



Church in Regina Newsletter

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2Samuel 22:7, "In my distress I called upon Jehovah And called to my God. And He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came to His ears."

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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 17-19, 2017
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring) Anaheim, CA, USA: Mar 31 to Apr. 2, 2017
3. Memorial Day Conference New York, NY: May 26-29, 2017
4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA: July 3-8, 2017
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall) Leipzig, Germany: October 5-7, 2017
6. Thanksgiving Conference Phoenix AZ: November 23-26, 2017

THE SERVANT OF JEHOVAH

As a Covenant to the People and a Light to the Nations

As the Servant of Jehovah, He is a **covenant** to the people and a light to the nations. **Christ is the very covenant given to us by God.** He is not only the **covenant** but also the light. The **covenant** was given to God's chosen people, Israel, and the light was given to the nations. Both Israel and the nations are fully qualified to inherit Jesus Christ as the **covenant** and to enjoy Him as the light.

The **covenant** is a matter of righteousness according to the law. Every **covenant** is something legal. A **covenant** actually is a kind of legal agreement. It fulfills the requirement of the law. If there is no fulfillment of the requirement of the law, the **covenant** means nothing. The **covenant** is also a matter of righteousness.

Paul said in Romans that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Unto salvation means for salvation. ... The gospel is the power of God for us to be saved, for our salvation. This is because in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed. God has saved us not only by His love and not only by His grace but also by His righteousness. His righteousness binds Him, and His righteousness gives us the ground, the standing, to say, "God, You have to save me." If God did not save us when we repented and believed into the Lord Jesus, He would not be righteous. God's Son, our Savior, died for us to fulfill all the requirements of God's righteousness. That was according to the law, so the law has been fulfilled. The legal requirements of God have been fulfilled by our Savior according to God's righteousness. Thus, God has to save us according to His righteousness. He has to justify us.

Before the death of our Savior, God could condemn us. We did not have any ground to claim any kind of justification, forgiveness, and salvation. But now His death has accomplished all the requirements of God's righteousness according to His law, so this death gives us a righteous ground. Now God has to forgive us, justify us, and save us. ... Whether we are good or bad, God has to save us because our Savior died for us to fulfill all of God's righteousness.

The justification, the forgiveness, and the salvation God renders to us have all been "**covenanted**." In Matthew 26 the Lord Jesus enacted a **new covenant**, saying, "For this is My blood of the **covenant**, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". The new **covenant** is the Lord's blood, and His blood signifies His death. He died for our sins and transgressions. The symbol of His death is the blood. The blood was the very means by which He made for us the new testament with His Father. Thus, redemption, justification, forgiveness, and salvation have all been **covenanted** by Him through His blood. Today our salvation is a **covenanted** salvation.

*We can use the buying of a house to illustrate this. We may say we have bought a house, but we need the title deed as a proof of our purchase. The deed is an agreement, a **covenant**. The house has been **covenanted** to us, and the guarantee of this **covenant** is the title deed. Our purchase has been **covenanted**. It has been legalized. In a sense, we may say that the title deed, the **covenant**, equals the house. The title deed to the house is the **covenant**, and the **covenant** is the house.*

Isaiah says twice, in 42:6 and 49:8, that **God has given Christ to us as our covenant**. This means that God's salvation, God's blessings, and all of God's riches have been **covenanted** to us, and this **covenant** is just Christ. Just as my title deed equals my house, Christ equals all of God's salvation, blessings, grace, reality, and riches. All of this has been **covenanted** to us. **Our covenant is Christ**. God's salvation, God's righteousness, God's justification, God's forgiveness, God's redemption, God's riches, and all He has and will do have been **covenanted** to us.

In Greek the word for **covenant** is also the word for testament. Every proper **covenant** eventually becomes a testament. Before the person who enacted the **covenant** dies, it is the **covenant**. After he dies, that **covenant becomes a testament**. A testament in today's terms is a will. *What if your father had a will which said that you were entitled to ten million dollars, twenty houses, and fifteen commercial ships. Would you not be happy?* Our Father in heaven has given us a lot of things. We have a will full of hundreds of bequests. My heavenly Father has given me all these bequests, and they have been **covenanted** to me as a testament. That is the new testament. We have **the New Testament of the Bible** in our hands, but this is not the reality. The reality of all the hundreds of bequests in **the New Testament is Christ**. Without Christ, the Bible is empty, so the real testament, the real will, is Christ. Christ is our title deed, and this title deed is in our spirit as the all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, consummated Spirit.

Christ as the Spirit is one with us, so we are one with Him as the testament. We know that we have been forgiven, justified, redeemed, and saved because the **Bible** tells us so. The **Bible** is God's **covenant**, and after Christ's death this **covenant** has become a testament, a will. But without Christ the Bible is empty. Actually, **Christ is the covenant**, and this Christ who is the **covenant** is in our spirit and has become one spirit with us.

