



# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## ENTERING INTO THE TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE THROUGH THE LIFE-STUDY MESSAGES

*The goal of the life-study messages is to bring people into the truths of the Bible.*

### THE LIFE-STUDY MESSAGES LEADING PEOPLE TO TOUCH LIFE

Another function of the life-study messages is to **bring people into life**. The life-study messages are not a set of philosophical or classical writings apart from the Bible. The life-study messages do not merely expound the Bible and present the truth; rather, they also bring people into the truth to enjoy and experience its riches. Mere exposition of the Bible is just the impartation of knowledge which causes people to know doctrines mentally. The life-study messages bring us into the depths of the Bible **to touch and enjoy the life within**.

### READING THE RECOVERY VERSION AND THE LIFE-STUDIES DAILY

There are about one thousand two hundred messages in the **Life-study** of the New Testament. We should read one message a day, and we should also read the **Recovery Version** of the New Testament with its **footnotes** and **marginal cross references**. In other words, we need to read these four things every day: about ten pages of Life-study messages and several verses with their footnotes and cross references in the Recovery Version. If we read six messages a week, we will read at least three hundred messages in a year and one thousand two hundred messages in four years. We can read through the Recovery Version of the New Testament and all the messages in the Life-study of the New Testament in four years.

The brothers and sisters who are **willing to read** all the Life-study messages and to study every word of the Recovery Version of the New Testament will have a **solid foundation**. This inexhaustible treasure will be within them for their whole life... If all the churches are willing to practice this, every saint will become a "scholar." Then when we go out to speak the truth, we will be knowledgeable and able to clearly and logically present the truth.

### THE LEADING OF THE CHURCH NEEDING TO BE COMPREHENSIVE

We need a foundation in the truth, the **growth** in life, and a normal **church life**. In addition, we need to be fervent to preach the gospel from house to house in our locality and also to **spread** and **propagate** the gospel to other places through migration. This is the way found in the Bible. As a result, we will bear some responsibility in the **home meetings** and **group meetings** to shepherd and teach the saints. We need to receive this plea and make a resolution to **give ourselves to study the Lord's Word**. We have a great asset, and this is an excellent opportunity. We need to **read the Life-studies every day**.

### READING THE BIBLE WITH THE LIFE-STUDY MESSAGES

No matter which book in the New Testament you want to read, I advise you to **read it with** the Life-study Messages. When you read by yourself, you still do not quite know how to unlock the Bible. But as you put the Life-study Message on that certain chapter or verse alongside the Bible, and read a few lines, you will touch the essence in the Bible. **Do not consider that in doing so you are replacing the Bible with the Life-study Messages**. If you read the Bible in this way, you will find that every sentence in the Life-studies supplies the Bible to you... This set of Life-studies is a key, and it can open the door to the spiritual treasury. It saves a lot of time which you would otherwise spend researching the meaning of words. It is the way to obtain the **rich supply** and it is also the most time-saving way. If you would try it, you would find that **to read the Bible with the Life-studies does not waste any time at all**.

#### Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ November 11, 2016 - Church Pursuit (Experience of Life - msg 7)
- ▶ November 11 - 13, 2016 - Canada Brother's Meeting in Richmond, BC
- ▶ November 13, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ November 24, 2016 - Campus Work

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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 thank You for revealing to us the **“one thing”** - The New Testament Economy. Lord, make us persons who are in one mind, in one will, with one purpose in our soul and heart, to **speak** the “one thing” in one accord.

2. Lord, we also thank You for putting us in one **Body** where the **genuine oneness** is. Have mercy upon us that we may **practice** the one accord in order to **keep** the oneness, to **apply** the oneness and to **enjoy** this oneness with the saints and among all the churches.

3. Lord, not only that we are Your Body, but we are also the one **new man**. We take You as **our life** in our moving and we take You as **our person** in our living. Lord in **one accord** with **one mouth** we glorify You.

4. Lord, preserve us in Your recovery in the eternal oneness. Open us more to see the **unique ministry** of dispensing Yourself into us as our life and life supply to **produce** members of Your Body to express You.

5. Lord, teach us more how to **pray**, we want to **stop ourselves** from doing anything, we want to be fully one with You to give You the way to come into us to fill us, and to saturate our whole being in **full dependence** on You.

6. Lord, increase our faith to **practice** the one accord for Your increase and spread through the Spirit, by our prayers, by the release of Your words, and through the **small group meeting** in our homes.

