

CHURCH IN REGINA

Rom. 8:23 We ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, ...groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

HWMR Week 12—Vanity of Vanities, the Reality in Jesus, and the Revelation of the Sons of God

The writer of Ecclesiastes was the wise King Solomon. God had established Solomon as king and has granted him great wisdom. At first, he uses this wisdom to take care of God's people; but later he became proud of this and followed his unbridled lusts. His wives turned away his heart to other gods. It was during this time of falling away that he wrote Ecclesiastes... Only the **new creation** is **above the sun** and thus is not vanity... Paul's word concerning this in **Romans 8:20-21** corresponds to Ecclesiastes.

The whole creation is in hope, which is to be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God when the sons of God are revealed. When the sons of God are **revealed**, that it, at the time of the transfiguration of our body, two things will happen simultaneously: He will come objectively and outwardly from the heavens as the sun, and He will come out from within us as the hope of glory, for He saturates and transfigures our body for Him to be glorified in the saints.

This is our hope of glory. **Right now** we sons of God are quite mysterious, for we have God living in us; we have God in Christ as the Spirit as our hope of glory, and **one day** there will be the revelation of the sons of God. On that day we don't need to declare that we are sons of God, for at the **revelation** of the sons of God, **we will be designated as sons by the glory of God**, and all people will have to admit that we are sons of God. And the entire creation, which was made subject to vanity and is in slavery to corruption, will be **released from this bondage and slavery** and will enter into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Hallelujah!

It was **through the fall of man** that the whole creation was subjected to vanity, and it will be **through the glorification of man** that all creation will be rescued and delivered, even brought into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Today we live in an age of mystery, the age of the church, even the age of God working inwardly; we do not see the manifestation of what God is doing in a full way, but we want to cooperate with His inner operation, we want to live a life of reality by having Him wrought into us and lived out of us, and we yearn to be revealed as the sons of God.

There's an inward process of saturation with the divine life working in us, and this process will consummate with our glorification when God in Christ as the Spirit will saturate both our spirit, soul, and body with the divine glory to make us the same as He is! And as a result of the revelation of the sons of God, the entire creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption in the freedom of the children of God!

When we speak of the revelation of the sons of God we mean **that right now something is veiled, covered, or hidden**; right now we as children of God cannot manifest who and what we are, for it is all hidden, inward, and spiritual (Eph. 1:17; 3:5; Gal. 1:15-16; Rev. 1:1).

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:

July Semiannual Training

July 5-10, 2021

October International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

October 7-9, 2021

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

**Christ is the
Firstborn of all
creation.**

Our body is like a shell covering and hiding what we are; we can't just go to the person at the store and tell them we're sons of God. However, there will be a time when we don't even have to say anything, for the glory that saturates us is expressed through us! The glory which is in us right now will transfigure our body and we will live in that transfigured body as the wife of the redeeming God! What a glorious future we have! At the Lord's second coming, when we will be glorified and our bodies will be fully redeemed, the veil will be lifted (Rom. 8:18). The creation – the entire creation which we see outwardly – is now groaning together and travailing together in pain until now, eagerly awaiting the revelation of the sons of God (v. 19).

This revelation is the consummation of the process of designation that we are now passing through (Rom. 1:4). If we don't grow in life in a proper way, we delay the designation of the sons of God, and the whole creation still yearns and groans...It's almost as if the whole creation is cheering us on, hurrying us up, so that all the plants, animals, and all living things are eagerly waiting for the time of their being released from the slavery of corruption! The whole creation groans together and travails in pain as in the pangs of childbirth until we are fully matured and glorified

And not only so, but even we ourselves also, *we who have the firstfruits of the Spirit*, we also groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body. When we're young, we think we're immortal, very energetic, with no problems at all; the more we grow in human life, the more responsibilities we have, the more sicknesses we pass through, *the more we groan in ourselves* to be delivered from the slavery of corruption and be glorified. Our body belongs to the old creation and has not yet been redeemed, so we are groaning in it even as the whole creation does.

As we are groaning, *we have the firstfruits of the Spirit, having a foretaste of the full taste* of the Spirit in the coming age (v. 23). The Spirit today is a foretaste, a sample of the full taste of God as our enjoyment in the coming age and for eternity. The full taste will come in the day of glory, but today we can enjoy Him as the foretaste. There is a process taking place; we are all in the process of being designated as sons of God in full. We need to cooperate with the Lord, realizing that regeneration is instantaneous, transfiguration is also instantaneous, but the process of transformation is lifelong and gradual.

Lord Jesus, we give ourselves to You today to continue in the normal process of growth in life unto maturity! Keep us in the process of being transformed and conformed to Your image until we are transfigured in our body to be fully glorified! Oh Lord, we groan in ourselves to be transfigured! The whole creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God! We open to You, dear Lord, and we enjoy the firstfruits of the Spirit, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body! How we desire to be transfigured in our body and be delivered from the slavery of sin, corruption, and death! Amen, Lord, bring us and bring all the believers in Christ to the consummation of the process of designation of the sons of God!

(The Ministry of the Word, Vol. 25, No. 01, Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, pp. 337-397)

Announcements:

1. The July Semiannual Training will be held online and will be on the Crystallization-study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. Local registration deadline is on June 19, 2021. Please check your email and sign up through the shared Google sheet.
2. The next Morning Revival book is titled "The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ". Please get the soft copies of HWMR for next week.
3. The church/family camping will be on June 25 to 27, 2021 (tentative and subject to the lifting up of restrictions on June 20). Please pray for this activity to be a time of renewing our family's consecration to the Lord, especially our children as the next generation.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, everything is vanity apart from You. Save us from chasing after the wind. Everything in the old creation is vanity, but You are reality. We come back to You and take You as our everything. Fulfill Your original purpose in us for Your economy.
2. Lord, nothing under the sun can satisfy us but You. You are the Eternal One that meets the desire of our hearts and gives us a sense of purpose. Cause us to seek after You and live in an organic union with You.
3. Save us from walking in the vanity of our minds. Thank You for being our Pattern, the One who worked and ministered in reality. May we learn from You not by our natural life but by taking You as our life in resurrection.
4. Lord, grant us today's supply of grace. We want to be molded in Your life as the reality is in You. In every detail of our living, may we learn Christ and live according to the reality that is in You.
5. We and the whole creation are waiting to be brought into glory. Bring us to maturity that we would be freed from the vanity and corruption of this world. Give us a foretaste of the firstfruit of the Spirit for our enjoyment today.
6. Lord, bring in Your kingdom to replace the present condition. The whole creation is eagerly expecting and anxiously watching for our glorification. Cause us to have the same eagerness for the full redemption of our bodies.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the upcoming term of the FTTA mid-August 2021 (tentative start date). Burden the college graduates to consecrate two years to be built up in Christ in the growth of His life, to be equipped in the realization of the divine truths and to be raised up, nourished, perfected for the building up of the local churches.
2. Continuing prayer for the Lord's move in Germany and other German-speaking countries

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. We thank You, Lord for placing us in a position to drink of You as the living water. Make us willing to speak in our daily life and in the church meetings so that we may continually flow You out and thirst for You more.
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 Estela Miranda's upcoming shoulder surgery (rotator cuff repair) and complete recovery.