

Church in Regina Newsletter

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Lamentation 3:55, "I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, From the lowest pit."

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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 Joseph'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

ACTING AND MOVING AS ONE BODY

The entire record of the book of Acts shows us a group of people who always acted as the Body. From the very first chapter neither Peter, John, nor those one hundred twenty acted individually ... The one hundred twenty prayed together with one accord, and they received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel, bore the testimony of Jesus, and always **moved and acted as one Body**. From chapter one to chapter twenty-eight, the actions of this group of people were the actions of one Body...The issue and result of what they did was the building up of the church. The activities in this book are absolutely different from the movement of today's Christianity. Many in today's Christianity act in a way that is not of the Body or for the Body... The Acts contains a beautiful picture of the one accord in the activities, work, and move of the believers. They always moved in the Body and for the Body.

MOVING, ACTING, AND WORKING IN ONE DIVINE FLOW

The book of Acts also shows us a **divine stream**, a divine current. This stream flows **from the throne in the heavens** (Rev. 22:1). What happened in the book of Acts is the same as the picture in Revelation 22. From the throne of God and of Christ, the enthroned Lamb, the flow began, and in the book of Acts it **flowed to the earth**, beginning from the first station, **Jerusalem**. All the members of the Body of Christ were in this flow. As this flow proceeded, they simply moved in the current of this flow. This flow eventually went to **Antioch** (Acts 11:19-21). Antioch became a turning point for the flow to move from the east to the west. From Antioch the flow turned westward across the Aegean Sea, between Asia Minor and Macedonia in the eastern part of Europe, and from that sea the flow reached **Europe** (16:10-12). From there, the Lord's move went onward to western Europe and Rome (28:14, 30-31). We can draw a line to trace the flow all the way from Jerusalem to Antioch, westward across the sea to eastern Europe, and from there to the middle part of Europe, including **Rome**.

The divine stream moved westward rather than toward the east. To understand this, we must know the history, geography, and civilization of the time. At that time it was difficult for people to go eastward. There was no way to turn but toward the west. History tells us that the **Roman Empire** built many highways. Moreover, there was much traffic on the Mediterranean Sea, and it was very easy for people to sail from Palestine to the west. Not only so, there was much intermingling of the people, and their language and even citizenship were brought together. There was no need to obtain a permit to travel. As long as someone was a Roman citizen, he could travel throughout the entire Mediterranean area. In this way, all the different countries became one under the Roman Empire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We will have our Church pursuit and picnic in oxbow tomorrow Monday, September 4, 2017. We will have our lunch there and have our church pursuit with sister Karen & family, sister JL and brother Jehu.
2. We need as many brothers and sisters for our Bible Distribution this September 6th. Consider this matter before the Lord.
3. The registration deadline for the YP Calgary conference is next week September 10th. So far, there has been 6 who are signed up. We will leave 4:30pm here on September 22, missing the first meeting and be back midnight of September 24th. Please let the serving ones know as soon as possible if you are going as we are going to submit the registration form this week.

Beginning from Jerusalem in Acts 2 there was only one flow on this earth, and all the early disciples moved, acted, and worked in the flow. There were not two currents in the flow, but always one. All those who were raised up by the Lord sooner or later were brought into the flow. While the flow proceeded westward, believers such as Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, and others were raised up by the Lord and brought into this one stream (18:2, 24-28).