7. Please pray for the work in **Germany**; and for the **raising up** of the golden lampstand in **Krakow, Poland**.

8. Please pray for the brothers and sisters in **Lloydminster** for their desire to have **Lord’s Table Meeting**.

9. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:

- Young people’s meeting
- Campus work to gain students
- **Small group meetings**
- The recipients of the Bible
- Recover dormant saints

*“That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*“that you all speak the same thing ... that you be attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion.”*

### This Week’s Pursuit:

#### THE INCREASE OF CHRIST FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH (Message Four)

### The Increase of Christ for the Increase and Spread of the Church through the One Accord with Prayer, the Spirit, the Word, and the Homes

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12; 15:25; Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 1:27; 2:2; 4:2

#### I. In order to have the increase of Christ for the increase and spread of the church, we must have the one accord; the Greek word for *one accord* is *homothumadon* from *homo*, “same,” and *thumos*, “mind, will, purpose (soul, heart)”:

The **one accord** is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament; to apply the oneness is to keep it, and to keep it is to practice the one accord. In order to have the one accord, we need to care for one thing: **the one thing**, the unique thing, in the Lord’s recovery is **God’s eternal economy** with Christ as the centrality and universality. The content of God’s eternal economy is Christ; actually, Christ Himself in His full ministry of three stages is the divine economy. God’s desire is to have a recovery purely and wholly of the person of Christ.

We need to consider *one new man* in Ephesians 2:15 together with *one mouth* in Romans 15:6 and *speak the same thing* in 1 Corinthians 1:10:1. For the church as the one new man, we all need to take Christ as our person in the matter of speaking. The entire Bible has one mouth and speaks the same thing. In the one new man there is one mouth to speak the same thing. There is only one new man, and the one new man has only one person, so the one new man speaks with one mouth and says the same thing. *With one accord* and *with one mouth* mean that even though we are many and all are speaking, we all *speak the same thing*.

The church is the one new man with only one person—Christ—and this person controls our speaking; thus, whatever He speaks is surely the same thing. In the one new man there is only one person, and only this person has the freedom to speak. In the one new man there is no freedom for us to speak our own things. The Lord Jesus has the absolute freedom to speak, and our natural man has absolutely no freedom to speak. The only way that we can be preserved in the eternal oneness for the one new man is to **teach the same thing**, the economy of God.

#### II. The book of Acts shows that the God-ordained way to carry out God’s move to fulfill His New Testament economy is entirely by three main substances—prayer, the Spirit, and the Word:

**Prayer**, the **Spirit**, and the **Word** are the three substances of the power in the Lord’s recovery. We must pray that we might have the Spirit as the power to spread the Word. We must get ourselves saturated, constituted, and even soaked with the holy Word; if we are burdened to preach the gospel, we must get into the Word and be persons who know the Word. We should ask the Lord to bring our entire being into the light and be dealt with by Him to become persons of power, who are full of the Spirit within and without, essentially and economically.

In order to be one with the Lord in His work, we need to pray ourselves into God and pray God into us so that we are mingled with God. To pray means to **stop ourselves** from doing anything apart from the Lord, so that He can do His work through us. To pray means that we realize that **we are nothing** and **can do nothing**; prayer is the real denial of the self. To pray by calling on the name of the Lord is to **deny ourselves** and to declare, “No longer I...but...Christ”.

#### III. Meeting together in homes as the Christian way of meeting together is fitting to God’s New Testament economy:

The believers broke bread and prayed together from house to house. They also announced the gospel and taught Jesus as the Christ from house to house; the gospel can be and should be preached in every home. Paul spoke of teaching and admonishing the believers from house to house. This became a continual and general practice in the churches. The base for the increase and spread of the church is the establishing of small, vital group meetings in the homes:

- Small groups in the homes are able to retain people.
- Small groups in the homes are in the nature of home nurturing, whereas joint meetings of the church and the ministry are in the nature of school education; in order for a church to go on in a good way, we must have small group meetings for home nurturing, and we must also have joint meetings to educate in the truth:
  - We need to be balanced, because a large meeting hall can help us gain better results; even though we continually beget those who can be nurtured in the homes, there must be a large meeting hall as a “university” to teach and perfect them.
  - The principle of houses still applies today, but this does not mean that the church will always meet separately; in fact, *it is important and of great profit* for all the believers to gather quite regularly in one place.
- The “defensive” function of the small groups is to uphold and restore the saints.
- The “offensive” function of the small groups is to preach the gospel.