This **covenant** is altogether according to God's righteousness. It is not a matter of love. A will is a legal matter that does not depend upon love or grace. It depends on the law, and the law is a matter of righteousness. Christ has been given to us as such a legal **covenant**. He is our forgiveness, our justification, our redemption, and our salvation. ... Today the very salvation and redemption we have received is **covenanted** by Jesus Christ. He Himself actually is the **covenant**.

Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ April 09, 2017 - Love Feast
- ▶ April 14, 2017 - Church Pursuit (Experience of Life - Msg 8)
- ▶ April 30, 2017 - Churching to Lloydminster
- ▶ April 30, 2017 - Brother's Meeting

PRAYER BURDEN

“And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.”

1. Lord, we need the direct work of the Holy Spirit, the living **seven Spirits** and the shining **seven stars** to recover us from the condition of having lost our power and life. Lord make us **vital** and **living**.
2. Lord, enable us to be **intensely living** and **intensely shining** through Your living Word as a morning star rising within us making us the stars, **the messengers** to shine in today’s darkness giving guidance and right way.
3. Lord, You are the Lord of completion, You have opened **the Bible** to us and we ask You to **enlighten** us and give us an **insight** of the way of life and not the way of doctrine when we open Your Word.
4. Lord, we want to become a **treasure** in Your eyes, make us **precious** by being **matured** in life and being **transformed** in our soul that we may become **“those”** who will begin the process of Your second coming.
5. Lord, thank You for Your promise that we will **walk** with You in **“white”**, in **purity** and **approvedness**, keep us out from any defilement that will **stain our garment** with deadness.
6. Lord we pray that many saints will rise up to cooperate with Your present **move** to gain the entire **Europe**, starting with **Germany**.
7. Please continue to pray for the church in **Vancouver** until the rebuilding of the **meeting hall** is finally completed. Also for the church in **Coquitlam**, for the release of the **material offerings** by the end of April, 2017.
8. Lord, remember the church in **Regina**: to be clothed with “fine linen” having been put on the best robe.

This Weeks’s Pursuit: Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church - Message Six

The Church in Sardis
 Scripture Reading: Rev. 3:1-6

I. As a sign, the church in Sardis prefigures the Protestant church, from the time of the Reformation to the second coming of Christ—Rev. 3:1:

When the church, in her continuous fall, came to the stage of Jezebel, God could no longer tolerate it, the church in Sardis is God’s reaction to Thyatira. Sardis emerges because the Lord has seen the condition of Thyatira. In Greek *Sardis* means “the remains,” “the remainder,” or “the restoration.”

II. “I know your works, that you have a name that you are living, and yet you are dead”—3:1:

Many have considered the reformed Protestant church to be living, but the Lord says that she is dead, she has lost the vitality of life and is living in name only. The frequent revivals in the history of the Protestant denominations are a proof that they are dead. We surely do not want to be in the condition of the church in Sardis, we want to be living and active in gospel preaching, in nourishing the new ones, in perfecting the saints, and in prophesying to build up the Body of Christ.

III. “These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars”—Rev. 3:1:

The seven Spirits enable the church to be intensely living, and the seven stars enable her to be intensely shining. The dead, reformed church needs the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God and the shining leaders. The sevenfold intensified Spirit can never be replaced by the dead letters of knowledge. The seven Spirits correspond to the seven stars. A star is a messenger of a church, a leading one in a local church, such a messenger should be one with the seven Spirits of God. The stars are those who shine in the darkness and turn people from the wrong way to the right way. Revelation 1:20 and 3:1 show that the stars are linked not only to the Spirit but also to the churches; if we would have the living star or the living stars, we need the Spirit and the church.

IV. “I have found none of your works completed before My God”—v. 2:

In the eyes of God there is nothing completed in the so-called reformed churches; everything has a beginning without an end. Nothing begun in the Reformation has ever been completed by the Protestant churches, therefore, the church in Philadelphia, signifying the church in recovery, is needed for the completion. The Reformation did not bring the church back to the beginning, it only caused the world church to become the state churches. The Lord is a Lord of completion; therefore, He requires completion—Phil. 1:6.

V. “If therefore you will not watch, I will come as a thief, and you shall by no means know at what hour I will come upon you”—Rev. 3:3:

This verse indicates that Christ is the One who will come as a thief to steal away His treasures, His precious seekers. Since many believers are spiritually dead, they will be unaware of the Lord’s coming as a thief in His secret appearing to His seekers. Only those who are matured in life and transformed in their soul will be precious enough for the Lord to steal. We must be thoroughly prepared for the time of the Lord’s secret coming, therefore, we must be ready and watchful.

VI. “You have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white because they are worthy”—Rev. 3:4:

Garments in the Bible signify what we are in our walk and living. To defile one’s garments means particularly to stain them with deadness; the defiled garments indicate the presence of death or the absence of life. Death is more defiling before God than sin. In Revelation 3:4 defilement denotes anything of the death nature. The defilement in Sardis was not the defilement of sin but the defilement of death. Those who have not defiled their garments will walk with the Lord in white.