...The central meaning of the flow in the Acts is that there is a group of people who know the meaning of **resurrection** and **ascension**. They live not by themselves but by Christ as their life, and they act not according to certain ways or methods but by the living Christ as their strength, power, method, and way. Moreover, they realize that they are the Body, and they always act in the Body and for the Body in the one divine stream. May we all be clear to such an extent that we not only know the resurrection and ascension, but **we live in resurrection** and **act in ascension**, not by ourselves but in the Body, for the Body, and in one flow. This is the real meaning of the book of Acts. (General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church, A - Part 1: The Gospels and the Acts)

Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ September 04, 2017 - Church Pursuit - Experience of Life (Message 12) in Oxbow, SK
- ▶ September 06, 2017 - Bible Distribution at University of Regina
- ▶ September 10, 2017 - Love Feast
- ▶ September 24, 2017 - Brother's Meeting

PRAYER BURDEN

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

1. Lord, burden us to **learn** the divine truths and **spread** them everywhere for Your recovery, make us willing to go anywhere You lead us so that **“the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah.”**
2. Lord, we know that the **heavens rule** and **no one can resist Your hand**, Lord open our eyes that we may see what do You mean in all of the many changes, and what **concerns** us in all of these changes in the **world situation**.
3. Lord, the times have been appointed by You, our being here is by Your sovereign arrangement, hence, burden us with Your **ultimate move** that we may be in **oneness** with You in carrying out Your eternal intention, making us Your bride.
4. Lord, **gain** us to be Your people who have Your life, to live You out in our daily living, and to **experience** You as the **flowing life** in us, making fit to be built up into Your Body for Your expression.
5. Lord, we praise You and thank You for saving us and calling us with a **holy calling**, and we **submit** to all Your arrangements, for **“all things” work together for good**, to us who love You.
6. Lord, these days are the **consummation of the age**, **rekindle** our love towards You, and not to be preoccupied with anything else, but to focus on You as the **indwelling One**, **infusing** and **imparting** the Triune God in us.
7. Please pray for:
 - the conference in **Buzias, Romania** on September 1-3, 2017
 - the Chinese Speaking Conference in **Paris** on September 22-24, 2017
 - the **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones** in Leipzig, Germany
8. Lord, we are not here in **Regina** just to make a living but are burdened with Your ultimate move:
 - ▶ the up coming Bible distribution 9/6/17
 - ▶ the forming of small group meeting in Moose Jaw and in Alida (sister Karen and family)
 - ▶ the financial support to the full-time trainees
 - ▶ the approval of sister Susan’s application for permanent residency here in Canada
 - ▶ pray for sister Malou Ballao in her pregnancy, to have a healthy baby

This Weeks’s Pursuit:

Special Fellowship Concerning the World Situation and the Lord’s Move - (Msg. 3)

Spreading the Divine Truths and Seeing a Vision of the World’s Ultimate Situation, God’s Ultimate Move, and the Lord’s Ultimate Recovery

Scripture Reading: Matt. 24:14; 28:19-20; Col. 2:2; Eph. 3:4; 4:16; Rev. 19:7-9

I. The Lord needs the truths of His recovery to spread to the whole earth— Matt. 28:19; 1 Tim. 2:4:

The spreading of the divine truths of the Lord’s recovery will be a **preparation** for the Lord’s coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation. There is the need of the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths for the Lord’s recovery and restoration; **the spreading of the divine truths** will bring in the Lord’s restoration. The Lord’s charge to us is to go and teach the nations so that the present age may be consummated.

II. It is a historical fact that the world situation has always been the indicator of God’s move on earth—Dan. 4:26, 35; 7:2-14:

The history of the church also shows us that the world situation is the indicator of God’s move on earth. There is the need of an appropriate direction for God’s move today to match the recent changes in the world situation. When we see many changes in the world situation, we must wake up and consider what the Lord wants to do and how these changes concern us.

III. We need to see a vision of the world’s ultimate situation, God’s ultimate move, and the Lord’s ultimate recovery—Prov. 29:18a:

The world’s ultimate situation involves the supremacy of the United States: The **United States** has been kept **for the spreading of the central vision of Paul’s completing ministry**. The United States is the last power God will use for His final move. God’s ultimate move is to carry out His economy concerning Christ as the mystery of God and the church as the mystery of Christ. God’s ultimate move to fulfill His eternal intention is to have Christ as life in us, flowing in us, saturating and permeating us, and making us fit to be built up into His Body for His expression.