Every believer should be a witness, a martyr, of the Lord, sharing with and testifying to others the Christ whom he has “**seen and heard**”.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Oct. 30 - Nov. 05, 2016	21	11	8	7	\$280.00
Nov. 06 - Nov. 12, 2016	21	11			\$280.00

## LIFE-STUDY OF HEBREWS

## November 7, 2016: Message One - A FOREWORD

The receivers were Hebrew believers. The word Hebrew was first used in Genesis 14:13 that says, "*And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the **Hebrew**.*" Abraham was a Hebrew. The root of the word Hebrew means "*to pass*" It especially means to pass over a river from one region to another and from one side to another. Therefore, the word Hebrew means a crosser, **a river crosser**, one who crosses a river.

Joshua 24:2-3 says that Abraham "*dwelt on the other side of the flood*" and that the Lord took him from "*the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan.*" Therefore, **a Hebrew is a person from the other side of the water.**

Every baptism is a great river, a great flood. After you have been baptized, you come out on the other shore. Hallelujah! Everyone among us is a real river crosser. We are people who have crossed over from the other side. We are the water crossers. We are Hebrews. The water has separated us. What are we doing here? We are building the tabernacle, today's ark. The first of the ancient water crossers, Noah, built the ark. The Hebrews in Moses' time built the tabernacle. **Now we, today's Hebrews, are building the church.** Baptism makes you a real Hebrew, for a Hebrew is a water crosser.

This book, with the concept of all positive things being heavenly, points us to the very Christ who is in the heavens. The present Christ who is now in the heavens as our Minister (8:2) and our High Priest (4:14-15; 7:26), **ministering to us the heavenly life, grace, authority, and power**, and sustaining us to live a heavenly life on earth. He is the Christ now, the Christ today, and the Christ on the throne who is our daily salvation and moment by moment supply. This is the Christ revealed in Hebrews.

## November 8, 2016: Message Two - GOD HAS SPOKEN (Heb. 1:1 - 3)

The emphasis of this book is that **God**, not man, **has spoken**. Our God is living! So our God is speaking, and His speaking testifies that He is living. The living God imparts Himself into us by speaking. God wants to transfuse Himself into us. The more He speaks to you, the more His divine element will be imparted or transfused into your being.

The first element with God's Word is **light**. Where God's Word is, there is light. Light includes several things: understanding, vision, knowledge, wisdom, and utterance. When you have light, you have the seeing power, the view, and the vision. When you have light, you have knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Light produces sight. Light comes from the Word. When you have the Word, you have light. The Word also brings us **life**. The Lord Jesus said that the words He speaks are spirit and life (John 6:63). "*In the beginning was the Word...In Him was life*" (John 1:1, 4). In the Word is life. When you touch the Word, you are enlivened. When the Word comes, it also brings **power**. The Word brings light, life, and power. When we preach the living Word, the power is there. This power is not the instant power; it is the constant power. Where the Word is, there is power in life.

God speaks in two stages: **to the fathers** and **to us**. **Of old**, He spoke to the fathers; **in these last days**, He **speaks to us**. ...The real working of God among us today is His speaking. If God does not speak among us, we can do nothing regardless of how much we work.

The Son is the Word (John 1:1; Rev. 19:13). "*In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God.*" He was God's Word for God's speaking. The Son is altogether the Word for the speaking of God. The Son's being the Word is mainly **to declare** God the Father (John 1:18), that is, to declare, define, express, and reveal God. The more the Son speaks, the more God is expressed and revealed. The whole Person of the Son is the divine speaking. The Son as God's Word and God's speaking constantly **conveys life to us**. As the Word, He bears life. He always conveys life to us. When we receive Him, we have life. As the divine Word for the divine speaking, the Son **reveals reality** through the Spirit (John 16:12-15). Reality is all that God is to us. This reality is revealed to us by the Son as the Word through the Spirit.

We have the Son who is the Word of God. He is not only the Word of God, but also the speaking of God. Whenever He speaks, He is the speaking Spirit. Today the Son as the speaking Spirit is speaking with the churches. He not only speaks **to** the churches but also **with** the churches. Revelation 22:17 says, "*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.*" At the beginning of the book of Revelation it is the Spirit speaking to the churches, but at the end of Revelation it is the Spirit speaking with the churches because the speaking Spirit and the church have become one. Hallelujah! This is God's speaking.

## November 9, 2016: Message Three - THE SON (Heb. 1:4 - 14)

God is mysterious. He is altogether a mystery. But this mystery has been revealed by God's speaking. Hebrews 1:2 says that **God has spoken to us in the Son**. Verse 2 says that God has spoken to us in the Son, and verse 8 tells us that the Son is God. This indicates that God speaks in Himself. To say that God has spoken in the Son means that God speaks in Himself.

