



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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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

April 2015 - Love Feast, April 12
 - Conference, Winnipeg,
 April 17 -19
 - Conference, Edmonton -
 April 24 - 26
 May 2015 - Love Feast, May 10
 - Church Pursuit, May 18
 All-inclusive Christ Msg 13

Church Building

*The greatest and highest blessing
 that we have obtained in God's
 salvation is Christ being in us.*

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

WHAT IS LIFE?

I. ONLY THE LIFE OF GOD IS LIFE

First John 5:12 says: “He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.” John 3:36 also says: “He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life.” These two scriptures tell us that unless man has the life of God, he does not have life. This shows us that in the eyes of God, only His life is life; besides that, no other life can be counted as life.

Only the life of God is life, and other lives are not counted as life, because only the life of God is divine and eternal. Being **divine** means being of God, having the nature of God, or being transcendent and distinctive from all others. Only God is God, only God has the nature of God, and only God is transcendent and distinctive; therefore, only God is divine. **Eternal** means uncreated, without beginning or ending, existing by itself and ever, unchangeably existing.

Since being both divine and eternal are the nature of God and show forth the characteristics of God Himself, they are also the **nature of His life** and portray the **characteristics of His life**. However, not only is being **divine** a **characteristic of God's life**, but it is even more the **essence of His life**, whereas being eternal is only a characteristic of the life of God. *Let us look again at the illustration of the gold cup. Its nature is both gold and rust-resistant. However, gold not only characterizes the cup but is also its very essence, whereas its nature of being rust-resistant is due to its being gold.* Likewise, the reason God's life is eternal is that it is divine. (Being divine signifies not only that which is of God, but God Himself.) God's life is eternal because it is divine. In the universe, no created life has the divine nature; therefore, no created life is eternal. Only the nature of God's uncreated life is divine and eternal. Since the nature of God's life is such, naturally God's life itself is also such. God's life is eternal because it is divine. In the whole universe, only God's life is both divine and eternal; therefore, only God's life is considered life.

Only the life that is both divine and eternal can be counted as life because life denotes something which is living, and all that is considered life must be something that is immortal. That which is immortal is unchangeable; it remains the same and continues living even after passing through any kind of blow or destruction. A life which is subject to death and change and is unable to suffer any blow or destruction is neither eternal, immortal, nor unchangeable, and therefore cannot be considered life. **That which is life must be something that lives forever and never changes.** Only that which is eternal can be such. Then, what is it that is eternal? Only that which is divine!.. Because only that which is divine is eternal and only that which is eternal can live eternally without change, only that which is both divine and eternal can be counted as life.

II. LIFE IS THE FLOWING OUT OF GOD

According to the divine and eternal nature of God Himself, God is life. But if God does not flow out, although in respect to Himself He is life, yet to us He is not life. **He must flow out; then He will be life to us.** His flowing out passes through two steps. **The first step** is His **becoming flesh**. This enables Him to flow out from heaven into the midst of men and manifest Himself as life (John 1:1, 14, 4). Therefore, the Bible speaks of this on the one hand as His being “manifested in the flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16), and on the other hand as the “life which was manifested” (1 John 1:2). Hence, when He was in the flesh, He said that He is life (John 14:6). Although in the first step of His flowing out He could manifest Himself as life to us, He could not be received by us as life; therefore, He must take **the second step** of flowing out. His second step of flowing out is His being nailed on the cross. Through death, the body of flesh which He took was broken, thus enabling Him to flow out from the flesh and **become the living water of life to be received by us** (John 19:34; 4:10, 14). The rock in the Old Testament typified Him; it was smitten, and from it came living water to be obtained by the people of Israel (Exo. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4). He became flesh in order that He may be a **grain of wheat** which contains life. He was crucified so that He could flow out from the husk of flesh into us—His many fruits— and become our life (John 12:24).

Thus, **the life we receive from God is the flowing out of God Himself.** This life **flowing into us**, from our side, is the flowing in of God, and from God's side, it is the **flowing out of God**. Then, when this life flows out of us, it is again the flowing out of God. **This flowing out of God began from His throne: first it flowed into Jesus the Nazarene; then it passed through the cross and flowed into the apostles; then it flowed out of the apostles as rivers of living water** (John 7:38); it has flowed through the saints of all ages, and eventually it has flowed into us. **Out from us it will flow to millions more and on to eternity, flowing forever without ceasing,** just as is spoken in Revelation 22:1-2 and John 4:14. (The Knowledge of Life - Ch 1, Section1)

