



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“... I will build my church...”

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

May 2015 - Love Feast, May 10
 - Church Pursuit, May 18
 All-inclusive Christ Msg 13
 June 2015 - YP conference, June 14
 - Love Feast, June 14

Church Building

The vision that God has shown us is that we should be built together in the spirit and in life with all those who love Him with a pure heart to be His spiritual house so that we can be coordinated together to express the Body of Christ.

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

THE VISION OF THE CHURCH

THE HEART'S DESIRE OF GOD

We must see that the church is the heart's desire of God—the New Testament reveals it as such. God's desire in this age and in the whole universe is to have the church. His purpose in creation was to produce a church. His purpose in redemption was for the church. In fact, all that God does is for the church. All the work of gospel preaching, all the work of the edification of saints, all the work of teaching the Word—all these various ministries—are for the church... All works and ministries in God's intention must serve the church. **We are not saved for our own salvation. We are saved for the building up of the church.** The church is God's heart's desire. If we are deeply impressed with this, we can no longer be indifferent. The church will be supreme and primary to us.

THE PRACTICALITY OF THE CHURCH

Second, we must see that the church is very practical. It is not just a vision. It is not just a teaching or something in the heavens, but an intensely practical matter. We must have a practical church. We should not have a church in our thoughts, in teaching, or even in vision, but in practice. We all need to pray that we will see the practicality of the church. The New Testament does not give much doctrine concerning the church, but it does give us a full picture of the practice of the church. People today may have the doctrine of the church, but the Bible has the practice of the church... The church in Jerusalem in the early days was visible, real, and practical. The church in Antioch was visible, real, and practical. The church in every city today must also be visible, real, and practical. We cannot say that the church is invisible and for the future.

THE LOCALITY OF THE CHURCH

Third, we must see that the practical expression of the church must be local. Since it is practical, it must be local; it must be in the place where we are. If we would put the church into practice, if we would make it practical, we must have a local expression. There is no other way. Do not expect to have the church in a better place. **The place where you live is the right place. Wherever you go, wherever you are, is the right place to practice the church life.** The church life must be local. Any place, however pleasant from an earthly standpoint, is hell without a church. And on the contrary, any place with a church is heaven.

THE ONENESS OF THE CHURCH

Finally, we must see the oneness, the unique oneness of the church... There is only one proper ground for the church—the ground of the unique oneness... It must be the general ground which makes it possible for all the believers in one locality to gather as the one church in that place.

In the Bible we find the principle of **one church for each city**—no more, no less. In the entire New Testament this principle is never violated. Whenever a church in a certain city is mentioned, it is always in the singular number. Whenever reference is made to the churches, in the plural number, it is always in relation to an area or district that is larger than a city, such as a province. There is nothing in the Bible about street churches, school churches, churches in a home, or, on the other hand, national churches or world churches. There are only churches in cities. You may say that there are some instances recorded in the Bible of a church in a home. But if you read carefully, you will see that in every case these simply refer to the home in which the entire church in that city met. The boundary of the church is not limited to a home; neither is it expanded to a district or nation. In the Bible it is always according to the size of the city. A church that encompasses the whole city meets the qualification of the unique oneness.

We need to pray regarding these four points: (1) the church is God's **heart's desire**, (2) the church must be **practical**, (3) the church must be **local**, and (4) the church must have the definite **local ground of oneness**. We need to see this vision; otherwise, we will go astray. Regardless of how much we talk about the Body life or the church life, without this vision we will not know where we are. **We must see this vision, and we must be ready to pay the price, even the price of our life, for it. I can say with full assurance that until the day you are clear in this vision and settled with the saints upon the unique ground of oneness, your Christian life will never be settled. You will be continually wandering and changing your position.** Ask the Lord to give you a clear vision regarding the church. (The Vision of the Church)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we declared that we love You and we take heed of Your calling **to stand on the ground of ascension and to live in ascension**. You have won the victory and Your enemy has been destroyed. Continue to supply us with the riches of Your life so that we become Your “garden” to satisfy You; become Your dwelling place; the universal light; and a terrible army - Your **corporate overcomer**.
2. Lord, we realize that our old man has been crucified and it is no longer we who live, but You live in us. We live, act, move, and do **everything in our spirit**. Only when we sense that You are happy then and only then we do what we intend to do.
3. Lord, from the day we were saved, our **Christian life has been a life of warfare, our walk** is for the fulfillment of Your purpose, **our living** is for Your satisfaction, and **our fighting** is for the defeat of Your enemy. Empower us in the might of Your strength.
4. Lord, we depend upon You. You have already fought the battle and **won the victory**. We are here on earth simply to maintain Your victory. We are not to overcome the devil but **to resist him**; we are not to bind him but **not to let him be loosed**; we do not need to attack, simply **be on guard** and stand upon Your victory. We cooperate with You to bring in Your kingdom, the kingdom of God.
5. Lord prepare Your glorious church that will match You. Lord we pray ourselves into You. Lord remember the church in **Regina**.
6. Pray for the **Bible distribution** on September in the University of Regina.

