

CHURCH IN REGINA

Eph 4:15 "But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ."

HWMR Week 5—The Intrinsic Factor of the Winds of Teaching for Their Evil Purpose

The Organic Building Up of the Body of Christ

A. Through the Members of the Body Feeding on the Milk and Food of the Holy Word as the Embodiment of Christ as the Living Word of God

The organic building up of the Body of Christ, the increase of the Triune God in the believers for their growth in Christ, is through the members of the Body feeding on the milk and food of the holy Word as the embodiment of Christ as the living Word of God. In order for the Body of Christ to be built up organically, we need to feed on the milk and food of the holy Word. We cannot exercise and function physically unless we feed on something. Whenever we eat, we are strengthened. Likewise, whenever we take in the milk and food of the holy Word, we are strengthened to live Christ. The holy Word is the embodiment of Christ, and the embodiment of Christ is the living Word of God. In other words, the living Word is embodied in the written Word...

To build up the church organically, we have to feed others with the organic Word, with Christ. Christ is surely organic because He is the life-giving Spirit. Christ is God, God is life, and God is organic. We should always feed the believers with organic matters, that is, with God, Christ, the Spirit, life, or the word of life from the Bible. The more we feed others, the more God increases in them. **This increase of God within the believers is their growth, and the totality of the growth of the believers is the building up of the Body of Christ.**

The organic building up is the growth in life, and this growth, in principle, always comes from **nourishing**. If a person does not eat, how can he grow? The New Testament shows us that we, the growing Christians, have two kinds of groceries, **milk** and **solid food**. Paul told the Hebrews that he could minister only the milk to them and not the solid food (5:12). Most Christians today know only something concerning the good word of God, the **milk of the word**. This is the *word of life*, the *word of grace*, and the *word of mercy*. Another category of the holy Word, **the word of righteousness**, is the word concerning God's *governmental dealings* and concerning His *dispensational reward and punishment*...

The infants who can take in only the milk and not the solid food are inexperienced in the word of righteousness (Heb. 5:13). The word of righteousness is a word concerning God being just. God is not only loving, but He is also exercising His justice all the time. Therefore, we must have some holy fear toward Him. Every day we should come to His throne of grace to receive mercy and grace (4:16), but the day will come when this throne of grace will become a throne of judgment (2 Cor. 5:10). We who have been receiving mercy and grace at the throne of grace for years will eventually be judged at the judgment seat of Christ. The Hebrews needed this word of righteousness.

For us to grow, we need either the good word of God as milk to nourish us or the word of righteousness as solid food. We need the holy Word in order to grow in Christ. **The two greatest items in this universe are the Triune God and the Holy Bible.** The Triune God, the holy person, is within us, and the holy Word is in our hand. We all have to grow by being nourished by the word of the Holy Bible, either the good word of God or the word of righteousness. By feeding on the milk and food of the holy Word, we grow, and this growth is the very organic building up of the church.

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

The cross of Christ is the center of the universe.

B. Through the Saints Being Perfected (Equipped) by the Gifts (The Gifted Persons)

The organic building up of the Body of Christ is also through the saints being perfected, equipped, by the gifts, the gifted persons (Eph. 4:11-12). If we are being perfected by the gifted persons—the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the shepherds and teachers—we will grow. Through our growth we will arrive at three things: at *the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, and at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ* (v. 13). To arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God is to arrive at the oneness of truth and of life.

Apparently we are one, but actually there are many different views, opinions, and ideas among us. When the church life is so peaceful, it seems that everything is okay. But when a storm comes into the churches, all the opinions come out. The saints may even begin to fight for their views, ideas, and opinions. This is strong proof that we are still babyish and that we need the growth in life. All these different views, ideas, and opinions are “toys” for children. An older person does not need toys, but young children will fight over toys. The younger you are, the more toys you will like. We may be peaceful in the churches, but when a storm comes, one saint will have his toy, and another saint will have another toy. These toys are the different ideas, views, and opinions. Therefore, we all need to grow. When young children are fighting for toys, they make a lot of noise. There is also a lot of “noise” in the churches when the saints are fighting and disputing over their views, opinions, and ideas. The more we grow, the more toys we will drop. Then we will arrive at the oneness of the faith, which is concerning the truth, and at the full knowledge of the Son of God, which is concerning life. **If we are mature in truth and in life, there will be no problems.**

We also need to arrive at a full-grown man. **We may be mature but not full-grown.** All of us need the growth in the divine life to arrive at a full-grown man. Finally, we need to arrive at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Christ has a fullness, and this fullness is His Body. This Body has a stature, and this stature has a measure. The church as the Body of Christ has a stature, but this stature may be very short, so the measure is not that high. Therefore, the church has to grow. That means the church has to be organically built up, and this organic building up will result in our arriving at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, which is His Body.

