

CHURCH IN REGINA

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me...

HWMR Week 7—The Factor of Blending for the Reality of the Body of Christ

The Reality of the Body of Christ—the Living Together of God and Man

Simply, the reality of the Body of Christ is the living of a God-man life by a group of God-redeemed people together with the God-man Christ. Before the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ, in the universe there was God in heaven and man on the earth. But in the universe there was not one human being who was both God and man. Furthermore, this One who was to be God yet man did not become a man in the twinkling of an eye. Rather, according to man's natural law, He was conceived in His mother's womb for nine months, and then He was born to be a man. He lived on this earth for thirty-three and a half years, beginning as a child. In the past I had a question concerning this matter: Why did the Lord have to live on the earth for such a long time? He lived on the earth for thirty-three and a half years, and it seems that it was in the last three and a half years, when He came out to do the preaching and to lead the disciples, that He was really doing the work of God. Concerning the first thirty years of the Lord's life on earth, the Gospels do not say much. However, we can find out that He lived in a poor carpenter's home and He was called a carpenter (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3). **[What is]...the significance...of the Lord's living the life of a carpenter for thirty years on the earth? ...He used those thirty-three and a half years to live out the model of a God-man living.**

After His death and resurrection He produced many brothers who, with Him as the oldest Brother, become the one great man in the universe. What is this great, universal man? **This is a God-man, one who is God yet man and man yet God.** First, He lived on the earth to live out a model. How did He as the God-man live? He had the life of man, and He definitely was a man on the earth. He hungered, He thirsted, He slept, and He even wept and was tired and weary. Not only was He like a man, but He was a man. However, **as a man, He lived not by the human life but by the divine life within Him.** He lived, yet He did not live alone. He lived not by His own life but by the divine life. **He told us clearly that He spoke and did things not by Himself but by the One who sent Him** (John 5:19; 8:28). In John 6:57 He said, "The living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father." But for what purpose did the living Father send Him? In general, Christians would spontaneously reply that the Father sent Him to be our Savior and to accomplish redemption for us. Perhaps they would go on to say that He came to bring God's life to us. There is nothing wrong in saying this, but it is altogether a superficial statement. **What was the purpose of God in sending the Lord Jesus? God sent Him to be a man and to live a God-man life by the divine life.** This kind of living issues in a universal great man that is exactly the same as He is—a man living a God-man life by the divine life (The High Peak of the Vision and the Reality of the Body of Christ, Chapter 4).

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:

October International

Training for Elders &

Responsible Ones

October 8-10, 2021

International Thanksgiving

Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

**Christ is the
Firstfruit of
Resurrection
Offered to God
for His
Satisfaction.**

Openness for the Coordination

The teachings among today's Christians place too much emphasis on individual spirituality, making Christians into antiques or showpieces instead of preparing them as materials for the building. God never intended that you should be individually spiritual. Individual spirituality spoils and does much damage to the building of the church. If you realize that **God's eternal purpose, God's ultimate intention, is to have a body, a corporate vessel to contain Christ and to express Christ**, you will say, "Lord, save me, deliver me from my individual spirituality. I have to be broken even in this matter of individual spirituality. I need to be delivered from this kind of individuality. I need to learn the lesson to be broken so that I could be coordinated with others, so that I could be blended with others, and become a real help to them."

We need to stress this matter so much simply because by experience we realize that if we would not learn this lesson, we can never have a real church life. Without this, our church life would be a false one. We can come together on the Lord's Day and sing a hymn, have some prayer, and hear a message—but that is all. We can never have a church built up. We cannot have a group of believers built up together as a living corporate body. We need to learn to serve in a way that we could be coordinated with others and others could be coordinated with us...**We all must try to know the church. We must practice to know the way of the church service, which is a service of coordination, never a service of an individual person.** All the service in the church is a service of coordination (Serving in Coordination, Chapter 1, Section 3).

