

CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting— Grp1 by Zoom; Grp 2 in person
2. Church Pursuit—Oct 13 at Lamadrid Family Home at 4pm (w/ potluck dinner)
3. Conference with Church in Winnipeg—Oct 18 to 19

Conferences & Training

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.14-16, Anaheim, CA
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.4-6, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 23-26, Phoenix, AZ
4. Summer Training—June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Klang, Malaysia
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.27-30, Indianapolis, IN
7. Winter Training—Dec.22-27, Anaheim, CA

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One Accord and Crucial Aspects of the Book of Acts—Week 4

...[I]n order for us to be the corporate continuation of Christ on the earth, we need to **know, experience, enjoy, and express** the **resurrected, ascended, all-inclusive Christ**. This is the Christ whom we can see in the book of Acts...With the help of the Spirit, we need to dive into something deeper, hidden, in this book. **The apostles were not merely involved in carrying out a work; they were propagating a wonderful person.** They proclaimed not only the crucified Christ but more importantly also testified of the resurrected Christ who is in ascension. They were witnesses of His resurrection. **The wonderful, resurrected God-man who is now in His ascension was their testimony, and He should also be our testimony.**

The Christ revealed in Acts is **in resurrection**. Acts 1:3 says, "To whom also He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many irrefutable proofs, appearing to them through a period of forty days and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God." Jesus is alive! Jesus is not dead. He is no longer being crucified. **He is living today. We are not serving a dead Savior, and we are not preaching a gospel of a historical event that happened two thousand years ago.** Instead, we are serving and preaching the gospel of the living Savior, who presented Himself alive and appeared to the disciples in a period of forty days and who spoke things concerning the kingdom of God.

In the beginning of the book of Acts, He appeared to these disciples for forty days. As the Spirit, He is abstract and invisible, yet this abstract, invisible One appeared to these disciples for forty days. He used those forty days to train the disciples to live and depend on Him not by His physical presence but by His invisible presence. They had to learn to live by His invisible presence as the Spirit. **He is now in resurrection.** This is a great matter. **His being in resurrection as the life-giving Spirit is much more precious and intimate to us** than His being with the disciples physically in Judea. I once thought that the top enjoyment of human life would be to live two thousand years ago, to be able to walk with Jesus, to witness His miracles, and even to eat of the bread and the fish He prepared for the disciples' breakfast after they spent all night fishing and caught nothing. Actually, **we have something much better.** Through death and resurrection Jesus was transfigured into a life-giving Spirit. **He is now not only with or among us but even in us. As He is living in us, we enjoy His invisible presence.** On the one hand, we do not see Him; on the other hand, we realize that He is with us.

Through death Christ entered into another realm, the realm of resurrection. **Resurrection is not an event. Resurrection is a realm.** In fact, **resurrection is a person.** In John 11:25 the Lord Jesus said, "I am the resurrection." Many Christians regard resurrection as a past event, something to remember and celebrate. In actuality, resurrection is a realm, and this realm is the wonderful God-man. Christ is the reality of the resurrection, a realm which He brought in through His death.

In any service for the Lord, we will often encounter difficulties, challenges, oppositions, and even death...Whenever we serve the Lord, even if it is only in our local church, many negative things await us, including difficulties, challenges, and situations. Instead of trying to maneuver around these or attempt to work something out by our own knowledge or ability, we should turn to the One who is the resurrection life and who has the power of resurrection. Although man put Christ to death on the cross, death could not hold Him. After three days, He arose from the dead. God did not ordain that everything in our Christian life and church life will be smooth and work out perfectly. Instead, **all the difficult and impossible environments will help to prove the power of His resurrection life, which death cannot defeat** (Excerpts from The Ministry of the Word, vol. 29, no. 05, pp.87-108).

PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, we praise You as both God and resurrection, possessing the indestructible life. Continue to propagate Yourself as life by breathing Yourself into us. Train us to practice living and enjoying Your invisible presence.
2. You are our Lord and the Christ – possessing all things and receiving God’s commission. May we see You as the One exalted to the right hand of God and bring many to repentance, fulfilling Your purpose in creating man.
3. Lord, cause us to drop our concepts and see that You are not merely a Healer but the Servant of God, the holy One, the righteous One, the Author of life, and the Prophet. In Your name there is power.
4. Lord, You are the Leader and Savior – arranging all things for Your chosen people to receive salvation. You are the Ruler of all the enthroned ones. We thank You for Your sovereignty.
5. Lord, as the Son of Man You are now standing at the right hand of God – comforting, encouraging, and strengthening us to value the church the same way You did, acquiring it with Your own precious blood.
6. You are the Lord of all, the only person qualified to judge the world, designated by God in righteousness. We believe not only in You but also believe on You, taking the ground and standing on Your person.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the ongoing gospel trips to German-speaking countries (Oct 5—19). May You gain many students who will spread Your testimony in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

Church in Regina

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the 10 new gospel contacts joining the campus meeting this semester. Pray that they will continually attend the Bible studies every Friday, be enlightened and become remaining fruits.
 - > Local Residents: Matthias, Avital, Catherine, Emilie
 - > Temporary Residents: Theresa, Oge, Alex, Nicole and Ivy
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of the permanent resident immigration papers:
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord’s Table & Prophesying—Lord’s Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- Children’s Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Wednesdays/Fridays/Saturdays 7:30-8:30PM