The Son is the **effulgence** of God's glory (1:3). He is the shining, the brightness of God's glory, the expression of God Himself. The Son is also the **express** image of the substance of God (1:3). The glory is the outward expression and the substance is the inward essence. Hebrews 1:8 reveals that the Son who is the effulgence of God's glory and the express image of God's substance is **God Himself**. Verse 8 says concerning the Son, "*Your throne, O God.*" This reveals that the Son is God Himself. Verse 10 reveals that the Son is the Lord, the Creator. "*And, You in the beginning, Lord, have founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands.*" Christ, the Son of God, is God Himself, as well as the Lord, **the Creator**.

After Christ created the earth, He began to uphold it. He upholds it by the word of His power. In 11:3 we are told that the universe was framed according to the word of God, and in 1:3 we see that the universe is upheld by the word of power. In the past, He was the Creator; in the present, He is the Upholder; and in the future, He will be the Heir to inherit all things (1:2). All things are for Him. He will inherit all things. In God's creation He is the Creator, the Upholder, and the Heir. All things are of Him through Him, and to Him (Rom. 11:36).

The Lord purified our sins in the **past** (1:3). **Purification** means that our sins have been washed away. The Son has taken away sin (John 1:29) and has accomplished the purification of sins once for all. Therefore, He **sat down forever** (Heb. 10:10, 12). In the eyes of God, sin is over. In the eyes of God, throughout the whole universe, sin has been washed away. **Now, He is sitting** on the right hand of God, watching His lovers and seekers experience His purification of sin. At least five times the book of Hebrews tells us that the Lord Jesus is sitting (1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2). The Lord is **waiting** for His enemies to be subdued. The Lord lacks nothing except **a footstool**. He has the throne and the crown, but He does not yet have the footstool. He is only waiting for this. Be assured that one day He will obtain this footstool.

## November 10, 2016: Message Four - CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD—AS GOD SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS (Heb. 1:4 - 2:18)

The intention of the book of Hebrews is to show the Hebrew believers the superiority of **God's economy** over Judaism. In Judaism the boast was God, angels, Moses, Aaron the high priest, and the old covenant with its services.

In opening his Epistle, the writer of Hebrews indicated that the God of the real Hebrews is much better than the God in the old Jewish religion. He is not only **God the Father**, but **also God the Son**. Both of these concepts are found in Isaiah 9:6. “*Unto us a son is given...and his name shall be called...The everlasting Father.*” A Son is given to us, yet His name is called the everlasting Father. The Father is now the Son given to us. **The Father is for His being, and the Son is for His being given.** In His being the very God, He is the Father, and in being given to us He is the Son. As Isaiah 9:6 clearly reveals, in being given He is the Son, yet He is called the everlasting Father. The Father is for **His being**, and the Son is for **His being given** to reach us, to be gained by us in our experience. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son to us (John 3:16). The Son is a divine gift from the Father, and this divine gift is God Himself. God gave Himself to us as a divine gift in the Son.

Our God is the expressed God, the God who reaches us, who is received by us, who is experienced by us, and who becomes our enjoyment day by day. This is our God. Surely this God is better than the God of Judaism. This God is Jesus, the Son of God, God Himself. He is God’s expression, God reaching us, God being received, experienced, enjoyed, and possessed by us.

Chapter one gives us an account of Christ from eternity past to eternity future. He was the very God in eternity past (v. 8); He was the Creator of the earth and the heavens (vv. 10, 2); He is the Upholder of all things (v. 3); He is the Heir of all things (v. 2); He was incarnated for redemption by crucifixion (v. 3); He was begotten as the Son of God in resurrection for imparting life to the many sons of God (v. 5); He is the Firstborn Son of God who will come again (v. 6); He will be the King on the throne with the scepter in the kingdom (vv. 8-9); and He will remain forever and ever in eternity future (v. 12). This short chapter covers such a wide span of what Christ is from eternity past to eternity future. This is our Christ.

### November 11, 2016: Message Five - HEIRS OF SALVATION

In His economy God not only has a **great operation**, but He also has **tremendous riches**. In His operation He has accomplished and is going to accomplish many things. He has also created and brought forth many things. For this, He has appointed the Son to be not only the **Operator** but also the **Heir**. He also has given the Son the **authority** to do everything in His purpose and the right to inherit all things in His operation.