Three items have been recovered—the **preaching** of the gospel, the **teaching** of the Bible truths, and the scriptural **way of meeting**; now this final matter of God’s ultimate move must be our concern. Gospel preaching, teaching the Bible, and meeting according to the Bible are not God’s ultimate move; **God’s ultimate move is to gain a people who have Christ as their life and live Him**: It must be our real experience that Christ is the flowing life within us. As Christ saturates and permeates us, He supplies us with all His elements and terminates the negative things within us. We need to be transformed, grow into maturity, and be built up in order that Christ may have His Body.

God wants Christ as the embodiment of God to become our life, and He wants us, as sons of God, to be members of the Body of Christ so that Christ will have His Body; in our locality this Body will be expressed as a golden lampstand; this is the preparation of the bride. The first three steps are preaching the gospel, teaching the Bible, and meeting according to the Bible. The fourth step is His **gaining a good number of believers who know how wonderful Christ is, who have Him as their life and live Him, who are filled, permeated, and saturated with Him, who grow in life and are transformed by His flowing life within them, and who are built up** with fellow believers to be the golden lampstand in their locality; this is what the Lord is after today.

For the first step, the spread of the gospel, God prepared the **Roman Empire**; for the second step, the return to the Bible, God prepared **Germany**; for the third step, the recovery of the gospel, the teaching of the Bible, and the proper meetings, God used **Great Britain**; and for the fourth step, God’s ultimate move, God has prepared the **United States**. As this ultimate move goes forward, there is the need for a powerful country, the United States, to keep the peace and to keep the way open. The direction of God’s ultimate move must be toward Europe; before the crushing of the great human image in Daniel 2 takes place, the Lord’s recovery must spread to Europe and be rooted there.

The Lord’s ultimate recovery is the same as His ultimate move...The Lord wants to recover Christ, the mystery of God, becoming **the indwelling Spirit to dispense the Triune God into the believers**, thus making us members of His Body for His corporate expression; this Body is expressed locally as the lampstand, which becomes His testimony, the testimony of Jesus. This is the Lord’s ultimate recovery, and He has the United States to maintain the world’s situation so that His ultimate recovery may spread for the completion of God’s ultimate move.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Aug. 20 - Aug. 26, 2017	21	10	9	8	\$660.00
Aug. 27 - Sept. 03, 2017	20	13	8	4	\$130.00

LIFE-STUDY OF JOHN

August 28, 2017, Monday

Message Nine: **THE NEED OF THE MORAL PEOPLE – LIFE'S REGENERATING (2)**

In His creation, God made us with a spirit for the purpose that one day we might exercise it to contact Him and to receive Him into our being. The function of the human spirit is to contact God. **Regeneration is not a matter of our mind, emotion, or will**; it is altogether a matter in our spirit. When we were born of our parents, we were born flesh; when we were born again of God the Spirit, we were born spirit. The nature of the spirit is different from the nature of the flesh. The nature of the flesh is born human, but the nature of the spirit is born divine. By regeneration, our dead spirit was not only quickened, made alive, but also imparted with the divine life of God by the Spirit. Now our spirit is a regenerated spirit and becomes our new being. **Regeneration** brings forth in us a **newborn spirit** (Ezek. 36:26), **indwelt by and mingled with God's divine Spirit**.

A kingdom is always related to life. Without the life of God, we could never share the kingdom of God. In order to participate in the reign of God and to be in the divine realm, **we need the divine life of God**. Even if we were not fallen or sinful, we would still need to be born again, because regardless of how good, pure, and clean our human life might be, it is not able to realize the things of the divine realm and it is not qualified to enter into the divine kingdom. The divine life brings us into the kingdom of God. We cannot enter into the kingdom of God by learning or by being naturalized. This is the kingdom of God. Hallelujah, we are in it!

