



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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“...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.”

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

Sept. 2015 - **Moving to our new meeting place, Sept. 6, 2015 at 3860 Buckingham Drive, Regina, SK S4V 3A1**
 - Love Feast, Sept. 13
 - Pursuit, AIC Msg 14, Sept. 7

Church Building

“Consecrate ourselves to God in a practical way by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice to God.”

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

OUR VISION—Christ and the Church

Taking the Vision of Christ and the Church as the goal of our Service

The vision of Christ and the church is related not only to our personal growth in life but also to the building up of the church on earth. When we experience Christ as life, we can then have the growth in life. When we live the church life, the church can then be built up. Hence, each of us who serve the Lord must see the vision of Christ and the church. We need to see and live in such a vision. This vision should also become the goal of our service. It should be like a brightly shining lamp, and we should walk in its light. If we are serving the children in the church, we must help them to know Christ in their youth and to become materials for the building of the church, so that one day they too will be built up together. If we are serving the young people, then by the wisdom given to us by God, we should help them to receive Christ, so that they may become useful materials in the church to be the future deacons, elders, and evangelists. **If we have seen the vision of Christ and the church, the goal of all of our service will be to help others receive Christ as life, so that they may become proper materials who are built up in the church. In all of our services, we should exercise all wisdom to help people to gain Christ as life, so that they may become materials for the building and be built up as the spiritual house of God.** Brothers and sisters, this is our vision.

Taking Christ as Life and Entering into the Body of Christ

We know that the one book in the Scriptures which most clearly depicts the levels of our spiritual life is the book of Romans... Chapter twelve, continuing chapter eight, tells us that we have to **consecrate ourselves to God in a practical way by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice to God.** We live in our body, so we have to present our body to have a practical consecration. Chapter twelve goes on to say that we are one Body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. When we present our bodies, the Body of Christ is perfected and manifested.

In Romans 12 there are **two bodies**: our body and the Body of Christ. If we hold on to our body, the Body of Christ cannot be perfected. If we want to build up the Body of Christ, we must present our body. The question is, do we intend to keep our own body, or do we desire to build up the Body of Christ? If we hold on to our own body, there cannot be the Body of Christ. If we hold on to our self, there cannot be the church. **To have the church, we must let go of our self. We must present our body a living sacrifice. Only then can we become members of the Body of Christ in practicality, and only then will gifts and functions be manifested in us.**

Some have been saved for many years, yet there is no function or gift manifested in them. This is because they are not willing to present their bodies; they are not willing to live in the Body of Christ. Romans 12 shows us that even things in our daily life, such as showing mercy and loving the brothers, are gifts. You may not be able to preach the word, and you may not appear to know much, but if you are considerate toward others and have a heart to love the brothers, these are also gifts. Romans 12 joins the spiritual life and spiritual gifts together. The apostle mentions various gifts, including prophesying as prophets, serving as deacons, teaching, exhorting, giving, leading, showing mercy, and loving the brothers. He tells us that all these are gifts. Not only prophesying, teaching, and leading are gifts, but even giving, showing mercy, and loving the brothers are gifts. All these are spiritual gifts as well as aspects of the spiritual living. **The Spirit shows us here that when we present our bodies, the result is that all these gifts, functions, will be manifested in the Body of Christ, which is the church, for the building up of the Body of Christ.** (Our Vision - Christ and the Church chapter 1, section 3)

Prayer burden

1. Lord, we praise You that through and in Your resurrection, You became the **life-giving Spirit** to **impart** Your life and to **enter** into us to **flow out** as rivers of living water.
2. Lord, thank You that today we can see by Your enlightenment **the compound Spirit**, *the pneumatic Christ* for our **metabolic transformation** by the **renewing of our mind**, into Your image, from one degree of glory to a higher degree of glory.
3. Lord You are **the eternal life**. The One that has been heard, beheld, touched, handled, the embodiment of the Triune God. Now, You're **moving** within us to **anoint** us with eternal life so that we can live a life that practices the divine righteousness, practices the divine love, and overcomes the world, death, sin, the devil, and idols.
4. Lord we thank You for Your **ordination**, giving us the **gift of repentance** to accept and receive You. Thank You for Your righteous act on the cross for us to be justified that we may **receive eternal life** and to **walk in the newness of life**.
5. Lord we need the **abundant grace** and **gift of righteousness** for us to be the seeking ones, the overcomers, **to reign in life**, to **forsake all** for You that we may **inherit eternal life** as reward in the coming age in the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens.
6. Pray for the church in **Regina**. Pray for the **Bible distribution** in September 9, 2015 at the University of Regina. Pray for the upcoming **blending** with saints in **Saskatoon**.
7. Thank the Lord for giving us a **new meeting place**. *“And the word of God grew, and the number of the disciples in Regina multiplied greatly; and a large number of the chosen obeyed the faith”*

