

CHURCH IN REGINA

“Rom. 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and untraceable His ways!”

HWMR Week 8—The Multifarious Wisdom of God

Having Become Wisdom to Us from God

Christ has become wisdom to us from God. In 1 Corinthians 1:30 Paul says, “Of Him you are in **Christ Jesus**, who **became wisdom to us from God**: both **righteousness** and **sanctification** and **redemption**.” In this verse Paul does not say that Christ became our wisdom; instead, he says that Christ became wisdom “to us from God.” The expression **to us from God** indicates something present, practical, experiential, and ongoing in the **way of transmission**. For Christ to become wisdom to us from God indicates that there is the transmission of Christ as wisdom from God to us for our daily experience...

God has never given us wisdom as a thing apart from Himself. Rather, God Himself in Christ is wisdom to us, constantly **transmitting Christ**, His wisdom, into us as the **divine element** that **constitutes us wise persons**. In this transmission, Christ as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption is transmitted into our being.

Christ became wisdom to us from God as three vital things in God’s salvation: (1) **righteousness** (for our **past**), by which we have been **justified by God**, that we might be reborn in our *spirit* to receive the divine life (Rom. 5:18); (2) **sanctification** (for our **present**), by which we are **being sanctified** in our *soul*, that is, transformed in our mind, emotion, and will, with His divine life (6:19, 22); and (3) **redemption** (for our **future**), that is, the redemption of our *body* (8:23), by which we will be transfigured in our body with His divine life to have His glorious likeness (Phil. 3:21). It is of God that we participate in such a complete and perfect salvation, which makes our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—organically one with Christ and makes Christ everything to us.

(1) Righteousness

Christ as **righteousness** takes care of our **past**. In the past we were...always doing things unrighteously. Now **Christ is transmitted into us as our righteousness to take care of our past** in order that in Him we would be accepted by God.

Righteousness is actually Christ Himself. Christ, therefore, is *not merely* to be righteousness for our past so that we may be justified by God; He should also be our **present righteousness in our daily living**. Christ as righteousness enables us to be right and just toward God, man, and everything else. Christ is dispensed from God into us to be our life, power, and wisdom so that in our living we can be righteous in every word, deed, movement, and action. In this way, the Lord becomes righteousness to us.

Christ as our righteousness is for the believers’ enjoyment. Whenever we enjoy Christ and experience Him, we have Him as our righteousness **not only objectively** but **also subjectively**. As our **objective righteousness**, Christ is the One in whom we are justified by God. Justification is **God’s action in approving us** according to the standard of His righteousness. In Christ as our objective righteousness before God, we are justified, approved, by Him (Rom. 3:26). As our **subjective righteousness**, Christ is the One **dwelling in us** to live for us a life that can be justified by God and that is always acceptable to God (Phil. 3:9). When we live this Christ and express Him, He becomes our daily righteousness. **As believers, we need not only to receive Christ as our righteousness but also to live Him as righteousness subjectively.** When we exercise our spirit to contact Him, we become righteous. The more we contact Him and enjoy Him, the more righteous we become in Him. Eventually, by having Christ wrought into us, we become the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

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:

International Memorial Day Conference

May 28-31, 2021

July Semiannual Training

July 5-10, 2021

October International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

October 7-9, 2021

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Looking away
unto Jesus, the
**Author and
Perfecter of our
faith...**

(2) Sanctification

Christ as **sanctification** takes care of our **present**. Because our present life is not holy, not sanctified, we need Christ to be our present sanctification that we may **become holy and separated unto God**. In ourselves, that is, in our natural life, we are altogether not holy, not sanctified unto God. However, the divine element in the life of Christ that is **constantly transmitted** into our being sanctifies us, separating us unto God and thereby making us holy.

Sanctification is more than holiness; it is holiness “to us” in a **subjective** and **experiential** way. Whereas holiness refers to the thing itself, sanctification is holiness becoming our experience. By calling on the name of the Lord continually, we gain Christ as our holiness in a subjective way and experience Him as our daily and hourly sanctification. Day by day we need to experience Christ as our sanctification in order that every aspect of our daily walk, including our **appearance**, our **attitude**, and our **relationships**, would **be Christ**. The more we **exercise the spirit to call on the name of the Lord Jesus**, the more we are separated from what is common and from being common ourselves. The Christ we enjoy causes us to become holy, sanctified, and separated. In this way, we are no longer common; instead, we are sanctified, separated, marked out, and absolutely different from the worldly people. This is sanctification—Christ becoming our holiness in our experience.

