



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“...the Christian living is the living and the experience of grace in the church life...”

Meeting Schedule

- Lord's Table Meeting - Lord's Day
- YWCA 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- Prayer Meeting, - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Saints Homes 8:30 - 9:30 PM
- Small Group Meeting - Saturday evening
- Saints Homes
- Young People's Meeting - Fridays
- Bro. Hendrick's House 7:00-9:00PM

Upcoming Activities

- January - Love Feast, January 11, 2015
- February - YP Skiing, Feb 6, 2015
- Love Feast, Feb 8, 2015
- Church Pursuit Feb 16, 2015
- Msg-11, The All-inclusive Christ

Church Building

OUR DESTINY IS TO ENJOY THE
GRACE OF GOD AND LIVE A
GRACE-ENJOYING LIFE TODAY

Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference - Taipei, Taiwan
February 21-22, 2015
2. International Training for elders and Responsible Ones - Anaheim, CA
March 27-29, 2015
3. Memorial Day Conference - St Louis, MO
May 22-25, 2015
4. Summer Training - Anaheim, CA
June 29 - July 4, 2015
5. ITERO - Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil
October 1-3, 2015
6. Thanksgiving Conference
Jacksonville, FL
November 26-29, 2015
7. Winter Training - Anaheim, California
Dec. 21-26, 2015

SETTING OUR HOPE ON GRACE

1Peter 1:13 charges us to set our hope completely on the grace. This hope is the living hope which has issued from regeneration (v. 3). We need to set our living hope completely on the grace that is being brought to us at the unveiling of Jesus Christ. Surely this grace is not merely unmerited favor. It refers to the salvation of the soul (vv. 5, 9-10), which will be the consummation of God's full salvation. The grace has been brought to us by the Lord's first coming (John 1:17). It will be consummated by His second coming. On such grace we should set our hope.

...While we are enjoying the foretaste, we set our hope on the coming full taste. The nature, the essence, and the reality of the foretaste are the same as that of the full taste. Today we are enjoying a small portion as a sample, a foretaste. Eventually we shall enjoy the full portion and experience the full taste. Therefore, on the one hand, we are now enjoying grace; on the other hand, we are expecting the coming full taste.

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

Toward the end of verse 13 Peter speaks of the unveiling of Jesus Christ. It is significant that he uses the word “unveiling” and not advent or some other word. At present, we are enjoying the Lord Jesus as a foretaste under the veil. But the time is coming when the veil will be taken away.

Because we are under a veil with the Lord, others may not be able to understand what we are doing. We may try to tell them that we are enjoying Christ. However, they may say that this is nonsense. Our enjoyment is concealed, and others who do not share the same experience cannot know anything about it. But one day the Lord Jesus will be unveiled. Then others will be able to understand that we have been enjoying the Lord Jesus. This unveiling will be the coming grace as the consummation of the full salvation of the Triune God.

BECOMING HOLY IN ALL OUR MANNER OF LIFE

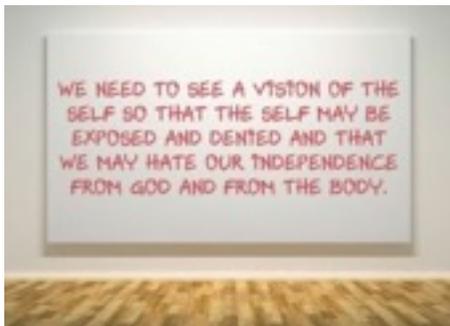
1Peter 1:14 says, “As children of obedience, do not be conformed to the former lusts in your ignorance.” ...We should not be conformed to the former lusts. This means that we should not shape ourselves according to them. Formerly, we were ignorant. But now, having become children of obedience, we are knowledgeable.

1Peter 1: 15 says, “But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves become holy in all your manner of life.” The Holy One is the Triune God—the choosing Father, the redeeming Son, and the sanctifying Spirit. The Father has regenerated His elect, imparting His holy nature into them; the Son has redeemed them with His blood from the vain manner of life; and the Spirit has sanctified them according to the Father's holy nature, separating them from anything other than God, that they, by the holy nature of the Father, may become holy in all their manner of life, even as holy as God Himself.