The overcoming believers reign by the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness in eternal life.

This Week's Pursuit: THE MAIN CONTENTS OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY

The Life-giving and Compound Spirit and the Divine Life in Christ

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 3:14; Phil. 1:19; 1 John 5:11-12

I. “The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit”—1 Cor. 15:45b:

Through and in His resurrection, Christ as the last Adam became **the life-giving Spirit** to **impart life** and to **enter** into His believers to **flow out** as rivers of living water.

The life-giving Spirit is **the consummated Spirit**, the consummation of the processed and consummated Triune God.

The consummated Spirit is the Triune God after He has passed through the process of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection. The process through which the Triune God has passed to become the Spirit is an economical, not essential, matter. *Processed* refers to the steps through which the Triune God has passed in the divine economy; *consummated* indicates that the process has been completed; and *the consummated Spirit* implies that the Spirit of God has been processed and has become the consummated Spirit.

Before the Lord Jesus was crucified and resurrected, **the consummated Spirit** was “not yet”. The Spirit of God was there from the beginning (Gen. 1:2), but the Spirit as “the Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9), “the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:19), was “not yet” at the time of John 7:39, because the Lord Jesus was not yet glorified. **The Lord Jesus** was glorified when He was resurrected, and through this glorification the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Jesus Christ. **The last Adam**, who was Christ in the flesh, became the life-giving Spirit in resurrection; since then, the Spirit of Jesus Christ has both divine and human elements, including the reality of the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ.

The consummated Spirit was breathed as the holy breath into the disciples by the Son in resurrection. The Gospel of John reveals that Christ became flesh to be the Lamb of God and that in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit; thus, in His resurrection He breathed Himself as the consummated Spirit into the disciples. It is as the Spirit that He was breathed into His disciples, that He can live in the disciples and they can live by Him and with Him, and that He can abide in them and they can abide in Him. The Christ who breathed Himself into the disciples is the life-giving Spirit.

The life-giving Spirit is **the compound Spirit**, typified by the compound anointing ointment with its ingredients.

1. Olive oil signifies the Spirit of God with divinity.
2. Myrrh signifies the precious death of Christ.
3. Cinnamon signifies the sweetness and effectiveness of Christ's death.
4. Calamus signifies the precious resurrection of Christ.
5. Cassia signifies the repelling power of Christ's resurrection.

The life-giving Spirit is **the Lord Spirit**, the pneumatic Christ, for the metabolic transformation of the believers and for the growth and building up of the Body of Christ. Without Christ being the life-giving Spirit, we cannot experience anything of God in His economy.

II. “God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life”— 1 John 5:11b-12:

The life of the Triune God—the eternal life—is embodied in Christ; this life is in Christ. Because the eternal life is in the Son (v. 4) and the Son is the life (11:25; 14:6; Col. 3:4), the Son and the life are one, inseparable; hence, he who has the Son has the life, and he who does not have the Son does not have the life. The eternal life is the life that is not only everlasting but also eternal both in time and in nature. The eternal life is the **uncreated** life of God, the **indestructible** life, and the **incorruptible** life. Christ is the Author of this life, and the Spirit of God is of this life.

The eternal life is the life with which the believers are regenerated and which becomes the believers' life, making the believers the children of God and the members of Christ.

God gives His chosen people repentance unto eternal life and has appointed, ordained, them to receive eternal life. **Christ saves** His believers subjectively in eternal life. **The believers** walk in newness of eternal life. Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life. **The overcoming believers** reign by the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness in eternal life.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP/ HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Aug. 09 - Aug. 15, 2015	14	11	11		\$120.00
Aug. 16 - Aug. 22, 2015	20		11		\$100.00