

CHURCH IN REGINA

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

HWMR Week 1—Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth and for Upholding the Absoluteness of the Truth, and Testifying to the Truth in the Present Age of the World

The Need to Be Constituted

...[W]e have seen what the New Testament ministry is and what the vision in the Lord's recovery is. This is why **we must see how to carry out the vision**. To carry out the vision we need to be constituted with the New Testament ministry. The New Testament ministry must be our constitution. As long as you can teach something different from the New Testament ministry, this indicates that you have never been constituted with it. From my youth as a Chinese child, I have been constituted with the Chinese language. In one meeting I intended to speak English, but unintentionally Chinese words came out of my mouth. This is because I have merely learned English, but Chinese is my constitution. **Whatever you have been constituted with will come out sooner or later**. The Lord's recovery has never been constituted into your being. If it were, you could never teach anything different. This is just like a person's native language being constituted into his being. **What he is constituted with, he speaks**.

...Our constitution should not be something gilded. It must be something inwrought into our being. The great Babylon is gilded with gold (Rev. 17:4), but the lampstand is golden by its intrinsic essence. It is golden intrinsically, basically, and essentially. With many of us, our being golden is somewhat by gilding. Something that is gilded with gold cannot pass the test of "scratching." A little scratch exposes the real nature of the thing. If we are really gold, "scratching" will expose that we are gold. Even if someone were to "break us up" and "grind us into powder," it would show that we are not only golden but gold. **If our intrinsic nature is golden, we can stand any kind of test**. The Lord's recovery does not treasure any gilded thing. We treasure the basic things, the intrinsic things, the essential things.

The Lord Jesus indicated in John 6 that His word is the bread of life (vv. 48, 63). **To receive bread is not to learn about it but to eat it**. To eat something means to receive it into your organic body. The food that you have received into your stomach becomes your blood, cells, fiber, and tissue. **It becomes you**. Merely to learn the messages does not mean much. You must **take in the word and let the word be organically assimilated into your entire being**. Then when you speak and when you give messages in the principle of the teachings conveyed in the Life-study messages, you will not merely speak from the printed page. You will speak out of your "fiber." Then your speaking will stir up much interest, and the impact will be there. This is not eloquence. Eloquence means nothing. **You must become constituted with the New Testament ministry**.

The Need of Regulating Rules and Principles

...God's dispensation, God's arrangement, or the arrangement of His divine administration, has a purpose. **His purpose is to dispense Himself into His chosen and redeemed people...** In the Old Testament, Joseph distributed the rich food of Pharaoh to the hungry, famished ones. As a New Testament Joseph, Paul took the lead to do this, and **we are his followers to pass out the processed Triune God as the very divine food to feed all the hungry people of the earth...** This must be and is the basic, great principle to govern our interpretation of the Bible.

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 Word of God.

Christ and the Church

...To develop ourselves in the truth we need basic principles [to rule us and to govern us](#). Now we must see that there is a **further governing principle**, which is very basic—[Christ and the church](#). Your developing of any truth must be based upon Christ and the church. This should be and must be your governing principle...

For example, Ephesians 5 tells us that wives should be subject to their own husbands (v. 22) and that husbands should love their wives (v. 25)... These things, however, should not be separated from Christ and the church (v. 32). The woman's submission and the man's love are taught in the Bible with Christ for the church. Without Christ, who can submit or who can love? Fallen mankind's nature is rebellious and hateful. There is no submission or love within fallen mankind. There is nothing but rebellion and hatred. Without Christ, who can love or who can submit? Therefore, the Bible teaches us women's submission and men's love with Christ. We must [be filled in spirit with Christ](#) (Eph. 5:18). Then love comes out, and submission comes out. If we develop submission and love without Christ, this is wrong. This becomes Confucius's ethics. A biblical submission is not only [with Christ](#) but also [for the church](#).

...[W]e have seen that [whoever loves the church has the best family life](#). Whoever is for the church has the best marriage life, but the family life and the marriage life of those who have left the church go downhill. By the Lord's mercy, the rate of separation and divorce is lowest in the local church. **You must love Christ and love the church**. If you do, as a wife you will submit, and as a husband you will love. This again is **the way to develop the truth based upon and governed by the principle of Christ and the church**.