(3) Redemption

Christ as **redemption** takes care of our **future**. Christ as righteousness saved us in that when we believed in Christ and were justified in Him, we were regenerated in our spirit. Christ as sanctification is now transforming our soul, thereby making us holy, **yet our body still remains unsaved**. In the future our body will be redeemed in Christ; that is, Christ will be our redemption. One day **our body will be transfigured into the same body of glory** possessed by Christ (Phil. 3:21). This is the redemption of our body, the **full enjoyment of our sonship** (Rom. 8:23). In this way we enjoy God’s full salvation.

Redemption includes three matters: being brought back to God, terminated, and replaced. When God redeems us, He terminates us, replaces us with Christ, and brings us back to Himself. First, when we enjoy Christ as our portion, we will experience **Christ as our redemption** and thus will **be brought back to God**. In our experience we may go astray from the Lord. But when we enjoy Christ and thereby become righteous and sanctified, we are brought back to God. Second, redemption also includes **termination**. The Christ who dwells in us, supplies us, and becomes our nourishment also terminates us. The more we call on the Lord’s name, the more we will realize how much we are still in the old creation, and the more we will **hate ourselves and confess that we need to be terminated**. Third, redemption includes being **replaced by Christ**. When Christ terminates us, He replaces us with Himself. This is **transfiguration**. This is more than sanctification, which separates us and makes us different from others. This is the **actual process in which our element, our old constitution, is terminated and replaced with a new element, a new constitution**—Christ Himself in resurrection. When we are replaced, we are reconstituted with Christ. The future redemption of our body will be the transfiguration of our body, but **today** we may **experience Christ as the One who transfigures our inner being**. Thus, Christ not only will be our transfiguration in the future; He also is our **present transfiguration**, redemption, of our inner being.

With regard to **everything in our daily life**, we need to be brought back to God, terminated, and replaced with Christ. In the church life we also need redemption because we are still very natural in many matters, such as our preference or care for the saints. In the church life we need to be brought back to God, terminated, and replaced with Christ. **In all things** we need to be **righteous, sanctified, and redeemed**. **When Christ becomes wisdom to us from God in our daily experience, eventually in everything He will be our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption** (The Conclusion of the New Testament, Msg. 307).

Announcements:

1. Puget Conference on May 14 to 16. *May 16—Message 4 at 11:30am*
2. Western Canada Working Saints Fellowship on May 22 at 8pm and May 23 at 8pm (CST)
3. Early deadline for college training registration on May 23, 2021 (The cost for registration is \$35USD. Please visit collegetraining.org for more information or contact one of the serving ones.)
4. Memorial Day Conference on May 28 to 31.
5. Brothers’ Meeting on May 30 at 6pm.
6. The website beseeking.org has been provided to help the saints to persevere in daily intercessory prayer. Those who wish to receive a daily email can subscribe on the website.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, we praise You as the personified wisdom of God. You established everything by Your wisdom. Fill us and pour upon us the Spirit of God that we may receive wisdom and never depart from it.
2. Lord, You are the Initiator of all things, for all things are out from You and through You and to You. Turn us from our mind to our spirit that we may experience You as God's wisdom, which has been predestined to be our glory.
3. We praise You as having been made wisdom to us from God. As one who received Your life, we become children of wisdom caring for the life of wisdom. May we all walk in You, be rooted in You, and be built up in You to experience You as the wisdom of God.
4. Day by day we apply You as wisdom to us from God. How we treasure this constant transmission that constitutes us wise persons. We take You as our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption for our complete and perfect salvation.
5. Thank You, Lord for making us one with You. We are not only redeemed and regenerated, but in Your wisdom, we are also united. Make Your wisdom known through the church. Use every opportunity created by the enemy to manifest Your multifarious wisdom.
6. Lord, we are waiting for Your wisdom to be manifested, for the consummation of the church, the New Jerusalem. Continue to dispense Yourself as the Architect and Builder into our being that we would be built into such a city.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the strengthening of all the saints in India (192 churches, 8000 saints), and for the strengthening of the church life with mutual love, mutual care, mutual shepherding for the building up during the 2nd wave of pandemic.
2. Pray for all the saints in Israel and for the Lord's interest there during the ongoing war.

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. Lord, we declare that You are our guiding and protecting light. You are also our Healer who makes the bitter water sweet. Thank You for ushering us into the realm of separation and resurrection where we may continually walk according to Your guidance.
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.