White signifies not only purity but also approvedness. White garments in Revelation 3:4 signify the walk and living that are unspotted by death and that will be approved by the Lord; this is a qualification for walking with the Lord, especially in the coming kingdom. To walk in white garments is to have a living that is unspotted by death and approved in life by the Lord.

VII. “He who overcomes will be clothed thus, in white garments”—v. 5a:

To overcome here is to overcome the deadness of the Protestant churches, that is, to overcome dead Protestantism. Christ is the white garments to clothe the overcomers: *White garments* refers to livingness; to be living is to wear the white garments. If we are spiritually dead, we are dirty; such a dead person is the dirtiest one; also if we are dead, we are naked.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
March19 - March25, 2017	21	10		8	\$290.00
March 26 - April 02, 2017	20	11	9	8	\$450.00

We need the living garment to cover us; this living garment is Christ Himself wrought into us by the life-giving Spirit; the only way to have this 42 garment is to turn to the spirit and live in the mingled spirit. Being clothed in white garments, as promised in Revelation 3:5, will be a prize to the overcomers in the millennial kingdom; what they have been walking in during this age will be a prize to them in the coming age.

Every Christian needs two garments. The first garment is the garment of salvation, signifying Christ as our righteousness objectively: In Luke 15:22, when the prodigal son returned home, the first thing that the father did was to have the best robe placed upon him. Wearing the best robe, he was justified and approved; this means that he was justified in Christ and that Christ became his justifying covering. He was covered with Christ as his righteousness; thus, the garment of justification is for salvation. In addition to the garment of justification, we need another garment to make us approved and well pleasing to the Lord. This is the garment of approvedness for our acceptance, signifying the Christ whom we live out as our subjective righteousness.

The “fine linen, bright and clean” in Revelation 19:8 denotes this second garment. According to typology, the queen in Psalm 45 has two garments: one for salvation and the other for her to be with the King in His reign. We have been saved and justified and have the first garment—Christ as our objective righteousness—for our salvation; now we need to go on to experience Christ as our subjective righteousness so that we may have the second garment. Christ as our objective righteousness has been put upon us, whereas Christ as our subjective righteousness comes out of us. The white garments in Revelation 3:5 refer to the second garment, which is needed for us to receive the reward and enter into the kingdom to walk with the Lord, that is, to reign with Him. We all should overcome the dead situation in religion, conquer all kinds of death, and wear the white garments.

“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”

LIFE-STUDY OF EPHESIANS

March 26, 2017, Monday

Message Forty-Nine - **A SUMMARY OF LEARNING CHRIST**

The condition is a matter of having put off the old man and of having put on the new man. The living of learning Christ is a matter of applying the principle of truth and of living according to grace.

March 27, 2017, Tuesday

Message Fifty - **LIVING IN LOVE AND LIGHT**

Grace is the expression of love, and love is the source of grace. Truth is the revelation of light, and light is the origin of truth. God is love and light. When God is expressed and revealed in the Lord Jesus, His love becomes grace and His light becomes truth. After we have, in the Lord Jesus, received God as grace and realized Him as truth, we come to Him and enjoy His love and light. Love and light are deeper than grace and truth.

March 28, 2017, Wednesday

Message Fifty-One - **LIVING BY BEING FILLED IN SPIRIT**

To be filled in spirit is to be filled in our regenerated spirit, the human spirit indwelt by the Spirit of God. Our spirit should not be empty, but should be filled with the riches of Christ unto all the fullness of God.

March 29, 2017, Thursday

Message Fifty-Two - **LIVING IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WIFE AND HUSBAND**

The relationship between wives and husbands is connected to the matter of being filled in spirit. It is an aspect of the daily living of those who are filled in spirit unto all the fullness of God. Therefore, when we speak about the relationship between wives and husbands, we should not neglect the infilling. Only by being filled in our spirit can we have a proper married life.

March 30, 2017, Friday

Message Fifty-Three - **A MYSTERIOUS TYPE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH**

The church as the new man is a matter of grace and truth, whereas the church as the Bride of Christ is a matter of love and light. Eve had the same life and nature that Adam had. This signifies that the church has the same life and nature that Christ has. Furthermore, just as Eve had virtually the same image as Adam, so the church bears the same image as Christ. Moreover, in stature Eve was very nearly the same as Adam. This indicates that the church has the same stature as Christ. In grace and truth we should live as the new man, and in love and light we should conduct ourselves as the Bride of Christ.

March 31, 2017, Saturday

Message Fifty-Four - **CHRIST SANCTIFYING THE CHURCH BY CLEANSING HER**

Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. He did this that He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of water in the Word, in order that He might present the church to Himself glorious, without spot, wrinkle, or any such things. Christ’s purpose in loving the church and in giving Himself up for the church was to sanctify her by the washing of the water in the Word. Sanctifying is by cleansing, cleansing is by washing, washing is by water, and water is in the Word.