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Church in Regina Newsletter

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Ezekiel 43:12, "..come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me..."

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- Lord's Table Meeting
 Lord's Day
 10:00AM to 12:00PM
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays Saints Homes

YP Meeting
Fridays

7:30PM to 8:30PM

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

Friday/Saturday
Evenings
Saint's Home

2018 SEVEN ANNUAL FEAST

- International Chinese speaking Conference, Taipei: February 16-18, 2018
- 2. ITERO (Spring) Anaheim, CA, USA: April 13-15, 2018
- Memorial Day Conference Kansas City, Missouri: May 25-28, 2018
- 4. Summer Training Anaheim, CA July 2-7, 2018
- 5. ITERO (Fall) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: October 4-6, 2018
- 6. Thanksgiving Conference Charlotte, North Carolina: November 22-25, 2018
- 7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA: December 24-29, 2018

This Weeks's Pursuit: CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF EZEKIEL - (Message 20)

Ministering to the Lord to Enjoy Him as the Hidden Manna, the Budding Rod, and the Law of Life

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 44:10-11, 15-18; Acts 13:1-2; Heb. 9:3-4

Our Morning Watch with the Lord is Indispensable; we need to Observe it Diligently

Within the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant. Inside the Ark of the Covenant was the golden pot containing the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. The reality of these three items—the hidden manna, the budding rod, and the tablets of the law—needs to be our daily experience. **The hidden manna** is the portion of Christ that we enjoy in the presence of God when there is no distance between us and Him. When there is no distance..., we enjoy Christ in the most intimate and hidden way. **The budding rod** signifies that Christ, the resurrected One, should be our life, our living, and the resurrection life within us. [T]his life should bud, blossom, and bear fruit to maturity. **The tablets of the covenant**, which are the tablets of the law, signify the law of the divine life, which is the spontaneous power, automatic function, innate ability, and divine capacity of the divine life. Praise the Lord for the law of the divine life in our spirit! This law is the spontaneous power of the divine life.

Service from man has man's natural enjoyment, preference, and flavor. Service from God enables man to worship the Lord and advance even when facing difficulties. [It] enables man to not be anxious or quarrelsome. God's work is not for our enjoyment or our preference. When there is anxiety in our carrying out of the work, it is a sign that we depend on ourselves. Likewise, when there are quarrelsomeness and debate in the work, it shows that the work is for man's pride rather than for God's glory... This does not mean that we should not do anything. To be sure, we must do much with the Lord, especially in these days when the whole world is open, the work is plenteous, and the fields are white. Although all our service is initiated by God, we must learn to bear responsibility and be absolutely faithful before the Lord. We need to rely on the Lord, carrying out our service by being joined to the Lord and being in fellowship with Him.

In the Lord's work there are areas that are **appealing** and **attractive** to our flesh because they are solely for the **pleasure and glory of our self**. For example, if we had fed the five thousand, we would have wanted to remain in the glory of that miracle. However, Matthew 14:22-23 says that after feeding the five thousand, the Lord, immediately "compelled the disciples to step into the boat and to go before Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. And after He sent the crowds away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone." The Lord did this so that He could spend more time to pray privately to the Father in order that He might be one with the Father in whatever He was doing for the producing and establishing of the kingdom of the heavens. If the Lord felt the need to have more time to pray privately to the Father, how much more should we feel the need to pray privately to minister to the Father and to the Lord!

We need to learn to rest in the Lord, be at peace in Him concerning the work, trust in Him, and sleep peacefully as we experience being one with Him. At the same time, if someone hands over a certain matter for us to take care of it, we need to be faithful to the Lord in the Body to serve in the church. When we rely on the Lord, carrying out the service by being joined to Him and being in fellowship with Him, our service builds up the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem, and also such a service prepares us to serve God in eternity and for eternity. (Excerpt from the Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-study of Ezekiel, Ministering to the Lord to Enjoy Him as the Hidden Manna, the Budding Rod, and the Law of Life)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The conference in Saskatoon will be on March 17-18, 2018. We will stay overnight, please confirm with sister Kim today so we can book (the earlier the better because the price is cheaper) the hotel rooms.
- 2. We will have our service meeting today after the prophesying meeting to prepare for the conference in Saskatoon.
- 3. The Spring YP Conference in Calgary will be on March 30 to April 1 for Grade 6 to High school young people. Please sign up by February 28.
- 4. The local YP conference on March 11, 2018, will be rescheduled at a later date.

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PRAYER BURDEN

"And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

- 1. Lord, we come to Your presence, focusing only on You, and occupy our heart, as the "sons of Zadok" of today, fulfilling Your charge to keep Your sanctuary, to stand before You, and to minister to You.
- 2. Lord, make us bold enough to come to You, to sit firmly and to spend time before You to pray more, to wait for Your command, to speak Your will, in order for us to be saved from the sin of presumption.
- 3. Lord, clothe us with "linen garments" a daily living and walk in the life-giving Spirit to contact You, restful and calm within, that we may not sweat in ministering to You and we put off our "woolen garments," our human effort and strength that cause us to sweat before You.
- 4. Lord, **a day** in Your sanctuary is better than a **thousand days** in another place, we need Your grace so we can quietly stay in Your sanctuary and make it a top priority in everything and before doing anything.
- 5. Lord, we want to enter into the presence of the **divine glory** in the Holy of Holies, that **no distance** between us, to enjoy the **hidden manna**, and have a **direct fellowship** with You to know Your heart and Your intention.
- 6. Lord, we also want to enjoy You as the "budding rod," the resurrected One, our life, our realm, and live according to the "tablets of the covenant" as our power, our ability, our capacity of life to function for the carrying out of Your economy.
- 7. Please pray for:
- ▶ The churches/saints in **Israel**:
 - the Russian-speaking video training on February 24-25, 2018;
 - the church in Tiberias to bear fruit
 - the young Jewish man, who is open to know the Way will be released by the Lord so that he can join the college meeting in Tel Aviv before joining the Army
 - the preaching of the gospel (fruit-bearing) by the saints from the Philippines to their Jewish employer
- the saints in the Lord's Recovery will see the vision of the one new man and will have the personal experiences needed to bring forth and live out the one new man on earth today
- 8. Please pray for the church in Regina.
- ▶ Conference in Saskatoon on March 17-18
- ▶ YP conference and children's meeting
- sister Mallou to deliver a healthy normal haby
- The Chinese speaking immigrant to get saved and be brought to the church life

