



The Church in Regina Weekly Newsletter

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"I labored more abundantly...yet not I but the grace of God which is with me."

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Table Meeting: Lord's Day
 - 3860 Buckingham Drive
 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 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

Nov. 2015 - Love Feast, Nov 8
 - Pursuit, Nov 11, AIC, Msg. 16
 - Churching (TBF)
 Dec. 2015 - Children's Fun Day, Dec 6
 - Love Feast, Dec 13

Church Building

"to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift 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 GRACE-MINISTERING SERVICE

I. ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST BEING GIFTED

Romans 12:6a says that **we all have gifts which differ** according to the grace given to us. This shows that all the members of the Body of Christ are gifted.

II. EVERY MEMBER HAVING BEEN GIVEN GRACE

According to Ephesians 4:7 and Romans 12:6b **every member has been given grace.**

III. ALL THE MEMBERS BEING STEWARDS OF THE VARIED GRACE OF GOD

According to 1 Peter 4:10, all the members are **the stewards of the varied or manifold grace** of God... The New Testament shows us that to serve the saints with a cup of cold water is also an aspect of grace. To clean the meeting hall and prepare the chairs for the saints to sit on is another aspect of grace. If a brother is very bothered by a certain situation, and I go to pray with him, that is still another aspect of grace. God's grace is manifold.

... Every service is an aspect of grace ministered by the saints to one another. Thus, **all the saints as members of the Body of Christ are stewards of the manifold grace of God.** On the one hand, we are members of the Body of Christ, and on the other hand, we are stewards of God. **Stewards** are persons who have the commission to minister the rich supply to others. A **steward** is one who always supplies others with certain needs, so we have to help the saints realize that every brother and every sister today in the church life as a member of Christ should be a **steward of God assigned by God, commissioned by God, charged by God**, with some aspect of His grace to minister to others for their supply.

IV. THE SERVICE IN THE CHURCH BEING THE FUNCTION OF THE MEMBERS WITH GRACE

The practical service in the church, such as maintaining the meeting hall by arranging the chairs, cleaning the windows, mowing the lawn, and trimming the trees, is the function of the members with grace. While you mow the lawn, you may minister grace to others who are cutting the grass with you.

V. GRACE BEING GOD EMBODIED IN CHRIST AS OUR ENJOYMENT

Grace is God embodied in Christ as our enjoyment. Every member has to experience Christ as this grace. In whatever we do to serve in a practical way, grace is with us, and this grace will go out to reach others. This means we minister grace to others in our service.

VI. TO SERVE IN THE CHURCH BEING TO MINISTER CHRIST AS GRACE TO OTHERS

Regardless of what we do to serve practically, if we really do it in spirit, surely grace is with us. Then by our doing we will minister Christ as grace to others. First, we need to experience the grace of Christ in our own circumstances. Then we minister grace to others through our service. ...In order for us to experience Christ as grace, God always gives us certain kinds of circumstances. **Sufferings and trials are often ordained by the Lord for us that we may experience Christ as grace...** Under certain God-ordained circumstances, we experience grace and accumulate grace to have a storage of grace in our Christian life. Then when we serve, we have something as grace to minister to others.

VII. THE GOAL OF OUR SERVICE

The goal of our service is not to accomplish things, even with something such as vacuuming the floor. Our goal is to **infuse others with Christ as grace.** We can infuse one another with grace while we are serving together. **There should be no gossip, murmuring, criticism, or vain talk. Our talk should be our fellowship with grace to infuse one another.** We need to have grace to minister to others. Actually, our goal is not to keep a clean hall, but to minister Christ as grace to others. (Basic Lesson on Service, chapter 12, section 2)

Prayer burden

1. Lord we thank you that we can experience the reality of the “**breastplate of judgement**” in the church. Lord, judge whatever is of the flesh, the self, the old man, and the world to clear the way for us to **know Your leading**.
2. Lord, as we consider the “**breastplate on Aaron’s heart**” we realize that we are not in our hardship, difficulties, or problems - we are on Your heart, we are comforted being **borne upon Your loving heart**.
3. Lord, we open our whole being, make us transparent for Your **engraving** through our enjoyment and experiences of You that we may become **living letters**, shine through us that others will be able to read You as our content **inscribed into our being**.
4. Lord, we confess we are so short of You, many times the “**stones on the breastplate with the Urim and Thummim**” become dark showing our negative situations, however, we praise You for exposing us that we may be **able to know what You want** and **follow Your leading**.
5. Lord, lead and speak to us through the church, today’s “breastplate of judgement,” continue to transform us and make us transparent to receive more of Your **inscribing alphabet**, making us **full of Christ** and also receive more of the **completing alphabet** for our **completion**.
6. Lord, reveal **what we should do** through the church, by the church, and with the church so that we may fully experience the **reality of the breastplate**.
7. Pray for our **small group / home meetings**.

