

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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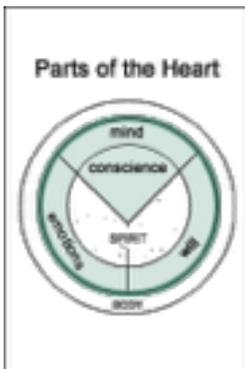
## The Definition of the Three Parts of Man (3):

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 Body

The body of man with its five senses is that part which contacts the physical world. This physical body as man's **outward frame** is God's provision for his existence; without it man would be unable to exist in the material realm. Originally, man was created with a pure, undefiled body. But due to man's fall his body was changed in nature, transmuted, thus becoming the fallen flesh full of lust. Hence, man's body is a corrupted body as Paul observed in Romans 7:18, "*For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells*" (Witness Lee, Basic 41)

### The Heart – A Composition of the Soul and the Conscience (The Leading Part of the Spirit)



Man's heart, as revealed throughout Scripture, is a composition of all the parts of the soul as well as of the primary part of the spirit, namely the **conscience**. It may strike the reader as odd to hear that the heart is not a separate and distinct component of man, but rather a composition of several other parts. Nevertheless, the Bible clearly indicates, as outlined below, that all three components of the soul—the **mind**, **will**, and **emotion**—also comprise the heart, together with the leading part of the spirit—the **conscience**.

In order to see that the **mind** is a part of the heart, we must read Genesis 6:5: "And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Furthermore, as Matthew 9:4 reports, "*Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts?*" Both "thoughts" and "thinking" relate to the mind, evidence that the mind, as a part of the soul, is simultaneously a part of the heart.

### The Parts of the Heart

To identify the **will** as pertaining to the heart, we must consult Acts 11:23: "*Who, when he arrived and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart.*" In addition, the second half of Hebrews 4:12 speaks of the Word's ability to discern, "*the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*" Both "purpose" and "intentions" are functions of the will, indicating that the will, likewise, is part of the heart.

Several other portions of the Word prove that the **emotion** is part of the heart. In John 16:6, the Lord tells His disciples, "But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart." Later in that same chapter, the Lord continues, "Therefore you also now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you." Since sorrow and rejoicing, human emotions, are so evidently linked here to the heart, we can say that man's emotional faculty is also part of the heart. The scriptural references cited in the above three paragraphs clearly demonstrate that the soul with its three parts (mind, will, and emotion) is a key component of the heart.

Finally, the Word makes it clear that the leading part of the spirit (the **conscience**) is also integrally related to the heart. Hebrews 10:22 strongly links these two: "*Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.*" Additionally, 1 John 3:20 warns, "*Because if our heart blames us, it is because God is greater than our heart and knows all things.*" Blame and condemnation are the primary functions of the conscience, further proof that our conscience is part of our heart. In summary, it is the conscience, along with the three parts of the soul, that compose man's heart (Witness Lee, Economy 59-61).

### Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ May 08, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ May 23, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life Message 4
- ▶ May 29, 2016 - Children's Fun Day

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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

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, we want to **know Your heart** and be a person according to Your heart. We want to walk about in the spacious land, full of Your unsearchable riches so we can have the **temple church life**.
2. Lord, make us the **living stones** for the material of Your temple. **Establish** us, build us up and make us solid for your kingdom.
3. Lord we want to go on, from the **tabernacle** church life to the **temple** church life. Deliver us from the **wilderness** of our soul to the reality of the **good land** in our spirit.
4. Lord, we want to be people who care only for Your **interest** and **profit**. Save us from self-seeking nor any thought of self-gain. We want to be **Nazarites** who allow no razor to come upon our heads, nor drink any wine, and absolute for You.
5. Please pray for **Germany**:
  - a) Lord, we pray for the saints in Frankfurt and Main, Germany, who will take the ground and commence the Lord's table on Lord's Day, **May 15, 2016**. This is for Your testimony of victory and is a real glory to You Lord and a shame to the enemy.
  - b) Lord would firmly establish Your lampstand and provide a strong advancement in the church life in Frankfurt.
  - c) Lord, remember those who are migrating to Germany, may this flow of migration will continue for the strengthening of the churches and for the bearing of remaining fruit among local Germans and the refugees.
6. Please pray for **Thessaloniki**, Greece: Lord we pray for the conference on **May 20-22, 2016**. Lord, use this conference to solidify those whom You have gained and even bring other seeking ones who would join themselves for Your eternal purpose.
7. Please pray for the church in Regina: Lord, remember our small group meetings and home meeting. We pray for our contacts that they can be added to the church.

