

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## The Definition of the Three Parts of Man (1):

In order to accurately and adequately define the spirit, soul, and body we must first identify the sphere in which each part functions. **First** and most crucial is **the spirit**, the faculty that enables man to communicate with God. With his human spirit, man can worship God, serve God, and know God intuitively. **Second**, the **soul** is that part which forms the personality of man and enables him to contact and function within the psychological realm. Finally, the physical **body** with its five senses enables man to relate to and communicate with the physical world. We will now examine each of these three parts in detail to see how they are defined throughout Scripture (Watchman Nee, Christian 9-10).

### THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Our human spirit is also composed of three parts: the conscience, fellowship, and intuition. The **conscience** is that part which enables us to perceive right from wrong and which, accordingly, either condemns or justifies us. Through the **fellowship**, we are able to contact God and commune with Him. Finally, through the **intuition** God imparts to us a direct, particular sense or knowledge which is independent of reason, circumstance, situation, or precedent. These three faculties of the spirit: conscience, fellowship, and intuition are clearly described in Scripture.

### First and most crucial is the spirit

The primary, leading part of the spirit is the **conscience**. In Romans 9:1 Paul testified, *“My conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit.”* When this passage is compared to Romans 8:16, *“The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit,”* it becomes apparent that the conscience is located within the human spirit. The Spirit of God witnesses with our human spirit, yet at the same time our conscience witnesses with the Holy Spirit. By association, then, the conscience must be part of the human spirit.



### The Parts of the Spirit

The Scriptures likewise reveal that the **fellowship** pertains to the spirit. Christ Himself told us that *“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness”* (John 4:24). Worshipping God is altogether a matter of contacting God in fellowship. Furthermore, Ephesians 6:18 mentions *“praying at every time in spirit,”* another form of fellowship with God. Based on these verses we can conclude that fellowship is a component of the human spirit.

### Worshipping God is altogether a matter of contacting God in fellowship

Finally, we must see in the Scriptures that the **intuition** is also a part of the spirit. First Corinthians 2:11 says, *“For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which is in him?”* This verse shows us that **there are things which only the spirit of man knows, and which the soul is unable to know**. This function of our intuition has the capacity to know and discern apart from human reason or circumstantial experience. For example, in the gospel of Mark the scribes were silently reasoning within their hearts about the Lord’s statement, *“Child, your sins*

*are forgiven.”* In response to their reasoning, *“immediately Jesus, knowing fully in His spirit that they were reasoning this way within themselves, said to them, Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts”* (2:8). This verse further illustrates that **the spirit can have an inner sense and knowledge independent of the reason** or outward circumstances upon which the soul’s discernment relies so heavily. This spiritual sense, or intuition, is an essential faculty of the human spirit (Witness Lee, Economy 56-59).

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### Meeting Schedule:

#### Lord’s Table Meeting

Lord’s Day  
10:00AM to 12:00PM

#### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Saints Homes  
8:00PM to 9:00PM

#### YP Meeting

Fridays  
7:00PM to 9:00PM  
Brother Hedrick’s Place

#### Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening  
Saint’s Home

### Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA February 12-14, 2016
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring) Anaheim, CA - April 8-10, 2016
3. Memorial Day Conference Washington, DC May 27-30, 2016
4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA - July 4-9, 2016
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall) Gold Coast, Australia - October 6-8, 2016
6. Thanksgiving Conference San Jose, CA - November 24-27, 2016
7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA - December 26-31, 2016

### Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ April 29 - May 01, 2016 - Conference in Winnipeg and Edmonton
- ▶ May 08, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ May 23, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life Message 4
- ▶ May 29, 2016 - Children’s Fun Day

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, we praise You for showing us the **ground of the church**, the ground which is the **site of locality** in which the church is established and we thank You for saving us from today's chaotic situation.
2. Lord, open us some more that we may see that the local ground of the church is basically the **unique oneness** of the Body of Christ in the whole universe **practiced** in the local churches in each locality.
3. Lord, strengthen us and make us **diligent** to keep the **oneness of the Spirit**. We are one organic Body in the divine oneness - in the divine nature, element, essence, expression, function, and testimony.
4. Lord, we acknowledge that all believers scattered in many localities are the components of the Body of Christ. Today we stand according to the pattern set up and ordained by You to have one unit as a **local expression** of Your Body in each locality and to maintain **proper fellowship** in the Body with the other local churches.
5. Lord, **command blessing** in the local churches, where we meet together, fellowship with each other, and love one another. Lord give us the sense of the **sweet flow of the Spirit**, to sense of strengthening within, the watering, the refreshing, the comforting and empowering.
6. Lord, we thank You that by **Your mercy**, we have chosen to take the narrow way of the cross and to stand on the ground of oneness and to **maintain this oneness** by life, in life and with life.
7. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:
  - a) Grant us more light to see the precious oneness of the Body in each locality. To simply stay in the church where the Lord has placed us.
  - b) To receive the sufficient grace - the moving of the oil as the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the dew as the grace of our Lord Jesus.