Christ, the Spirit, Life and the Church

Another principle that we must take in our interpretation of the Bible is the principle of four items: Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. The **first** principle we have seen is a general principle—[the Triune God dispensing Himself into His chosen people](#). The **second** principle is in more detail—[with Christ for the church](#). Now we see a **third** principle of [Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church](#). Any message or any development of the Bible without Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church is an empty shell with no content. The content of the Bible is Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. At least one of these items must be present in your development of the truth.

...Any doctrine developed apart from these four items will issue in heresy or division...It is dangerous to develop any biblical doctrine apart from Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. To do this could lead to division. Your doctrine, on the other hand, may not be wrong, but eventually, the issue of your practice will be a division. It is always safe to develop any doctrine in the Bible with Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. Even if something is good and scriptural, never develop it apart from Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church...Always remember these three intrinsic principles of developing the truth in the Bible: the Triune God dispensing Himself into His chosen and redeemed people; Christ and the church; and Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church (Excerpts from Elders' Training Book 3, ch. 5 and 6).

Being Absolute for the Truth

What does it mean to be absolute to the truth? It means [to set aside feelings, to ignore personal relationships, and to not stand for the self](#). The truth is absolute. Our personal feelings, relationships, experiences, and encounters should not be mixed up with it. Since truth is absolute, **what is right is right and what is wrong is wrong**...It is not a small thing to be absolute to the truth. We cannot be indifferent about this. If we are loose in this, we will be loose in everything. In order to uphold the truth, we have to abandon ourselves completely. If we do not have such a heart and habit for the truth, we will have problems sooner or later...Let us deal with this matter conscientiously before the Lord...Out of the goodness of our hearts we may want to do something to uphold the truth, but truth requires no human hand to uphold it. It has its own **standing**, its own **authority**, and its own **power**, and it needs no human hand to uphold it...We should not be afraid of anyone's rejection of the truth. We only need to learn to honor God's truth, to take the way of the truth, and to not compromise the truth in any way (Excerpts from The Character of the Lord's Worker, ch.10).

Announcements:

1. Western Canada College Conference on September 24-25 via Zoom.
2. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting at 6pm on September 26 via Zoom.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, give us a burden to learn the truth, preach the truth and bring others into the knowledge of the truth. Enlighten us more to understand Your word, even knowing every side of the truth without bias or any leanings.
2. Reveal to us what the truth is – You Yourself in Your Trinity and the Word. Give us a proper understanding of the divine truth to enjoy You as the reality of all these things.
3. Lord, cause us to be faithful to the truth, not sacrificing the truth for our own feelings. We simply come to Your word to experience and enjoy You as the truth to be our reality.
4. Grant us experiences of the objective truth and the subjective truth. We are not satisfied in merely knowing doctrines. We want to continue growing in You, realizing that You are in us and we are in You.
5. Lord, add more of Yourself in us. We want to be transformed and conformed to Your image instead of this age. Renew us day by day. Cause us to forsake this age so we can be absolute for the church life.
6. Lord, we declare and testify that we are in You, the true One. We want to know You more by experiencing, enjoying, and possessing You as the reality. Govern our daily living and cause us to stand for the truth and against the evil One. May we express You in our daily living.

Other Burdens:

1. Ongoing 2021 Autumn Training for European university students (September 4 to October 3). Supply the university students with a vision, equip them with truth, help them in their experience of life, perfect them in the preaching of the gospel, and develop their character so they can become useful vessels for the building up of the Body of Christ.
2. Heal Brother Steven Hou, one of the leading brothers in the Church in Berlin, who contracted COVID. Preserve his life and function for the Lord's interest and move in the German-speaking world.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for our new contacts—Sister Tina Huang and Brother Mike Zhou. May the Lord enlighten them fully to see Christ and gain them fully for the church.
2. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
3. Pray for the small group meeting and that the brothers and sisters in the church to be vitalized. Whatever we bind on the earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. Release this burden, the prayers and the one accord.
4. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
5. Lord, we did not choose You but You chose us and You have set us that we should go forth and bear fruit. We believe that whatever we ask the Father in Your name, He may give us. We pray for more fruit and more shepherding so we can all be revived and have remaining fruit.
6. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages. May we see Christ in Exodus and speak the same thing—the new language.