Christ is the One who fills all in all. He is the unlimited One, and His measurements are the measurements of the universe. **He is the real length, the real breadth, the real height, and the real depth** (Eph. 3:18). Can anyone tell how long, how broad, how high, or how deep the universe is? It is immeasurable. Christ’s measurements are the measurements of the entire universe. How can we know such a One in full? This is why the Lord said that no one can know the Son unless the Father reveals Him to them (Matt. 16:17). The Son is unlimited and immeasurable.

The fullness of Christ is the expression of Christ. When a cup is only half filled with water, we cannot see the expression of the water. But when the cup is filled with water to such an extent that it overflows with water, this overflow of water is the fullness of the water, the expression of the water. The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ is the measure of the stature of the expression of Christ, the Body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:14 tells us that by arriving at these three things, we will “be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error.”

If we are still carried about by the winds of teaching, that is a sign that we are little children. All the winds of teaching are in the sleight of men. There are always lies and dishonest words in the different winds of teaching. These winds of teaching are in craftiness with a view to a system of error...**The system of error is the system of Satan.**

The winds of teaching are apparently teachings according to the Bible. Actually, these teachings are in the satanic system of error **to make divisions** and **to cause trouble**. We have to be cautious concerning the winds of teaching, but only to be cautious is not adequate. As we pointed out, younger children like to play with toys. An older person, on the other hand, does not care for toys regardless of how much you encourage him to play with them. A person who is mature in life will not like any wind of teaching, because he does not care for toys. **We need to grow in life so that we will no longer be little children who can be carried about by every wind of teaching. The perfecting of the saints by the gifts issues in their growth in life, and this growth in life is the organic building up of the Body of Christ.**

(Excerpts from The Advance of the Lord’s Recovery Today, Msg. 4)

Announcements:

1. The next morning revival is Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life. Please download a soft copy.
2. College Training via Zoom on July 21 to 25, 2021. Please refer to collegetraining.org for more details.
3. Brothers’ Meeting on July 25, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.
4. Summer School of Truth via Zoom on July 30 to August 8, 2021. Serving ones’ meeting on July 25, 2021 at 3pm..
5. Life-study Readings resumes on July 19, 2021—LS of Exodus, Message 62.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You for speaking to us in the Son and as the Spirit through the apostles today. Have mercy on us that we would have an ear to hear Your present speaking.
2. Lord, may we take only the apostles' teaching as the healthy words. Even remind us to speak only the things which are fitting to the healthy teaching. We want to minister life to others that would bring the church into a sound condition and with good order.
3. May we all come to the full knowledge of the truth and fight the good fight against the evil power of darkness. Our pursuing is not only for the sound and pure teaching, but of the healthy teaching. Keep us holding on to the faithful word taught in the churches.
4. Lord, give us a proper discernment and understanding that we would not be shaken, tossed about, or carried away. Rather, we want to hold the truth in love, growing up into You in all things.
5. Lord, we want to continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching. Grant us discernment in our “eating” whether certain teachings have “fins” and “scales”. May we learn to only care for the teaching of the apostles.
6. We need Your mercy to see and realize that the church is an organism, Your Body. Save us from any erroneous teachings. Teach us to depend not only on one another, but also to other localities.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the North America College Training on July 21 to 25, 2021. Pray that many college students will rise up, “go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house.”
2. Pray for the upcoming Western Canada Summer School of Truth—July 30 to August 8, 2021.

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 that we can meet with You and become truly one, serve You, and receive Your revelation and vision. We want to be those who are being infused by You daily.
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 recovery from shoulder rotator cuff surgery. Grant her a full recovery as soon as possible.
5. Pray for Bro. Dindo Ballao’s health and continuing recovery. Preserve the whole family as they settle here in Regina for Your testimony.
6. Pray for Bro. George Chua’s recovery from bypass surgery. Remember him, Lord. May his sickness be Your way to reveal Yourself to him. Grant him repentance and full recovery. Strengthen Sister Venus and their whole family during this time.