



# Church in Regina Newsletter

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Ezekiel 34:26 "I will make them...a blessing,... cause the showers to come down in their season; there will be **showers of blessing.**"

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### ▶ Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day  
10:00AM to 12:00PM

### ▶ Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Saints Homes  
7:30PM to 8:30PM

### ▶ YP Meeting

Fridays  
7:00PM to 9:00PM  
Brother Joseph's Place

### ▶ Small/Home Meeting

Friday/Saturday Evening  
Saint's Home

2018

## Seven Annual Feasts

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference, Taipei, Taiwan**: February 16-18, 2018

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Treasuring the Showers of blessing**: In our meetings, showers of blessing are coming down. We are under His blessing, He promised to raise up a plant of renown whose fruit would be for the enjoyment of His recovered people. This plant is **Christ**. This promise of enjoying Him has been fulfilled through our readings of the **Life-Study** and **Ministry Books**. Please fill up an order form and submit it to sister Cassie.
2. Starting February we will have a once a month **corporate prayer meeting**, every first Tuesday of the month.
3. Berly is going to join the **gospel trip** in Kitchener area for GTCA. Please pray for their team.
4. Browse daily our website: [thechurchinregina.org](http://thechurchinregina.org)

## This Weeks's Pursuit: CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF EZEKIEL - (Message 16)

### The God of Blessing and the Blessing of God

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 34:26-27a; Gen. 12:3; 1:28; Num. 6:23-27; Psa. 133:3; Eph. 1:3; Gal. 3:14; 1 Cor. 10:16a

In placing man in the garden of Eden, the garden itself was not man's blessing. It was a pleasant environment but not the blessing itself. The **blessing was God Himself**. God was the real blessing to Adam and Eve. Genesis 1:28 says that after God created man, "God blessed them; and God said to them, *Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.*" Blessing is nearly always accompanied by speaking. When **God blesses us**, He is usually **speaking to us**. Man was created in God's own image and according to His likeness. Then God blessed this created man with multiplication and dominion, yet He did so with a **view toward His building**. This thought matches the goal and the consummation of the book of Ezekiel as well as of the entire Bible. God's goal is His building, His corporate expression in man. Therefore, when God blessed man at the very beginning of the Bible, we must realize that He did so with this goal in view. (Excerpt from the Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-study of Ezekiel)

God's blessings to Abraham are in two categories, the **blessing of creation** and the **blessing of redemption** [including all that God wants to give man – God Himself and all that He has in this age and in the age to come. Galatians 3:14 shows us that this blessing eventually is the **promise of the Spirit**: "That the blessing of Abraham might come to the nations in Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Since the Spirit is God Himself, this means that **God promised that He would give Himself** to Abraham as the blessing.] Genesis 12:3 says, "I will bless those who bless you, / And him who curses you I will curse; / And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." What does it mean for God to bless all the families of the earth? It means that God Himself would make Himself available to them. He would be processed, consummated, and available to be **dispensed** into every family on the earth. What a blessing! That is the real blessing that came through Abraham's seed, who is Christ. (Excerpt from Abraham – Called by God, chapter 3)

## Treasuring God's Blessing

We need to treasure and focus on the New Testament **blessings**: *regeneration, the divine life and the divine nature, the indwelling Spirit, transformation, being one spirit with the Lord, and being like God and entering into His glory*. We should treasure these blessings, not the outward, material blessings. Actually, material blessings should not be regarded as true blessings, for they are not the blessings of the New Testament. **The real blessings in the New Testament are spiritual and heavenly blessings in Christ**. The blessings of God are in at least three categories. First, there is the **blessing of God's creation**. Any human being can enjoy this category of God's blessing. Second, there is the **blessing of God's redemption**. Third, there is the **blessing of God's regeneration, which is the greatest blessing of all because God Himself dispenses His life into us**. This blessing is much better than the blessings of God's creation. Even unbelievers can appreciate the blessings of God's creation. God's creation is majestic and awe-inspiring, and everyone can appreciate such a blessing. However, we should appreciate the New Testament blessings much more.