Although Christians have heard many messages on the Lamb of God, they have not heard very many on the brass serpent as the type of Christ. When the Lord Jesus was dying on the cross, He was in the form of a serpent. Romans 8:3 says that He was in "the likeness of the flesh of sin," which likeness is equal to the form of the brass serpent. It had the form of the serpent without the poison of the serpent. **Christ had no participation in the sin of the flesh** (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15). Christ became the flesh of sin in form, not in actuality. Then **He brought this flesh to the cross and crucified it**. There, through His crucifixion, Satan was destroyed. What is the way for us to be regenerated? How can we receive regeneration? **The way for us to be saved and regenerated is simply to believe in the Lord.**

Answers to Guide Questions:

1) Where does regeneration transpire?

- Regeneration transpires in our spirit

2) "What is the way for us to be regenerated? How can we receive regeneration? In verses 15, 16, 18, and 36, the Lord said, "That everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life"; "that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life"; "he who believes in Him is not judged"; "he who believes in the Son has eternal life." These emphatic words spoken repeatedly by the Lord tell us clearly and definitely that the way for us to be saved and regenerated is simply to believe in the Lord."

August 29, 2017, Tuesday

Message Ten: **THE INCREASE OF CHRIST AND THE IMMEASURABLE CHRIST**

Most Christians, especially most of the Christian teachers, misinterpret John 3:30. What does it mean for Christ to increase and for you to decrease? It means that you must withdraw from the scene and from having the following and allow Christ to be the only figure on the scene and to have all the following. People should not follow us; **they should follow Christ so that He might have His bride**. By John's words we can see that all the regenerated followers of Christ are His increase. Regeneration is for the increase of Christ. It is for the producing of the bride. Many Christians only see regeneration itself. They do not see the purpose of regeneration. Is regeneration just for you to have eternal life? No! It is for something more. **Regeneration is for us to be built into the bride, which is the increase of Christ**. We are parts of the bride! We are parts of the increase of Christ. Due to the fact that we have Christ as life through the second birth, we are the increase of Christ. Therefore, the ultimate result of regeneration is that Christ has a bride as His increase. Christ is increased through regeneration because by regeneration He is reproduced in us. We, the regenerated people, are His reproduction. **We must let Christ increase. We all must decrease**. The entire following must go to Him. Let the following go to Him.

Verse 30 says that Christ must increase and that we all must decrease. Why? **Because Christ is unlimited and all-inclusive**. These verses reveal an unlimited Christ. He is everything, and everything is for Him. Christ is above all. In this portion of the Word, the word "all" does not mainly mean all things or matters, but all people. The Lord Jesus ministers the living Word and the immeasurable Spirit. In the local churches, we need just two things—the **living Word and the immeasurable Spirit**. What is the church? The church is Christ increasing and all the leaders decreasing. The church is something in which Christ is continually increasing and the leadership decreasing. Where is the church? Who are the church? What is the church? Where the Spirit is, there is the church. **Where there is the living Word, there is the church**. Praise the Lord that since the day that He raised us up, His holy Word has been open to us in a living way. We do not need the outward things, because the presence of the Lord is in the church. His living Spirit and His living Word are in the church. Hallelujah, we are regenerated people! We have been regenerated for His increase. His increase is for the all-inclusive Christ.

Answers to Guide Questions:

1) How do we possess the divine life of God, which is Christ Himself?

- We possess the divine life of God, which is Christ Himself by regeneration.

2) What are the three main points of John chapter 3?