Due to their education, many saints [believers] are able to understand the expressions used to convey spiritual things. They may grasp the thought without possessing the reality. They may understand the thought conveyed in words, but they may lack the reality to which the thought points. This reality is Christ Himself.

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

The Vision and Experience of Christ in His Ascension (3) Living with Christ in His Ascension as a New Creation in Resurrection to Engage in Spiritual Warfare for the Kingdom of God

Scripture Reading: S. S. 4:7-15; 6:4, 10; Eph. 2:6; 6:10-12; Rev. 12:10; 11:15

I. As those who love the Lord and seek Him, we are eventually called by our Beloved to live with Him in His ascension as a new creation in resurrection.

Christ expresses His appreciation of His lover to prepare her to receive His call to live with Him in His ascension as a new creation in resurrection. The new creation is only that which is in ascension and resurrection. Anyone who is in Christ and in His resurrection is a new creation. The matters of resurrection and the new creation are closely related to Christ's ascension. Actually, Christ's resurrection and ascension are one. If we are in His resurrection, we are also in His ascension.

Christ asks His lover as His bride to look with Him from His ascension (Lebanon), the highest place of the truth (Amana) and of Christ's victory in His fighting (Senir and Hermon), and from the heavenly places of His enemies (the lions' dens and the leopards' mountains)—S. S. 4:8. As one living in ascension as a new creation in resurrection, the lover of Christ becomes a garden to satisfy Christ—S. S. 4:12-15. The garden is enclosed, and there is a spring shut up, a fountain sealed, for Christ's private enjoyment. This indicates that, in experiencing Christ, **we, the seeking believers, must have something private, hidden, shut up, and sealed that is for Christ alone.**

The lover of Christ grows all kinds of plants in different colors as **different expressions of the inner life** and in a **variety of fragrances as the rich expression of the mature life**, producing fruits to nourish and refresh, giving forth sweet fragrances, and displaying beautiful colors for Christ's enjoyment— S. S. 4:13-14. The fountain in gardens and the well of living water of the life-giving Spirit are streams from the resurrection and ascension life (Lebanon); the fountain and the spring stream out from the overcomers, flowing out from what they are and from where they are— S. S. 15; John 7:38-39.

II. As we live with Christ in His ascension as a new creation in resurrection, we engage in spiritual warfare for the kingdom of God—S. S. 4:8; 6:4, 10:

In ascension we look with Christ “from the lions' dens, / From the leopards' mountains” S. S. 4:8b. The lions' dens and the leopards' mountains signify the heavenlies, where Satan and his subordinates (the lions and the leopards) are. The victory has been gained, but Satan and his evil forces are still in the heavenlies; **we must have our living in ascension, far above the evil powers**. Here we fight with Satan and his power of darkness by being empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength and by putting on the whole armor of God; this is the reality of living in the ascension of Christ.

Spiritual warfare is necessary because Satan's will is set against God's will; our fighting is to subdue the satanic will and defeat God's enemy—Matt. 6:10. In order to engage in spiritual warfare, we must maintain the position of ascension. The spiritual warfare mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-12 is based upon the position of ascension in 2:6. The position of ascension causes us to be victorious in battle because only in the position of ascension can we have heavenly authority and pray with authority to deal with God's enemy. Spiritual warfare is based on the victory of Christ; through death the Lord Jesus destroyed the devil, bringing him to nothing.

We engage in spiritual warfare to conquer the satanic chaos and triumph in the divine economy. The history of the universe is a history of God's economy and Satan's chaos. Satan is the source of chaos, and God Himself is the divine economy. Both in the Bible and in our experience, the satanic chaos always goes along with the divine economy. Instead of delivering us from chaos, **God wants us to be one with Him to conquer the destructive satanic chaos in the old creation and to carry out the constructive divine economy for the new creation. As we are suffering the chaos, we need to stand for and live out the divine economy.**

We need to engage in spiritual warfare for the divine building, the church as the Body of Christ; the building up of the church is a service of warfare. The purpose of spiritual warfare is to bring in the kingdom of God. Spiritual warfare is the warfare between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. The kingdom of God is the exercise of the divine will and the overthrowing of the power of Satan by the power of God. The work of the church is to bring in the kingdom of God, and through prayer the church must release the power of the kingdom of God upon the earth.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Apr. 19 - Apr. 25, 2015	19	10	9		\$220.00
Apr. 26 - May 02, 2015	19	11	11		\$140.00