

CHURCH IN REGINA

Eph. 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

HWMR Week 5—Upholding the Truth and Testifying to the Truth That the Church Is the Pillar and Base of the Truth and the Corporate Manifestation of God in the Flesh

Truth Being Not Doctrine But a Person in Reality

The word truth is used repeatedly in the two Epistles to Timothy (1 Tim. 2:4; 3:15; 4:3; 6:5; 2 Tim. 2:15-18; 3:8; 4:3-4). Many Christians think that truth is simply doctrine. However, in verses such as John 1:17; 8:32; 14:6; and 17:17, it is clear that the word **doctrine could not be used in place of truth**, which is sometimes rendered “reality.” **We need to see the difference between truth and doctrine.**

Truth is reality. John 1:17 gives a comparison between the law and reality. This verse says, “The law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.” The **law was given**, but **reality came**. A *thing* is **given**, but a *person* **comes**... The law was given as a shadow, figure, or type, just as a photograph of a person may be sent before the person comes. The law is the picture, and the reality is the person. **Christ is the reality.**

Let us consider a few examples of the types in the Old Testament and the reality in the New Testament. Genesis 1:26 says that man was made in the image of God. The **reality of the image of God is Christ** (Col. 1:15). Christ came as the real image of God. Genesis 2:9 mentions the tree of life. Christ came as **the reality of the tree of life** (John 14:6; 15:1). Genesis 3:15 prophesied that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent. The reality of the seed of the woman came when Christ was born of the virgin Mary. Christ is **the real seed of the woman** who bruised the head of Satan (Heb. 2:14)...

Christ is the real light and the real life (John 8:12; 14:6). He is also the real power, holiness, righteousness, kindness, love, humility, long-suffering, endurance, submission, and every divine attribute and human virtue.

Truth is not doctrine but reality, and the reality of every positive thing, even human beings, is Christ. **Without Christ we are empty, having no reality.** When we receive Christ, we are no longer empty, for we have the reality, which is Christ, as our real person. Paul says, “To me, to live is Christ” (Phil. 1:21). To him, to live was not Paul, which would have been empty, but Christ, who is the reality.

The Church Being the Pillar and Base of the Truth

1 Timothy 3:15 says that the church is the pillar and base of the truth. In ancient architecture a building was supported by a pillar, which rested on a base. **The church is the pillar and base that bears the truth.** The pillar and base of the truth are **not the elders** but **the church, which includes every brother and sister**. Every member of the church is part of the pillar that bears the truth. Whenever a new one or a young one asks a question related to the truth, we should all be able to answer. Someone may ask what holiness is. We not only should know that holiness is Christ, but we also should be able to find the

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:

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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**Christ is the
Life-giving
Spirit.**

verse that proves this (1 Cor. 1:30) and expound it.

However, **many saints know a certain amount of truth**, but their knowledge is **not thorough or adequate**. In order for the churches to be strong, **every brother and sister** must bear the truth by **learning** the truth, **experiencing** the truth, and being able to **speak** the truth.

Christ Being the Unique Leader

Another test of whether we adequately know the truth may come if someone questions us concerning who the leader of the church is. In Matthew 23:10 the Lord said, “Neither be called instructors, because One is your Instructor, the Christ.” The Greek word translated “instructor” may also be rendered “guide,” “teacher,” or “director.” This word clearly indicates that Christ is the unique Leader. Hebrews 13:17 says, “Obey the ones leading you.” **The elders are the leading ones, but Christ is the unique Leader.** First Peter 5:3, a word written to the elders, says, “Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.” The elders should not be rulers of the church but should be examples. We are all under the headship of Christ, and we need to see the truth of His headship.

The truth of the leadership in the church is that Christ is the unique Leader. The elders should exercise to be examples while giving the full headship to Christ. This is contrary to the worldly concept of leadership. If one comes saying that God has appointed him to be the leader of the local churches, none of the saints should accept this speaking, for it insults the unique headship of Christ. All the saints need to know and practice the truth to prevent error from coming into the church. Everyone should know that Christ is our unique Leader. To consider any man other than Christ as the leader of a local church or the Lord’s recovery damages the truth. There is no leader other than Christ. The Lord said, “Whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant” (Matt. 20:26). The concept of a man being the leader of the churches leads to hierarchy, which is a great insult to the headship of Christ.

There Being No Hierarchy among the Churches

We also need to be careful not to build up a hierarchy among the local churches. **No church is higher than any other church.** It is crucial that we know and practice this truth. If the church in our locality submits to another church, making the other church higher, this is hierarchy. **All the churches are on the same level.** If we do not practice the truth, the churches will suffer from confusion, dissension, and disharmony.

While the Lord delays His return, **we need to know the truth for the practice of the church life.** The Lord’s recovery can withstand any kind of attack, because the foundation of life has been solidly laid, but we also need to adequately know and practice the truth. **When the pillar of the truth is added to the foundation of life, the building of the church in the Lord’s recovery will be solid.** As long as the church upholds the truth, nothing negative will be able to come into the church. Thus, all the saints need to know the truth so that the church would be built up as the pillar and base of the truth. (Excerpts from The Healthy Word, chapter 29).

Announcements:

1. Sisters’ Meeting at 4pm on October 17 via Zoom.
2. 2021 Canada Brothers Conference on November 13 via Zoom. The deadline for registration is October 31.
3. Brothers’ Pursuit Meeting at 6pm on October 31 via Zoom.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You Lord for opening Your words to the church. We stand today as the pillar and base of the truth—not holding doctrines but the reality of all that You are. May we carry on solid, living truths full of Christ, the Spirit, and life.
2. Lord, make us those who uphold the truth. Cause us to touch the spirit in the word, ministering life and releasing the truth in our daily living. Bring all the saints in Your recovery into the truth.
3. Lord give us an appetite for Your Word. May all of us endeavor to learn the truth, experience the truth, and speak the truth. Give us a solid, unshakable foundation so we can stand as the pillar and base of the truth.
4. Lord, we take You as our pattern. Cause us to live a life not by ourselves but by another One, not by our human life but by Your divine life, and not expressing ourselves but to expressing You. Make us Your manifestation in the flesh today.
5. We exercise our spirit to do things in resurrection. May we live in and by resurrection so that You may live in our living, causing Your attributes to be expressed in our virtues. Continue to spread and mingle Yourself with us.
6. Lord, we also exercise ourselves unto godliness. Before we do anything, remind us to be in our spirit so whatever we do will be God manifested in the flesh. Make our living a testimony of godliness that can impact others around us.

Other Burdens:

1. International Blending Conference in Baarlo, Netherlands on October 29 to 31. We pray for the blending of the saints in Europe into the reality of the one Body through the Lord's up-to-date speaking.
2. Meeting hall lot property for the Church in Edmonton. Pray for the Lord's perfect will as they proceed with an offer to purchase the property that is in good standing and convenient location.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
2. 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.
3. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Pray for Antonio Miranda and Cecil Miranda who recently completed their medical exam. Pray that the officer will find no issues and that their permanent residence visa will be issued as soon as possible.