*“There is one unique Body of Christ in the universe, and there is one unique local church in each locality; this unique oneness is the basic element of the church life”*

**This Weeks’s Pursuit: The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today**

**The Local Ground of the Church**

Scripture Reading: Matt. 16:18; 18:17; Acts 8:1; 13:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Rev. 1:11

**I. The ground of the church is the key to knowing the church in today's chaotic situation; in order to know the church, we must recognize the ground of the church—Matt. 16:18; 18:17.**

**II. We need to know the difference between the ground of the church and the foundation of the church—1 Cor. 1:2; 3:10:**

The foundation is the lowest part of a building; the ground is the base, the site, where the building is placed. Since the church is the dwelling place of God, the building of God, it needs not only a foundation but also a ground, a site; this site is the locality in which the church is established.

**III. The ground is much more important to a local church than its condition—1 Cor. 1:2, 11-13:**

Condition is relative and may change, but the ground is absolute and cannot be altered. The assessment of a church should never be based on its spiritual condition but on its ground. Whether a church is proper, or genuine, does not depend on the condition of the church but on the ground of the church.

**IV. The local ground of the church is basically the unique oneness of the Body of Christ practiced in the local churches—Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:2; 12:27:**

Both the universal Body of Christ and the local churches are uniquely one. The Body is universal, and this universal Body has only one expression in a city; thus, there should be only one church in a city. There is one unique Body of Christ in the universe, and there is one unique local church in each locality; this unique oneness is the basic element of the church life.

The organic Body is undivided and indivisible; this unique Body is expressed in many local churches in the divine oneness as it is with the Triune God and in the divine nature, element, essence, expression, function, and testimony. There are many local churches, yet they all have one divine nature, one divine element, one divine essence, one divine expression, one divine function, and one divine testimony because they are one Body.

**V. According to the divine revelation in the New Testament, the church ground is constituted of three crucial elements:**

The **first element** of the constitution of the church ground is the unique oneness of the universal Body of Christ, which is called **“the oneness of the Spirit”** (Eph. 4:3). Since the oneness of the Body of Christ is the oneness of the Spirit, the oneness practiced in a local church must be in the move of the Spirit and under the government of the Spirit.

The **second element** of the church ground is the **unique ground of the locality** in which a local church is established and exists. In the New Testament the proper ground of oneness ordained by God is the unique ground of one church for one locality. The New Testament presents a clear picture that all the local churches—as the expression of the universal church, the universal Body of Christ—are located in their respective cities.

The **third element** of the church ground is the **reality of the Spirit of oneness**, that is, the reality of the Spirit, who is the living reality of the Divine Trinity:

1. It is by this Spirit that the oneness of the Body of Christ becomes real and living.
2. It is by this Spirit that the ground of locality is applied in life and not in legality.
3. It is by this Spirit that the genuine ground of the church is linked with the Triune God—Eph. 4:3-6.

**VI. We need to see that the ground of the church, the genuine ground of oneness, is intrinsically related to life—Psa. 133:1, 3; 36:8-9:**

The eternal life of God is commanded by God as a blessing to those who dwell together in oneness in the church life. Life is the essence of oneness; without life, there can be no oneness. The oneness in God's economy, the great oneness revealed in entirety in the Scriptures, can be preserved only by life. The only way that oneness can be maintained is by life, in life, and with life—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11; 12:4-5; 15:6.

**VII. In the Lord's recovery, we take the lead to stand on the unique ground of the church, the genuine ground of oneness—Matt. 16:18; 18:17:**

First Corinthians 1:2 speaks of the church at Corinth—this shows the locality of Corinth for the existence, expression, and practice of the church; such a locality becomes the local ground of the local churches on which they are built respectively; thus, the church in Corinth was built on the ground of the city of Corinth. The practice of the church life in the early days was the practice of having one church for one city, one city with only one church; in no city was there more than one church. This is the local church with the city, not the street or area, as the unit. The jurisdiction of a local church should cover the whole city in which the church is located; it should not be greater or lesser than the boundary of the city.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
April 10 - April 16, 2016	21	11	12	6	\$220.00
April 17 - April 23, 2016	20	11	10	6	\$120.00