LIFE-STUDY OF ROMANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

Designation by the Mingled Spirit

February 19, 2018, Monday (Message 56)

In the Spirit we have freedom. The Spirit is setting us free from slavery. We also enjoy the Spirit as a foretaste. This foretaste is sweet, tender, and enjoyable to us. As sons of God, we have the Spirits leading. We need to cooperate by paying attention to this leading and by honoring it. We also have the interceding of the Spirit. The purpose of the Spirit's intercession is that we would be conformed to the image of Christ. In order for us to reach the full sonship, we need the Spirit's interceding. Then we have the renewing of the Spirit. Today we serve God in the newness of spirit. When we are in spirit, we are in resurrection. Our need today is not for more teachings; it is for the application and enjoyment of the all-inclusive Spirit. The more we walk according to the mingled spirit, the more we undergo the process of designation. Day by day, we are resurrected, sanctified, transformed, and glorified. The way to be designated sons of God is not to acquire more teachings. It is to have our being according to the mingled spirit. Praise the Lord!

Righteousness—the Power of the Gospel

February 20, 2018, Tuesday (Message 57)

Righteousness is the power of the gospel. Now that Christ has died and has been raise from among the dead, it is impossible for God to change His mind about forgiving us. Both love and grace may change, but righteousness is solid and steadfast. The foundation of our salvation is righteousness, not love or grace. By forgiving us God shows forth His righteousness. Because His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, was put to death by Him on the cross on our behalf, He is legally obligated to forgive us. We should not look at ourselves, but look at the ascended Christ. The ascended Christ seated at the right hand of God is the receipt for the payment for our forgiveness. God is in the process of transforming us with Christ. The more we are transformed by God in this way, the more we become the righteousness of God. Righteousness means to be right with God in every way. If we are clear concerning God's righteousness in the gospel, we shall be at rest knowing that the righteousness of God is our eternal security. Praise the Lord!

The Selection of Grace

February 21, 2018, Wednesday (Message 58)

God's selection does not depend upon what we are; it depends entirely upon God and His desire. God's selection is related to His predestination. Firstly, God selected us. Then He marked us out, that is, predestinated us. Before the universe came into existence, God has already selected us and predestinated us unto sonship. Now that we have believed into the Lord Jesus, we simply cannot escape from Him. This proves that we have been selected by God. The gospel is wholly a matter of God's sovereign mercy. All is a matter of God's mercy. We are not in the Lord's recovery because we are more intelligent than others or because we seek the Lord more than others do. Our being here is altogether due to the mercy of God. The gospel in which we serve God is a gospel of grace, not a gospel of works. If we enjoy the Lord mercy and worship Him for His selection, we shall be in the heavenlies. Praise the Lord!

The Practice of the Body Life

February 22, 2018, Thursday (Message 59)

Sonship is for the Body. In order to be members of the Body of Christ, we must be sons of God. To have the proper practice of the Body life, we must have such a general attitude. In the church life we must be general, able to receive all genuine believers. Let us have unity in variety without conformity. Even though there are may be such variety, we still are one in Christ. If we would have the Body life in a practical way, we must not only receive the believers, but also pay attention to the church in the locality. If we would have to proper practice of the Body life today, we must be general in receiving all kinds of believers. We need to be in a local church and honor the locality of the church. Wherever we may be, we must be in the church in that locality. Praise the Lord!

The Dispensation of the Triune God for the Fulfillment of His Purpose

February 23, 2018, Friday (Message 60)

God's eternal purpose is to have a Body of Christ. In order to fulfill His Purpose, it is necessary for God to dispense Himself into His chosen people. In order for God to dispense Himself into us, He must be triune, He must be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. He longs to dispense Himself into men created, chosen, and called by Him. Only through dispensation could the Son of God, Jesus Christ, become our Lord. Because Christ has been dispensed into us, He is not only the Lord, but our Lord. The full dispensation of the Triune God into our entire being is God making His home in us and even giving life to our mortal bodies. The One who dwells in us has been fully processed. This is the Triune God who has been processed through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection, who is dispensing Himself into us, and who is now dwelling in us. Through the dispensing of the Triune God, we have truly become God's sons in life; we are not sons-in-law. The ultimate issue of the dispensation of the Triune God is to produce sons to be the members which constitute the Body of Christ. Praise the Lord!

Upcoming Activities:

- February 25, 2018 Brother's Meeting
- ▶ March 11, 2018 Love Feast and YP Conference
- March 17-18, 2018 Conference in Saskatoon
- March 30, 2018 Church Pursuit Experience of Life, chapter 16