Prayer burden

1. Lord we thank You that **life** has been **implanted in our spirit**, and we are still in the process of being deified. We turn our heart to You a heart that is pure toward You. Continue to feed us of the guileless milk and that solid food by constantly eating and drinking of You and also by the watering of the gifted members.
2. Lord **work within us** through our environment, by our failures and ugly self. Cause us to walk according to the Spirit, to enjoy and experience the designating Spirit to sanctify us, to transform us, to conform us and to glorify us.
3. Lord continue to **consume and daily put to death** our outer man to enable our inner man to grow, to develop, and, that we may share in Your resurrection in a practical way.
4. Lord, we look to You, behold You, and reflect You, opening to You the three layers of our being - our spirit, our heart, and our mouth. We **call upon Your name, "Lord Jesus"** to touch and enjoy You that we may sanctified, transformed and glorified.
5. Pray for the conference in **Winnipeg** on April 17 - 19, 2015. Pray also for the conference in **Edmonton** on April 24 - 26, 2015.
6. Pray for the growth and increase of the church in **Regina**. Pray for the Bible distribution on September in the University of Regina.

The most simple way to contact the Spirit is to call on the name of the Lord Jesus. The more we touch the Spirit, the more we enjoy resurrection and the more we are sanctified, transformed, and glorified.

This Week's Pursuit: The Vision and Experience of Christ In His Resurrection and Ascension

The Vision and Experience of Christ in His Resurrection (2)

The Seed of David Becoming the Son of God by Resurrection

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Rom. 1:1, 3-4; 8:28-30; Heb. 2:10-11; 1 Cor. 15:31, 36

I. The seed of David becoming the Son of God speaks of the process of Christ's being designated the firstborn Son of God by resurrection.

Romans 1:3-4 is the fulfillment of the prophecy in typology in 2 Samuel 7:12-14a, unveiling the mystery of God becoming man to make man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. By incarnation, Christ, the only begotten Son of God in His divinity (John 1:18), put on the flesh, the human nature, which had nothing to do with divinity; **in His humanity He was not the Son of God.** Jesus in His humanity was the seed of David, a human seed belonging to the old creation of God. When Christ died on the cross as the seed of David in His humanity, He crucified the old man with the old creation, destroyed the devil, condemned sin in the flesh, and judged the world. In resurrection His humanity was deified, sonized, meaning that He became the Son of God not only in His divinity but also in His humanity—Rom. 1:3-4. **In resurrection He was designated the Son of God, made the firstborn Son of God, possessing both divinity and humanity.**

According to His flesh, Christ was crucified, but in His resurrection God the Spirit as Christ's divinity was made strong, very active, to put divinity into the humanity of Christ to make it divine; this is what it means to designate, and this is to sonize. Christ's resurrection uplifted His humanity and put His divinity into this humanity; so by this resurrection His humanity was born again to be a part of the Son of God. The prototype is the firstborn Son of God, and the reproduction is the many sons of God, the members of the prototype to be His Body, which consummates in the New Jerusalem—1 Pet. 1:3.

II. The seed of David becoming the Son of God speaks of the process of our being designated the many sons of God by resurrection—Heb. 2:10-11.

Christ has already been designated the Son of God, but **we, the human seeds**, are still in the process of designation, the process of being sonized, deified—Rom. 8:28-29. **The life of the Son of God has been implanted into our spirit. Now we, like the seed that is sown into the earth, must pass through the process of death and resurrection—**John 12:24-26. This causes the outer man to be consumed, but it enables the inner life to grow, to develop, and ultimately, to blossom; this is resurrection. The more we grow in life for our transformation in life, the more we are designated the sons of God. **In order to grow, we need a heart turned to the Lord and a heart that is pure toward Him. In order to grow, we need to feed on the guileless milk and the solid food of the word. In order to grow, we need the watering of the gifted members.** Through all the things in our environment and by our failures, our ugly self is torn down, and the Lord has a greater opportunity to work within us—Rom. 8:28-29. In resurrection Christ in His humanity was designated the Son of God, and by means of such a resurrection we also are in the process of being designated sons of God... We urgently need to learn how to walk according to the Spirit, to enjoy and experience the designating Spirit—Rom. 8:4, 14. The more we touch the Spirit, the more we are sanctified, transformed, and glorified to become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem.

The more we grow in life and pass through the metabolic process of transformation, the more we are designated the sons of God. This metabolic process is the building up of the church as the Body of Christ and the house of God by the building of God into man and man into God. This building will consummate in the New Jerusalem as a great, corporate God-man, the aggregate, the totality, of all the sons of God— Rev. 21:7. One day this process will be completed, and for eternity we will be the same as Christ, God's firstborn Son, in our spirit and soul and body—1 Thes. 5:23.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Mar. 22 - Mar. 28, 2015	21	11	10		\$160.00
Mar. 29 - Apr. 04, 2015	23	11	11	18	\$275.00