- (1) Regeneration, (2) the increase, which is the bride of Christ, (3) the all-inclusive Christ

August 30, 2017, Wednesday

Message Eleven: **THE NEED OF THE IMMORAL—LIFE'S SATISFYING (1)**

The second need is satisfaction. In chapter three the problem is that man is void of the divine life. As long as you have not been regenerated, you are void of the divine life. The human life is simply a vessel to contain the divine life. Although your human life may be wonderful, you do not have the divine life. The divine life is God Himself. You need this divine life to fill you up as your content. As your content, it will also be your satisfaction. Before we were saved, we all had the experience of being

empty. Regardless of our success or attainments, there was a continual emptiness within, the sensation of having no satisfaction. Whether we were good or bad, we were empty. Although we had the container, the vessel, we did not have the content. We were empty. Young and old, rich and poor, high and low—all are empty. One day we received the Lord Jesus. We not only obtained God's salvation, but we also received the divine life, which immediately became our content. Now we have satisfaction. Therefore, following the case showing the need of regeneration, we have a case showing genuine satisfaction. **Nothing can satisfy man except Christ Himself. There is no satisfaction apart from Christ.** As human beings, we always feel thirsty; only Christ can quench our thirst.

According to the types and figures in the Scriptures, what does a woman signify? **Firstly, a woman signifies that humanity needs to rely upon God.** Man can never stand alone; he must rely upon God, who is both his Maker and Husband (Isa. 54:5). A woman signifies a person who cannot stand alone. This is both your position and mine. In figure, we are either males or females, but in reality we are all females. **None of us can stand by himself. Man can never be independent.** Nowadays people proclaim independence, but I must tell you that you can never be independent. You were created to be dependent upon God. Whenever anyone tries to be independent, he will be dissatisfied, because God created man inherently dependent.

A woman also signifies weakness (1 Pet. 3:7). We human beings must realize that we are weak. We are all weak because we are all human. The significance of a woman also includes an inner longing and thirst, which were created by God. In the human nature of both man and woman, there is always the inner thirst for satisfaction. The Lord created that thirst so that we might seek Him. You always feel thirsty and you always feel an inner lack. These are the signs that you are a woman. **Your need to rely on others and your sense of dependence, weakness, and thirst for satisfaction all indicate that you are a woman.**

Answers to Guide Questions:

- 1) What is the one "water" that can satisfy us for eternity?
 - Only Jesus Christ the water that can satisfy us for eternity.
- 2) What is man's second need following regeneration?
 - Satisfaction is man's second need following regeneration.

August 31, 2017, Thursday

Message Twelve: **THE NEED OF THE IMMORAL—LIFE'S SATISFYING (1)**

In John 4:15-26 we see the way to take the living water. By the Lord's gracious and wise words, the Samaritan woman's conscience was touched. She sought the physical things to satisfy her, but found only dissatisfaction. None of the physical, religious, or traditional matters can ever satisfy people, for the more they get these things, the more they become thirsty. There is never an end to their thirst. **Anyone who drinks the water of physical, religious, and traditional things will thirst again. Only the Lord Jesus has the living water that can quench our thirst.**

In typology, the worship of God should be (1) in the place chosen by God to set His habitation there (Deut. 12:5, 11, 13-14, 18), and (2) with the offerings (Lev. 1—6). The place chosen by God for His habitation typifies the human spirit, where God's habitation is today. The offerings typify Christ; Christ is the fulfillment and reality of all the offerings with which the people worshipped God. **When you praise God with your spirit, you immediately have a drink.** When meeting together for worship, we must exercise our spirit. If we do this, the Holy Spirit who indwells our spirit will have the opportunity to move. **The proper worship is continually to drink the living water.** The Lord revealed to the Samaritan woman that the real satisfaction in human life is the Lord Himself. By careful reading, we shall discover that the way for the woman to obtain the gift was to contact or drink the Giver Himself.

After the woman heard that the Lord Jesus was the Christ who was coming, she believed. According to our natural concept, it takes time to help a person to be saved. We must drop this concept. People can be changed in a second. The Samaritan woman was turned in an instant. Although the Samaritan woman was so immoral, low, and deep in sin, she was turned within a fraction of a second. Her whole life was changed. **We can be satisfied only with Christ and not with any other thing. Only when we are satisfied with Christ can we let others know how to receive Christ and contact Him.** When sinners are satisfied, then the Savior is satisfied, hallelujah!