## "Cup" means Blessing

The Bible uses the word **cup** to indicate **blessing**. Psalm 23:5 says, "You spread a **table** before me / In the presence of my adversaries; / You anoint my head with oil; / My cup runs over." First Corinthians 10:16a says, "The **cup of blessing** which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ?" In 1 Corinthians 10:16a Paul speaks of "the **cup of blessing**." This cup is the new covenant, comprising all the rich blessings of the New Testament, including God Himself. In this **new covenant** God gives us forgiveness, life, salvation, and all spiritual, heavenly, and divine blessings. When this new covenant is given to us, it is a cup, a **portion for us**. The Lord shed His blood, God established the covenant, and we enjoy the cup, in which God and all that is of Him are our portion. In this portion, this cup of the new covenant, we have God.

At the **Lord's table**, when we drink the cup, we receive God's blessing—the **blessing that is God Himself**. I believe that it is clear what the unique and real blessing in the universe is. I hope that we would never again diminish the meaning of blessing but rather that we would, in our prayer, in our praise, and in our speaking, have the realization of **the intrinsic meaning of blessing in the Bible, which is a wonderful person, the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—coming to us, giving Himself to us, and dispensing Himself into us**. Hallelujah! (Excerpt from the Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-study of Ezekiel, pp. 89-114)

## Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ January 21, 2018 - Love Feast (Sis. Berly)
- ▶ January 28, 2018 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ February 11, 2018 - Love Feast
- ▶ February 19, 2018 - Church Pursuit; (Experience of Life, msg 16; Brother Joseph's place)

**PRAYER BURDEN**

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ.”**

1. Lord, we thank You for the **peace of the covenant** of grace that You accomplished on the cross that produced a **blessing** for us to **enjoy** and as we **abide** in You, the **shower of blessing** will come down and will cause us to become a **source** of **blessing** to others.
2. Lord, we **treasure** Your blessing, we **believe** in Your blessing and we **rely** on it, bring us to the point of seeing that our Christian life and work is **life of blessing** and everything depends upon Your blessing.
3. Lord, we **seek** Your blessing, qualify us to express You and to represent You, so that we may experience the **fulness of Your blessing**, so that wherever we go we can **minister** Your riches to **pour out** ourselves to others.
4. Lord, we want to **remain** in the ground of oneness and **enjoy** the **precious ointment** that ran down upon Aaron’s garment and the **dew** that came down upon the mountains of Zion, for there You **command** the **blessing**: Life forever.
5. Lord, grant us of the **same mind** toward one another, that with **one accord** we may with **one mouth** glorify You that we may be blessed with every **spiritual blessing** in the heavenlies.
6. Lord, we praise and thank You for the new **covenant of full blessing** established when You shed blood on the cross, we want to **remain** and **maintain** the fellowship of the divine life by **drinking** the cup of blessing.
7. Please pray for:
  - The trainees from the FTTA joining the **GTCA**, for the Spirit to brood over the **120 cities** in North America, the health and safe travel of the **51 teams** to their gospel trip destinations.
  - That the situation in **Puerto Rico** will continue to improve – that the power and water will be restored soon, the saints would be encouraged from the visits and the **care** and **shepherding** of the young people would be released.
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**.
  - **Enjoy Christ riches** through the reading of the **Ministry Books & Life-Study Books**
  - **Bible** and spiritual books distribution
  - Campus work in UofR
  - **Small group in Moose Jaw & Oxbow**
  - Bless sister **Malou** Ballao

**A Closing Word**

January 15, 2018, Monday (Message 31)

