



# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## CONSECRATING OURSELVES FOR THE BUILDING OF GOD

In the Epistles the apostles wrote that God desires a house. The Epistle to the Romans is concerning the Christian life, but chapter 12 is concerning the Body in coordination. All the saved ones need to become one Body in Christ and be coordinated as members one of another (vv. 4-5). According to man's view, a believer who is spiritual is one who experiences chapters 1 through 8; that is, after believing, he advances to living in the spirit and walking according to the spirit (8:4). However, after chapter 8 the apostle revealed the **Body of Christ** in chapter 12. In this chapter he exhorted the saints in Rome to consecrate themselves, that is, **to present their bodies a living sacrifice**, for the realization of the Body of Christ (v. 1). Chapter 12 speaks of the human body and the Body of Christ. It seems as though a believer who is spiritual because he lives in the spirit and walks according to the spirit has reached the peak of the Christian life. However, this is still not adequate. He needs to **experience consecration**. He needs **to present himself as a spiritual person, that is, as a person living in the spirit and walking according to the spirit. He needs to present his body so that he can be a member for the building up of the Body of Christ**. God is focused on the Body of Christ. His desire is that we present our bodies to accomplish the building up of the Body of Christ.

## BEING MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER TO BECOME ONE BODY

What does it mean to be members of the Body? Suppose a brother and I are both capable. He can run, and I can run. He can speak, and I can speak. He can do everything, and I can do everything. In this situation neither of us is a member. He is an individual, and I am also an individual. Since we each have a body, we can do everything by ourselves without relying on each other. However, a hand can do only what a hand is meant to do. It must depend on other members to do other things. The hand needs the mouth as well as the feet. Likewise, the mouth needs the hands as well as the feet. Every member needs all the other members.

Being a member is not a matter of doctrine. Being a member is **a matter of our seeing and of our consciousness**. It is not useful to merely understand the doctrine of being a member. Have we seen that we are a member, and are we conscious of being a member, or do we still consider ourselves to be a body? A body can do everything and knows how to do everything. It can run, it can gesture, it can speak, it can hear, and it can see. A body is all-capable. In contrast, **a member can function only according to what it is**. The hand is the hand, the eye is the eye, the ear is the ear, and the foot is the foot. First Corinthians 12:21 says, "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." This is what it means to be members one of another.

Every believer is but a member. You may be as small as a little finger, or you may be as big as an arm. No matter what you are, you are simply a member, and as such, you need to be coordinated with other members. Every believer must mature to the extent that he cannot be separated from other believers.

God's intention is for us to be members one of another and thereby become one Body. God does not want people merely to be saved or to be spiritual. He wants much more. He wants people to become members of the Body of Christ and of His household. He wants people to be saved and believers to be spiritual so that they may become the Body, which is also His house. The church is the Body and the house of God. To Christ, the church is His Body; to God, the church is His house. This is what God desires. **We must see this in order to have the consciousness that we are merely members who need other saints. We need to be coordinated together. We cannot be independent Christians, nor can we be individualistic**. God wants a house, and we need this house. Christ wants a Body, and we need this Body. We must have such a clear vision of this need and a strong consciousness of this need.

### This Week's Pursuit: SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH (Msg 6)

#### The Basis of Service—the Fire from the Altar

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:29; Dan. 7:9-10; Luke 12:49-50; Rev. 4:5; Exo. 3:2, 4, 6; Lev. 6:13 (Hymns 589)

#### I. God is a consuming fire - Heb. 12:29; Deut. 4:24; 9:3:

As the burning One, God is holy; holiness is His nature, and whatever does not correspond with His holy nature He, as the consuming fire, will consume. In Daniel 7:9-10 - the Lord's throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire, and a stream of fire issued forth and came out from before Him; the fire here indicates that God is absolutely righteous and altogether holy.

The Lord Jesus came to cast fire on the earth. The release of the glory of Christ's divinity was to cast fire on the earth. This fire is the impulse of the spiritual life, an impulse that comes from the Lord's released divine life.

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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:

- ▶ October 09, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ October 10, 2016 - Church Pursuit - Experience of Life (Msg 6); venue - Ballao residence
- ▶ Oct. 21-23, 2016 - Conference (Winnipeg)

**PRAYER BURDEN**

1. Lord, we are a “**thornbush**” according to our old, natural man, but You came to be among us in the fire, now there is a **fire in us**, Lord continue to gain us, use us, and dwell in us.
2. Lord, enlighten us to see that the basis of our service must come from the “**fire from the altar**”, Lord we give ourselves to You, **burn us** so that we cannot hold back anything from our consecration and be able to serve You fully.
3. Lord, our only desire is to **satisfy** Your need, we are willing to **forsake everything** and willing to **place ourselves** in Your hands to **be slain and be broken** so that You can move through us.
4. Lord, we **condemn our natural life** because it has been judged by You on the cross, we have been crucified with You and we would like to **take the way of the cross**, not to act according to our natural life.
5. Lord, we **fan into flame** the gift, the **unfeigned faith** which is within us, Lord, we open our mouth, we open our heart, and we open up our spirit, so You can burn and inspire us to function and serve You.
6. Please pray for the Conference in **Winnipeg**.
7. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:
  - Young people’s meeting and campus work
  - Small group meetings
  - The recipients of the Bible
  - Brother Eliezer Marigsa’s relatives here in Regina: Elemelie Medina, Orlando & Lerio Carreon.

“Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.” ... “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you”

The seven Spirits of God are the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne; these lamps of fire are for the carrying out of God’s administration. The fire burning out of the midst of the thornbush was the Triune God, the God of resurrection.

The word of God is a fire that burns us and many of the things in which we have confidence. Those who have a desire to serve God must know that God is a consuming fire that burns and energizes; when God comes to the earth, fire comes to the earth, and when God enters into man, fire enters into man and burns in him. The fire that burned on the altar of the burnt offering came down from the heavens. After coming down from the heavens, that fire burned continually upon the altar. The divine fire, the burning Triune God, enables us to serve and even to sacrifice our lives.

**II. Every service to God must be based on the fire from the altar of burnt offering - Lev. 9:24; 16:12-13; 10:1-2:**

The service that we render to God must originate from the fire on the altar of burnt offering, and our service must be the issue of the burning of this fire. God wanted the service of the children of Israel to be based on this fire the burning of incense was their service to God, but the fire used for burning incense had to be taken from the altar. Our service must come out of the burning of God’s fire.

Fire is a source of energy in order for our service to be full of energy, our service must pass through the fire on the altar. This fire should be the energy, the **driving force**, the **impulse**, within us if we have this fire, our service will be out of God, not out of ourselves. The energy and the motivating power for the New Testament service began with fire from heaven the fire that descended upon the Galilean fishermen became the energy and the motivating power within them. This fire burns on those who love God, who offer themselves to God, who are willing to forsake everything for God, and who are willing to place themselves in His hand in order to be broken.

The fire from the altar is the genuine motivating power of service. What God does concerning our service is to send His fire to burn within us. If we offer ourselves to God sincerely, fire will descend from heaven and burn us; this burning will become the energy that moves us, and the issue of this burning will be our service

The fire on the altar produces a powerful service. The altar of burnt offering is the cross of the Lord Jesus, and the fire is the Spirit. **The basis of genuine service is knowing the cross and placing ourselves on the cross in order to be gained by God and to allow the divine fire to burn within us this produces service.** Those who experience the fire from the altar build with gold, silver, and precious stones. Such a work is full of the element of God, has the power of the cross, and expresses God.

Only work that is produced through burning is of gold, silver, and precious stones; the work that is not produced through burning is of wood, grass, and stubble.

The day will come when the work of each will be tested by fire if our work is the issue of fire, our work will stand the test of fire.

**III. We must not serve God with strange fire but with the fire from the altar:**

According to typology, strange fire is any fire other than that which burns on the altar. The failure of adab and Abihu lay in their failure to use the fire from the altar. Strange fire is fire of the self it is fire that issues from the soulish life, the fleshly life, and the natural life.

Although the works are God’s, the self-life wants to dictate the way the works are carried out. Offering up strange fire is employing the self’s methods and wisdom and insisting on the self’s proposals in the service of God.

Nadab and Abihu were judged not because they did something that was not for God but because they acted according to the natural life and did something for God in a natural way. God pays attention not only to whether or not there is fire but also to the source and nature of the fire; our zeal must come from the altar.

**IV. If we would serve God, we should not quench the Spirit but fan into a e the gift of God, which is in our spirit, and be burning in spirit:**

The word quench in 1 Thessalonians 5:19 implies fire. The Spirit is burning within us. Because the Spirit causes our spirit to be burning and our gift to be flaming, we should not quench Him.

There is fire in our spirit, and we need to **fan our spirit into flame**. The spirit in 2 Timothy 1:7 denotes our human spirit, regenerated and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. To fan into flame the gift of God is related to our regenerated spirit. The fanning of our gift into flame is the fanning of our spirit into flame. Our God-given spirit is what we must fan into flame we must fan our spirit, for the spiritual gift is in our spirit. If we want to fan our spirit into flame, **we need to open our mouth, open our heart, and open our spirit and call on the name of the Lord.** If we do not quench the Spirit but fan our spirit into flame, we will be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Sept.18 - Sept.24, 2016	22	11	8	7	\$455.00
Sept. 25 - Oct. 01, 2016	22	11	YP in Calgary		\$380.00