Christ, the Firstborn Son of God, is God’s appointed Heir of all things. We, the many sons of God, are His “joint-heirs,” inheriting not only salvation but also all things with Him. Hence, we are the partners, joint-owners with Him of the universe, while the angels are merely our servants, not only inferior to Him but also to us. The Son has been appointed to be the Heir, and we have been saved to be His joint-heirs, sharing in His inheritance. The “so great a salvation” referred to in 2:3 is able to save us to such an extent that it brings us into the partnership of His appointment. Thus, we share in whatever He inherits. We, as partners of the Son, are the house of God, the real Bethel, the gate of heaven, where the Son is the heavenly ladder, joining earth to heaven and bringing heaven to earth. Upon this ladder the angels of God are ascending and descending as ministering spirits for service to us who inherit so great a salvation. What is covered in the book of Hebrews is like the gate of heaven. Here we enjoy Christ as the heavenly One who joins us to heaven and brings heaven to us that we may be a heavenly people living a heavenly life on earth and inheriting all the heavenly things. How could the Hebrew believers withdraw from this and return to their old religion and boast in the angels? The angels are simply our ministering servants, whereas we are the glorious heirs of God’s marvelous salvation.

### November 12, 2016: Message Six - SO GREAT A SALVATION (Heb. 2:3)

The “so great a salvation” is great in what Christ is as the Son of God, as God. When we say that Christ is the Son of God, we mean that He is God. Then after 2:3, in order to show us that the salvation we have in Christ is great, this book continues by showing us how He is also the Son of Man, a real man. The salvation we have in Christ is not merely some matters, such as forgiveness of sins, justification, reconciliation, redemption, regeneration, etc., but also a wonderful, unlimited Person who is both God in eternity and man in time. It is such a marvelous Person who makes His salvation “so great.” Our Lord Jesus is both God and man.

He is the Captain of salvation (2:10). His salvation is to save us from all negative things and to bring us into glory, into a glorious rest. We need to follow our Captain throughout our entire life. He is also ministering as our High Priest. He ministers whatever you need. Therefore, there is no reason to lack anything. Christ will minister to you.

Christ has made purification of sins (1:3). Be at peace. Your sin has been purified. He has tasted death for us (2:9). He has destroyed Satan. He partook of our nature in order to destroy the devil who has the might of death (2:14-15). He has done this on the cross. Satan is finished. By partaking of our nature and destroying Satan, Christ has released us from slavery. Death has been abolished, Satan, who holds the power of death, has been destroyed, and we have been released from slavery.

Christ is now sanctifying us (2:11). He is the Sanctifier and we are the sanctified. He is sanctifying us day by day (1 Thes. 5:23-24). We shall be under His sanctifying work continually until we are fully transformed to His image (2 Cor. 3:18). He is able to help us to the uttermost.

- This “so great a salvation” is so great in its extent that it even makes us partners of God’s appointed Heir.
- This great salvation will bring us into glory. We, the sons of God, will be brought into that manifestation of glory. That will be the climax of the salvation which we share in Christ.
- This great salvation will make us to possess the coming inhabited earth with Christ. We shall inherit the coming inhabited earth.
- In this great salvation we shall be saved to the uttermost. This salvation is unlimited, saving us completely, entirely, perfectly for all time and to the end. This is the extent of our “so great a salvation.”
- “So great a salvation” is great in **what Christ is**, in **what Christ does**, and in **its extent**. Its most precious part is enjoying Christ as our saving life and rest in this age, and its most glorious part is inheriting Christ’s kingdom with glory in the coming age.

### **WARNING:** (The first warning -- Give heed to what is spoken concerning the Son -- 2:1-4)

Verse 2:1 says that “*we ought to **give heed** more abundantly to the things **which were heard**.*” You have heard much in these messages and you must give heed to what you have heard. You cannot be discharged of your responsibility and say that you have not heard or seen.

Why must we give heed more abundantly to that which we have heard? Because “*lest at any time we **drift away**.*” Give heed that you do not drift away from what you have heard. Do not be a piece of driftwood that has no goal or direction and that merely drifts with the current. In order for there to be a drifting away, there must be a current. There is now a current in the world and even in Christianity. There are many negative currents today. Be careful or else you will drift away from “so great a salvation.” Do not drift away—cross the river.

Furthermore, we should **not neglect** “**so great a salvation**” (2:3). If we neglect it, we will receive a just recompense regarding it (2:2). We will suffer a loss (1 Cor. 3:15). This does not mean, however, that we will be lost. Nevertheless, we may receive a just recompense due to our negligence. That would be a great loss. I hope that none of us will fall into this category. Let us all cross the river and go on with our Captain of salvation into glory.