

CHURCH IN REGINA

Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.

HWMR Week 3—Being Constituted with the Truth and Being Absolute for the Way of the Truth and the Propagation of the Truth for the Consummation of the Divine Economy

The Need to Apply the Truth of the Bible

Merely studying and knowing the truth is not enough; we need to apply the truth in our **daily Christian life** and in the **church life**. The truth is not only in the Bible; it has been interpreted and published for our benefit. We need to **study** the interpreted truth to receive it into us. Then we need to **experience** the truth so that it becomes our reality. God “desires all men to be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Getting saved is not enough; we need the full knowledge of the truth, the complete realization of the divine realities embodied in the Word. **This full knowledge comes from knowing and experiencing the truth.**

A. Applying the Truth in our Daily Christian Life

First, we need to apply the truth in our **daily** Christian life. We must believe that everything spoken of by the Lord is for our experience. If we have this view, we will experience the Lord according to His word in all our daily situations. For example, when we read in Matthew 5:48, “You, therefore, shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect,” **we believe it and we can experience it.** We are the Father's children having the Father's divine life and divine nature (1 John 5:12a; 2 Pet. 1:4). As the Father is perfect, we also can be perfect. When we notice that we are not perfect like the Father, we can repent and be forgiven. Then we can call on the Lord and pray-read His word to be strengthened by His divine life in the Spirit. Such strengthening enables us to express Him in His perfect living.

Many times our experience does not match the Word. We should never say, “It is all right.” Nor should we say, “It is not possible.” We should simply **repent** and **confess** our shortcomings, then **call** on the Lord and **pray-read** His word. The Lord will save us and allow us to experience Him according to the truth of the Word.

B. Applying the Truth in the Church Life

Second, we need to apply the truth in the church life...**We must not be loose with the Word of God.** Whatever the Lord says, we must do. We must practice according to the truth that is revealed in the Bible. For example, 1 Corinthians 14:26 says that we all should have something to say when we come to the meetings so that we may build up the church. Some may say that it is hard to speak...We cannot hold on to this attitude. **We must hold on to the truth and practice accordingly.** Therefore, we need to call on the Lord, pray, and pray-read every morning so that we may be revived and enlightened by the Lord. As we practice overcoming in all our situations during the day by continuing to pray over the word which we enjoyed in the morning, our enjoyment and experience of the Lord in His word will increase. At the end of each week, we should consider what we have seen and experienced in the Word and prepare something to share in the Lord's Day meeting. This will provide the Lord a way to build up His church according to His prophecy in Matthew 16:18 (Excerpts from Teachers' Training, 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 One
whom no one
knows except
the Father.**

The Purification of Our Souls

The purification of our souls is the [Spirit's sanctification of our disposition](#) that we may live a holy life in God's holy nature (vv. 15-16). It is deeper than the purification of our sins (Heb. 1:3) and the cleansing of sin (1 John 1:7). The latter is the purification of our [outward doing](#); the former, the purification of our [inward being](#)—the soul.

...[To have our soul purified](#) is to have our mind, emotion, and will, the parts of our heart, [purified from any kind of defilement and contamination](#). (Acts 15:9; James 4:8). This actually means to have our mind, emotion, and will delivered from all things other than God, and fixed on God as the sole object and unique goal. This kind of purification is **accomplished by our obedience to the truth**, which is the content and reality of our faith. When we obey the truth, the content and reality of our faith in Christ, our entire soul is concentrated on God and in this way is purified from all things other than God...

Touching Reality in the Word

In order to understand what it means to purify our souls by obedience to the truth, we must **be clear** concerning the meaning of truth in this verse. Truth here is the [sanctifying truth](#), which is [God's word of reality](#) (John 17:17). Truth in this verse does not mean doctrine. **Truth is the reality contained in God's word and conveyed by it**...First Timothy 3:15 says that the church is the house of the living God. This verse contains doctrine, but to us it should not be merely a doctrine. Rather, Paul's word about the church being the house of the living God should be a truth, a reality. We need to ask, "Is the church in my locality the house of the living God?" If we read the verse in this way, we shall contact reality, truth. [The truth is the solid content, the reality, contained in the word of God and conveyed by it to us](#)...We should not only receive doctrine from God's word—we should touch reality.

Girding Up Our Mind and Purifying Our Soul

In verse 13 Peter says, "Wherefore, girding up the loins of your mind, being sober, set your hope completely on the grace being brought to you at the unveiling of Jesus Christ." The word "wherefore" at the beginning of this verse is based upon all the divine truths contained in verses 1 through 12. The matter of our being chosen according to the foreknowledge of God is not merely a doctrine; it is a truth, a reality. It is also a reality that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has regenerated us unto a living hope. Furthermore, it is a truth that this living hope is an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading, kept for us in the heavens. In these twelve verses we have a great deal of truth, of reality.

With all this truth as the basis, Peter charges us to [gird up the loins of our mind and to be sober](#). We should not allow our mind to wander, and we should not be drunken or drugged. [To be sober is to be de-drugged, to wake up from a stupor](#). Therefore, in verse 13 Peter is telling the Jewish believers to **forget** their [religious background](#), to [be sober](#), and to [no longer wander in their mind](#).

To gird up our mind is actually to purify our soul. Whenever our mind is wandering, our soul is impure. Dissenting thoughts cause our mind to wander. These dissenting thoughts may enter our mind like fiery darts. When our mind begins to wander, our soul becomes unclean. If this is our situation, we need to purify our soul. But how can we purify our soul? We purify our soul by girding up our mind and by [setting it on one thing](#), not allowing it to wander...The fiery darts of dissenting thoughts not only disturb our mind, but they pollute our emotion and our will. As a result, we are not pure in the Lord and before the Lord. This will make it difficult for us to praise the Lord in a genuine way...This pollution can also damage our will. It becomes difficult for us to make decisions, for we have two goals. Therefore, our entire soul becomes impure. Our mind is wandering, our emotion is divided, and our will is damaged. In such a case, we need the purification of our soul...

When we have purified our souls by our obedience to the truth, we can [love one another](#) from the heart fervently. In verse 22 we have both the purifying of the soul and love from the heart. To love from the heart is to have a love that comes not only from the parts of the soul but also from the conscience. Our conscience testifies that we love the brothers with an unfeigned love. When our conscience has this kind of testimony, we love from the heart... (Excerpts from LS of 1 Peter chapter 14).

Announcements:

1. Love Feast on October 10.
2. Church Pursuit at 4pm on October 11 via Zoom.
3. 2021 Canada Brothers Conference on November 13 via Zoom. The deadline for registration is October 31.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, constitute us with the truth – not just to be inspired but to have the intrinsic element of the divine revelation wrought into us. Remind us everyday to be in the word and to study the word.
2. Save us from skating on the surface of the divine truth. We want to come to the full knowledge of the truth and have the faith of the truth.
3. Lord we confess, repent, and call upon Your name. Make the truth subjective to us that we may speak and minister it to others.
4. Purify our inward being through sanctification that we may live a holy life according to Your holy nature. We want to take the way of the truth in an absolute way.
5. Have mercy on us that we would be obedient to the truth. Remove any dissenting thoughts and give us an unfeigned love towards the brothers.
6. Make us one with You in learning the truth, applying the truth, speaking the truth, and propagating the truth. Give us the diligence in studying the Word. Fill us with the essential Spirit within and the economical Spirit without in presenting the truth to others.

Other Burdens:

1. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones on October 8 to 10. Release your up-to-date speaking to the leading brothers for the continuous move in the Lord's Recovery.

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.