*“Do you now know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”*

**This Weeks’s Pursuit: THE CHURCH AS THE TEMPLE OF GOD— THE GOAL OF GOD’S ETERNAL ECONOMY**

**Going On with the Lord from the Tabernacle Church Life to the Temple Church Life**

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 43:10-12; John 14:23; Phil. 3:12-14; Isa. 66:1-2; 57:15; Eph. 2:21-22

**I. The meaning of the name Habakkuk (“embracing,” or “clinging to”) reveals that God became a man in Christ to embrace us, to gain us, so that we might cling to Him and gain Him; Christ has gained us that we might gain Him so that He can be built into us and we can be built into Him to be a corporate God-man, the new man, the church as the temple**

**II. The work behavior, and person of God’s person must match the church as the house of God, according to His design and pattern—Ezek. 43:10-12:**

Since God’s building is the processed Triune God building Himself into us, we need to be **perfected** in the church life by the perfected saints, who cooperate with the transforming Spirit to perfect others with the attributes of the Triune God for their transformation.

Since God’s house is **spiritual**, we must be people who are filled with the Spirit, live by the Spirit, walk by the Spirit, serve by the Spirit, walk according to the spirit, worship in our spirit, serve in our spirit, and overflow with the Spirit to minister the Spirit. Since God’s house is His heart’s desire, we must be not only His **friends** but also His companions, who have the most personal and intimate contact with Him, to be used by Him to carry out His enterprise on earth.

**III. The tabernacle and the temple typify two aspects of the church.**

First Kings 8:1-11 shows that the **tabernacle** was merged with the temple; the tabernacle was a portable precursor moving through the wilderness, whereas the temple was the consummation of God’s building in typology.

The **temple** as the enlargement of the tabernacle signifies the **strengthening** and **stabilizing** of the church, and the renewing and enlargement of the furniture in the temple signify the renewing and enlargement of the saints’ experience of Christ. This indicates that although Christ Himself (signified by the Ark) cannot be enlarged, our experience of Christ in all His riches, as signified by the temple and its furnishings and utensils, should be greatly increased and enlarged to match His enlarged expression.

**IV. The Lord within us is aspiring to go on from the tabernacle church life in the wilderness of the soul to the temple church life with Christ as the reality of the good land in our spirit; in order to enter into the reality of the temple church life, we must see the history of the Ark and the tabernacle—Heb. 6:1a; Josh. 3:14-17; Deut. 8:7-9; Eph. 2:21-22; Col. 1:12; 2:6-7:**

To bring out the Ark was to bring out the presence of God; the move of the Ark was a picture of God’s move on the earth in Christ as His embodiment; during Israel’s fighting with the Philistines, God did not intend to move; in principle, we do the same thing whenever we pray for our prosperity without any consideration of God’s economy; instead of usurping God, we should **pray, live, and be persons** according to God’s heart and for His economy.

**V. In the midst of Israel’s degradation, God raised up Samuel to be a person in whom God’s heart was duplicated and who cared only for God and for God’s interest and profit; God raised up Samuel to gain David and, through David, to gain Solomon for the building up of His temple—1 Sam. 1:27-28; 2:30; 3:1-4, 9-10:**

►Samuel was a Nazarite **consecrated** to God absolutely for the fulfillment of His economy, a volunteer to replace any formal serving ones of God. Samuel was a priest faithful to act on behalf of God, even to appoint and establish kings for the divine government on earth.

**VI. The history of the Ark and the tabernacle prefigures the history of the church:**

After Solomon finished the building of the temple in Jerusalem, the Ark was moved into the **Holy of Holies** in the temple; today in His recovery the Lord is working to bring us into the reality of the Body of Christ as the **temple church life** with a corporate living in our spirit.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
April 24 - April 30, 2016	22	11	12		\$320.00
May 01 - May 07, 2016	21	11	12	6	\$160.00