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This Weeks’s Pursuit: The Recovery of the Priesthood for God’s Building

The Central and Ultimate Point of the Priesthood

Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:15-30

I. According to Exodus 28:15-30, the breastplate of judgment is the central item of the priestly garments and the central and ultimate point of the priesthood.

The main purpose of the **breastplate of judgment** was **for God’s leading**. The breastplate typifies the church, and if we do not know the church, we do not know what God’s leading is; actually, God’s leading and the church are one. The breastplate was called the breastplate of judgment because from it man found his solutions; when the high priest went into God’s presence with the breastplate, God’s light shined, certain stones became dark, and God’s will was fully manifested.

II. The twelve precious stones on the breastplate, on which the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were engraved, signify all the redeemed and transformed people of God built together to become one entity—Exo. 28:17-21:

The twelve precious stones set in gold symbolize the saints as transformed precious stones built together in the divine nature of Christ to become one entity, the church as Christ’s Body. Therefore, the breastplate is a miniature of the building up of God’s people, indicating that the believers in Christ are distinct individuals but are not divided. Precious stones are not created but are formed by the transforming of created things; this signifies that the church is produced by transformation, from something natural into something divine. As components of the church, the believers, who were created of dust, must be transformed in their human nature by and with the divine nature through the working of the Spirit to become precious stones for God’s eternal building; the Christian life is a life of transformation—daily God is seeking to transform us.

III. The engraving of the names of the twelve tribes on the precious stones corresponds to the inscribing of Christ into the believers’ hearts, making them living letters of Christ, with Christ as the content—2 Cor. 3:3:

Christ is inscribed into the believers through their experience of Him and by the inscribing of the New Testament ministry. If we are not transformed and transparent and if we have not been inscribed with the Spirit of the living God along with Christ as the content, but are merely opaque stones without any letters inscribed into us, it will be impossible for God to speak through us.

IV. After the Urim and Thummim were put into the breastplate, it became not only a memorial but also a breastplate of judgment—Exo. 28:30:

Urim means “**lights, illuminators**”, **Thummim** means “**perfecters, completers**”. In the New Testament, the reality of the Urim and the Thummim is the mingled spirit—the unveiling Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, indwelling our receiving spirit, our regenerated human spirit... God’s speaking today through the church with Christ as the Illuminator (Urim) and Perfecter (Thummim) requires the building up of the church with the believers as transformed, transparent precious stones who have been inscribed with Christ as the letters of the spiritual alphabet and the bearing of the church on the hearts of the leading ones.

V. The breastplate of judgment for God’s leading was like a heavenly, divine, and spiritual typewriter, and His way of speaking through the breastplate with the Urim and the Thummim is the opposite of what we would expect:

God speaks **not** through the stones that are shining **but** through stones that become dark; this means that God speaks through negative situations; because the Lord’s speaking by the breastplate of judgment is through negative situations, that speaking is a judgment; it is the revelation of the Lord’s mind concerning His people.

We **need to be transformed and transparent**; then Christ as the spiritual alphabet must be inscribed into us clearly and definitely. Just as God could not speak through the breastplate unless the stones had been inscribed with letters, so God cannot speak through His redeemed people unless they have been inscribed with Christ. Because there is a shortage of transformation, transparency, inscribing, and enlightening, we need to pray that we may become transparent, have more of Christ inscribed into us, and experience more enlightening.

The fact that Christ is the spiritual alphabet for both inscription and completion indicates that He is inexhaustible; although we may enjoy His inscription, there is still something more of Him that we need for completion. **The breastplate is the building up of the Body life and the means for us to know God’s will concerning His people**; then we will receive the Lord’s judgment **of what we have to do or what we must not do**; we will know the Lord’s way, and the whole church will go on according to the judgment given by the Lord. We need to pray that every local church would become a breastplate according to the picture in Exodus 28.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE ATTENDANCE	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	GROUP / HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Oct. 04 - Oct. 10, 2015	24	12	14		\$205.00
Oct. 11 - Oct. 17, 2015	20	11	13	5	\$