We become holy in all our manner of life through the sanctification of the Spirit. This is based on regeneration, which brings us the holy nature of God and issues in a holy life. We ourselves need to become holy. This is not merely a matter of wearing a certain kind of clothing or of not wearing makeup. That concept of holiness is too outward. Our being, our disposition, our entire person, should become holy. This is for us to become holy in all our manner of life. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, Chapter 11, Section 2)

Prayer burden

1. We need to see a **vision of the self** so that the self may be exposed and denied and that we may hate our independence from God and from the Body.
2. We should **deny the self** - to forget about our self and to forfeit our soul-life, take up our cross, and follow the Lord;
3. We need to have the **revelation** that our old man has been crucified with Christ. We need to recognize and **accept** this fact. We need to **apply** to ourselves the death of Christ.
4. To bear the cross is to **remain** under the killing of the death of Christ for the terminating of our self, natural life, and old man.
5. We need an absolute **consecration** of handing ourselves over to the Lord and yielding our person to Him so that He can be our person; our consecration is to take Christ as our person.
6. Pray for the growth and increase of the church in **Regina**. For our generation to rise up as lovers of Christ and functioning members of the Body. Pray for our contacts and friends.



“I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Galatians 2:20

This Weeks Pursuit: THE HEAVENLY VISION

The Vision of the Self

Scripture Reading: Matt. 16:21-26; Luke 9:23-25; Rom. 6:6; 8:13; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17a

I. We need to see a vision of the self so that the self may be exposed and denied and that we may hate our independence from God and from the Body.

The self is the **soul-life** with the emphasis on human thoughts and opinions. In Matthew 16:23-25 three terms are related to one another: mind, himself, and soul-life. Our **mind** is the expression of our self, and our **self** is the embodiment of our soul-life. Our **soul-life** is embodied and lived out by our self, and our self is expressed through our mind, idea, thought, concept, and opinion.

The self is the embodiment of Satan; the self is **the essence** of Satan in the soul, making the soul independent from God to express its self-opinion and self-will. The origin of the self was Satan's **injecting his thought into the human mind**. The soul became the self when something of Satan was added to the soul; the thing that was added to the soul was the thought, or the mind, of Satan. The self is the soul plus the satanic mind—Matt. 16:23, 25.

If we have a vision of the self, we will see what the self is — **the self is the soul declaring its independence from God**. Due to the fall, the soul created by God declared independence from God. Man took the thought, the idea, of Satan into his soul, resulting in the soul becoming the self, which is independent of God. The soul is especially independent of God in the opinion and in the will.

The self is something of Satan in the soul expressed through the opinions. We have opinions as the incarnation and manifestation of the self because we are independent of God; the more we are independent of God, the more we have opinions as the manifestation of the self. **Whenever we do something by ourselves without depending on God, we are in the self. Being independent of the Body is equal to being independent of God.**

II. The hindrance to seeing the vision of the Body and to practicing the Body life is the self.

The Body is versus the self, and the self is the enemy of the Body. Because the self is something independent of the Lord and of the Body, the self is the greatest problem to the building up of the Body. When we have the self, we do not have the Body. When we have the Body, we do not have the self. **We should deny ourselves and identify ourselves with the Body; if we do this, the life we live will fully be the Body life, and the Lord will gain the expression of His Body.** In order for the Body to be built up, the self, the independent soul, must be condemned, denied, rejected, and renounced.

III. We should deny the self, take up our cross, and follow the Lord.

We need to have the revelation that our old man has been crucified with Christ. After seeing this revelation, we need to recognize and accept this fact. We need to apply to ourselves the death of Christ that He accomplished and that we have recognized; this is the correct meaning of bearing the cross.

This application must be carried out in the Spirit. When we live and walk in the Spirit, the Spirit applies the death of Christ to us. **To bear the cross is to remain under the killing of the death of Christ for the terminating of our self, natural life, and old man;** in so doing, we deny the self so that we may follow the Lord, the resurrected Christ, as the life-giving Spirit in our spirit.

IV. It is crucial that we deny the self and take Christ as our person for the church life as the living of the one new man.

In the one new man there is only one person - Christ. It is vitally important for us to know that our spirit is the inner man and that the person of this inner man is Christ. If we would take Christ as our person, we must see that our spirit is not merely an organ - our spirit is our person. We should deny our self, our own person, and live by our spirit, our new person.

For the church life as the living of this new man, we must reject our old person and live by Christ as our new person. We need an absolute consecration of handing ourselves over to the Lord and yielding our person to Him so that He can be our person; our consecration is to take Christ as our person.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETINGS	OFFERING
Dec. 21 - Dec. 27, 2014	18	10	9		\$360.00
Dec. 28 - Jan. 04, 2015	22	11	11		\$315.00