet we do not live Him according to His nature.** We possess Him for our enjoyment, but we do not live Him as our nature...

Very few of today's Christian teachings would point out that the Christian life is not a matter of what we do or do not do. **The problem today is that people do everything without God.** What God cares for is that His chosen ones would **learn to cooperate with Him by allowing Him to be added into them day by day.** God is daily being added to us for the purpose of metabolically transforming us. The new element of God is coming into us to replace the old element. This new element is God Himself, and the old element is us. We need to be replaced with God as the new element.

Our being replaced with the divine element does not mean that we should be abandoned. It is correct to say that our old man should be replaced, but we should not say that our old man should be abandoned. Galatians 2:20 says, "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live." When we read the first part of this verse, we may think that Christ lives in us and that we have been abandoned. Paul says that he no longer lives, but he goes on to talk about the life which he now lives. I have been crucified, and it is no longer I but Christ, but I still live. The old "I" is replaced by a divine person to create a new "I." **Our God is daily waiting for a chance to add Himself into all of us.** If we would give Him the opportunity and the opening, He will add Himself into our being as the new element, not merely to correct us but to replace us, to renew us.

This renewing process is gradual. It takes a long time. From regeneration to glorification is a long process. In this long process God has to sanctify us, to separate us from the world. He has to transform us by renewing us metabolically. This renewing transforms us from one form to bring us into another form. Our old form is a form without God, but the new form is with God in us as our life, as our nature, as our appearance, and as our expression. This renewing brings in the conformation to the Lord's image. Then in doing everything we are like God, and we do things according to God at the right time. **What we need is to be renewed day by day.**

Sometimes God may allow the church to pass through a "storm." God may allow this "storm" to occur because He wants us to be renewed. The tragic thing is that while we are suffering in the "storm," we would remain the same with no renewing. I hope that we will consider this matter. We have to pray, "Lord, I don't want to remain the same. I do not want to remain the same this year as I was last year. I want to be renewed day by day." God's intention is for us to be renewed day by day. **In order to be renewed, we need the new addition of God into us daily.** Daily we need to contact God, open ourselves up to Him, and let Him come into us to be a new addition into us day by day (Being Renewed Day by Day, ch. 2).

Announcements:

1. Brothers' Meeting on April 25 at 6pm.
2. Morning revival payments will be through Interac eTransfe to *morningrevivalpayments@gmail.com*.
3. Please put the date on the offering envelopes so we can record our weekly offerings accurately.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, we need Your bountiful supply. Save us from keeping our own integrity and from cursing when we experience Your stripping and consuming. Lord, cause us to treasure today, because today is all we have to gain more of You.
2. Lord, we care not for our temporary lightness of our affliction, but for the increase of the weight of glory. In every situation, magnify Yourself and make us a man of God, filled and constituted with You.
3. Stir us in our spirits. Rescue us from vain, natural talks. Instead, fill our vital group with vital prayers. Teach us to touch the divine Spirit in our spirit.
4. Thank You for terminating our old man and for regenerating us crucified. Give us a pleasant experience of dying everyday under Your crucifixion that we may live. May we all realize we have been crucified yet we are also living Christ.
5. Lord, operate in us. As our outer man is being consumed, renew our inner man with the fresh supply of the resurrection life. We are willing to cooperate with the indwelling Spirit and we accept our outward environment.
6. Lord, we give ourselves to do Your will. Even when we suffer, our goal is to gain more of You in our experience. We exercise our spirit to rejoice even in our killing environment. May we live according to the divine life.

Europe/Other Burdens:

1. Spring ITERO on April 16 to 18.
2. French-Speaking Conference in Paris on April 23 to 25.

Church in Regina:

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021. Synchronized prayer for our contacts every day.
2. Strengthen and preserve our families to love the Lord, His appearing, and continue to meet virtually. May we all redeem the time by getting into the Word and the Life-study messages.
3. Pray for Aitong Liu's immigration application. Select them in Your time that they may also come here, be saved, see the church and be Your testimony.
4. Pray for Sister Mika Miranda's acceptance to the University of Regina Nursing Program. May Your will be done in our sister and may she be a shining testimony in the University. Use her for Your purpose.
5. Pray for Brother Dindo, Sister Diana and Zion. Strengthen them in their tripartite man. Shepherd them during this time. Pray for their full recovery.