The way to live out the reality of the Body of Christ is to go through death and resurrection by the living together of God with man. Through death everything on our side was cleared up; through resurrection our human nature was uplifted, and we were begotten to be the many sons of God. Although we are God's children today, we still have a great number of negative things hanging on us. Hence, every day we must stay with the cross. We must die every day and every moment; everything must die.

...[W]e must never allow our self, our natural being, our old "I," and our disposition to be resurrected. In the Lord's work we do not have ambition, comparison, competition, or envy. Furthermore, we will never look at others' mistakes, but always consider others more excellent than ourselves. Do not boast in what you have accomplished or be envious of what others have done or judge others' errors. Even if you are fully aware that what others do is wrong and that there are shortcomings, not only should you not criticize them but you should even help them. **We are not sent by the Lord to measure others with a measuring stick.** Rather, **we are sent by Him to minister Christ to people.** We must learn to be humble. If there is something that others have and we do not have, we should receive it with a humble heart. Everyone has shortcomings, but we are not sent by the Lord to expose others' shortcomings. We are sent by Him to minister life and to minister Christ to others.

Finally, **in doing the Lord's work we only labor.** We should not attempt to show off and boast concerning our work. We should not be reluctant to give up our work or take credit for our success. When we leave, we simply leave and turn over everything to others. We conduct ourselves in this way—without ambition, without self-boasting, without making comparisons, and without blaming others for their mistakes—because we have seen the Body. Consequently, what we are doing today is not our personal work but the economy of God throughout the generations, that is, the building up of the Body of Christ. The Lord can cause us to live out the life of a God-man by our being joined with others. Hence, the third stanza of our new hymn says, "No longer I alone that live, / But God together lives with me. / Built with the saints in the Triune God, / His universal house we'll be, / And His organic Body we / For His expression corp'ately." This is the reality of the Body of Christ (The High Peak of the Vision and the Reality of the Body of Christ, Chapter 4).

Announcements:

1. Church Pursuit on September 6 at 4pm via Zoom.
2. Love feast on September 12.
3. Sisters' Meeting on September 12.
4. 2021 Calgary YP Fall Conference online on September 17-19.
5. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting at 6pm on September 26 via Zoom.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You Lord Jesus, for placing us in You. We are members of Your body because of our union in life. Continue to show us the Body so we can live and remain in the reality of the Body of Christ.
2. Lord, we want to know the Body so You can have a proper recovery. Strengthen us into our inner man and fill us unto all the fullness of God. Give us more experiences of You that we may be built up.
3. Lord, make us today's Zion, the overcomers, in today's Jerusalem, the church. We are willing to endure heartache to gain Your heart and we are willing to be defeated so You can be the Victor. May we receive mercy and grace to be part of Your overcomers.
4. Teach us how to be blended. Terminate us on the cross and cause us to follow the spirit for dispensing You to others. We do not want to do things on our own. Instead, we want to stop our doing and fellowship with the other members.
5. Have mercy on us that we would follow the apostles in the matter of fellowshiping and blending in the Body of Christ. Crush Satan under our feet and cause us to enjoy the grace of Christ.
6. Lord, cause us to live a Godman living – a living where our old man is crucified, and we are in resurrection. Perfect us to live a corporate and mingled living to live out the reality of the Body of Christ.

Other Burdens:

1. Chinese-speaking Conference in Paris on September 17 to 19.
2. Online Central European and Balkans Blending Conference on September 24-26.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the household salvation of Aparato Family, Lamadrid Family and Chua Family.
2. Pray for our college students for this upcoming Fall Term. May they be channels of life and seeds of the gospel in their campuses—Brothers Vincent, Eric, Christian, Guytan and Sisters Priscilla, Gillian and Mika.
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 Sis. 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.
7. Pray for Bro. Joseph Miranda's health and healing. Gain him more during this time, strengthen him and use this opportunity to make Your home in his heart.