Answers to Guide Questions:

- 1) What is the one unique place to contact and worship God?
 - Our spirit is the one unique place where we can contact and worship God.
- 2) What are the three aspects of the way to take the living water?
 - i) To **repent** of and Confess Her sins
 - ii) To **contact** God the Spirit
 - iii) To Believe That **Jesus** Is the Christ That She May Have **life** Eternal

September 1, 2017, Friday

Message Thirteen: **THE NEED OF THE DYING—LIFE'S HEALING**

The third case among the nine, reveals the dying people's need of healing. **Mankind firstly needs regeneration, secondly satisfaction, and thirdly healing.** We have been regenerated and, day by day, we may contact the Lord, the living Spirit, for our satisfaction. In addition to this, we need healing. We are fallen people, weak and fragile, who are dying and who need the Lord's healing. If you have the healing of the Lord Jesus, your dying will become living. Come to Jesus, contact Him, and enjoy Him. How we need the healing of the divine life!

If we allow the indwelling Spirit to make His home in our being, this indwelling Spirit will saturate our dying, mortal body with resurrection life. **When we called on the Lord Jesus, this divine Spirit who is life came into our spirit and enlivened it.** Eventually, this divine life becomes a fourfold life: the life in the divine Spirit, the life that fills our spirit, the life that will saturate our soul, and the life that will permeate our body. This is healing. Whenever the divine life enters into a part of our being, it heals that part.

When dying people receive the word through believing and are healed with life, this, in principle, is changing death into life. Death's deadening power is overcome by life. Praise the Lord for His healing life and for the life-giving word that heals all our sicknesses! When we have the word of the Lord, we shall be saved and filled with the Lord. Just His word is enough to heal and save us.

Answers to Guide Questions:

1) Which kind of people is in need of healing?

- It is the dying people who are in need of healing.

2) "...Eventually, this divine life becomes a fourfold life: the life in the divine Spirit, the life that fills our spirit, the life that will permeate our body, and the life that will saturate our soul. Our whole being—spirit, soul, and body—will be filled, saturated, and permeated with the divine life. This is healing."

September 2, 2017, Saturday**Message Fourteen: THE NEED OF THE IMPOTENT— LIFE'S ENLIVENING**

The central point of this case, on the negative side, is to show the inadequacy of law-keeping in the typical religion. Law-keeping was the main thing in Judaism. The Jews realize that, apart from keeping the law, they have no way to please God, to behave themselves, and to perfect themselves. Any typical Jew will tell you that, next to God, nothing is as great or as important as the law. God is number one and the law is number two. So, law-keeping is everything to that typical religion.

We do not need religion's pool with its water and we do not need the angel. Compared with Jesus, religion's pool and angel are poor indeed. **When we have Jesus, we do not need anything else.** What is the use of the holy city, the holy temple, and the holy angel? They do not do us any good. It is Jesus who enlivens. This is life's enlivening. This is the central point of this case on the positive side.

Once more I want to stress the point that the Apostle John shows all of these cases to indicate man's real condition and to reveal Christ as our life supply. In the first case, we were good persons; in the second, sinful persons; in the third, dying persons; and in the fourth, impotent persons. In the first case, the Lord is our regenerating life; in the second, our satisfying life; in the third, our healing life; and in the fourth, our enlivening life. **By understanding these four cases, we can realize where we are and who we are, and we can know where the Lord is and who He is. Then we shall know what we need and what the Lord will supply to us.**

Answers to Guide Questions:

1) "It is Jesus who enlivens. We all have to see this. This is life's enlivening."

2) "... Religion's law-keeping is good, but we are weak. Religion's law-keeping may be effective but we cannot meet its requirements. There is no requirement with **Christ**, for when He comes to us, He speaks His **living word** so that we can hear His voice. If there is any requirement, it is simply to hear His living word. When we hear His voice, we pass from death into life. The contrast in this case is that religion requires, but Christ's word quickens."