God is revealed in twelve situations in Romans - God **in His creation**, being apprehended by means of the things created by Him; God **in condemnation**, man fell and became sinful, this brought in God’s condemnation; God **in redemption**, save sinful man; After redemption, God is revealed **in justification**, for Christ has fulfilled and satisfied God’s righteous requirements for us sinners; God is seen in **reconciliation**, as enemies of God, here we joy in God and enjoy God in all that He is to us; God is realized by us **in our identification** with Christ, God has transferred us from Adam into Christ; God is experienced by us in **sanctification**, He has made us one with Christ positionally, and dispositionally; God is enjoyed by us **in glorification**, He will glorify us; God is further revealed to us **in His love** that secures our destiny; God is also seen **in His selection**. He has selected us. His selection is our destiny. Eventually, God is glorified **in the Body of Christ**, He is not only God in the spirits of the believers, but God in a corporate, collective entity. Finally, God is expressed **in the church life**, God is expressed in Christ, Christ is expressed in His Body, and the Body of Christ is expressed in the churches. **On the one hand, God is in our spirit; on the other hand, He is in all the local churches.**

**The Basic Concept of Romans**

January 16, 2018, Tuesday (Message 32)

The basic thought of Romans is that God is making sons out of **sinners** to form a body for Christ that He may be expressed. We sinners are the basic material which God is using to produce many sons for Himself, and ultimately to build us together into one Body to express Christ. We commit sins because we are sinners. We are sinful in what we do, we are constituted sinners in what we are, and we are short of God’s glory. God’s **righteousness** has been **reckoned** to us through the redeeming death of Christ, and now God’s **holiness** is being **wrought** into us through Christ’s living in us, and God is **working** in us to glorify us in and shine with God’s **glory**. We shall **praise Him for the righteousness of God, the holiness of God, the glory of God, and the love of God.**

**The Basic Points in Chapters Five through Eight**

January 17, 2018, Wednesday (Message 33)

*Chapter five* deals with the **fact** that we have been in Adam. **“In Adam,”** we inherited sin, were under the reign of death, and were constituted sinners. *Chapter seven* deals with the **experience** in the flesh. Every time we make up our mind to do good, we make a commandment, a self-made law, for ourselves, we will end up being exposed, we are **“in the flesh”**.

*Chapter six* deals with the **fact** that we are now in Christ. **“In Christ”** we have received grace with the gift of righteousness. In Christ we all have been justified, have eternal, we can even reign in this eternal life. *Chapter eight* deals with our **experience** in our human spirit. **“In the spirit”** we need to walk, behave, and have our being according to the mingled spirit and continually set our mind upon the spirit. Then we shall have freedom, and the indwelling Christ will impart life into every part of our being, even into the weak members of our mortal body.

**Being Freed from Sin, the Law, and the Flesh**

January 18, 2018, Thursday (Message 34)

In order to accomplish the task of making sons **out of sinners to form the Body of Christ**, God firstly had to take care of our past deeds. **Christ’s death on the cross** deals with what we have done, and the **resurrected Christ** living in us deals with what we are. We have been **freed from sin**. However, God has been and still is working to **transform sinners into sons of God**. These sons of God are the members forming the Body of Christ to express Christ in the local churches. The fact of being in Christ can only be experienced by being in the spirit. When we walk according to the spirit, we experience all the riches of Christ, we are **freed from the flesh** and no longer obligated to it, we have been **freed from the law**.

**Being Freed from Death (1)**

January 19, 2018, Friday (Message 35)

By God’s creation, we were good, righteous men. However, due to the fall of Adam, were constituted sinners because sin had injected and entered into us. Sin issues in three things: the **law, the flesh, and death**. We are **freed** from sin by having **our old man crucified** and our body of sin made of none effect; we are **freed** from the law by **burying our old husband** and by marrying another; and we are **freed** from the flesh by **walking according to the spirit**.

The issue of sin is death, which kills and deadens us. Today we have the **body of sin**, which is strong in relation to sin, and the **body of death**, which is weak in relation to God. We need always to turn to our spirit and to live according to our spirit. If we do this, **the indwelling Christ** will be real to us, and we shall see how unlimited He is. Eventually, He will spread Himself from our spirit into our deadened, mortal body. In this way we shall be completely **freed** from death.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Jan. 07 - Jan. 13, 2018	31	11	7	8	\$290.10
Jan. 14 - Jan. 20, 2018	23	11	7	15	\$335.00