



Church in Regina Newsletter

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*Ephesians 1:4, "Even as He **chose us** in Him **before the foundation of the world** to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,"*

This Weeks's Pursuit:

THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH , Week 01

Seeing God's Eternal Purpose concerning the Church and Enlightening All concerning the Economy of the Mystery Hidden in God

Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:3-5, 8-11; Rom. 8:28; 16:25

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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
Evenings
Saint's Home

God knows each and every one of us from eternity, and we are here in time at the place where He appointed us, so that we may be in the church

We need to pray for a **spiritual seeing** of the church; we shouldn't be satisfied with what we have seen and what we know until now, but be pure in heart and poor in spirit to see the church in God's eternal purpose... Then, based upon the degree of our seeing, we will be able to carry out the "enlightening all that they may see the economy of the mystery hidden in God" (Eph. 3:9-11). Christ is the mystery of God; God is a mystery, and Christ is the revelation and expression of this mystery, so Christ is the mystery of God.

God has an eternal purpose – the purpose of the ages, which He made in eternity past for eternity future. Before the foundation of the world, before the heavens and the earth and all things were created, in eternity past, God made a purpose for something in the future, for eternity to come; this **purpose** is related to the church. God's purpose is simply to gain the church, the corporate expression of Himself through a group of regenerated, transformed, built up, and coordinated people. This is what God wanted to gain from eternity past, this is why He came to the earth, this is why He died on the cross, and this is what He is doing right now: He is building up the church.

The church was **planned by God** in eternity; before time began, in eternity, God purposed to have the church. This was a mystery hidden from the ages in God's heart, something deep in the heart and purpose of God, and it was revealed to His holy prophets and apostles. God purposed to have the corporate expression of Christ, who is the embodiment and expression of the Triune God. God created the universe as the environment of such an expression, He became a man to be the seed that will be enlarged and duplicated for God to gain such an expression, He is working to build up the church to be His corporate expression, and when He gains a full expression of Himself, there will be a new heaven and a new earth as the environment for the New Jerusalem, the holy city, the ultimate consummation of the church.

In a very real sense, when the Lord brings us into His desire to recover the church, there is nothing here in His recovery of the church for us. In the Lord's recovery there's **only Christ**; everything is for Christ, in Christ, and unto Christ. The church is not a temporary matter – the church is an eternal matter in the eternal purpose of God, and the church is the center and subject of God's eternal plan. The church should be the **center, subject, and goal** of our living and work, and when we decide things or do things, the church should be in our **consciousness**.

Lord, we praise You that the existence of the church is according to the eternal purpose which God made in Christ Jesus our Lord! Hallelujah, in eternity past and for eternity future, God planned and purposed to have the church in Christ and for Christ! **Uplift our view** of the church, and grant us to see the church the way You see it. Lord, may our work here be with the church in view, and may our living and work have an eternal value for the church, so that You may gain a corporate expression of Yourself in the church! (Excerpt from The Ministry of the Word, Ministry Magazine, pp. 125-146)

The church through which God's **wisdom** is so marvelously displayed is God's masterpiece. In the eyes of God the most wonderful thing in the universe is the church, for through the church God's multifarious wisdom is made known to Satan and his angels. The day is coming when Satan and his angels will be put to shame. They will realize that everything they have done has given God the opportunity to manifest His wisdom. In the same principle, our failures, mistakes, defeats, and wrongdoings have also given God opportunities to display His wisdom. None of us likes to be mistaken; on the contrary, we all want to be right. Although I have always intended to do the right thing, I have nevertheless made **many** mistakes, even some big mistakes. I certainly hate these mistakes, but I can testify that they have afforded God the **opportunity** to show forth His wisdom (Life-Study of Ephesians, message 31)

2018 SEVEN ANNUAL FEAST

1. International Chinese speaking Conference, Taipei: February 16-18, 2018
2. **ITERO (Spring) Anaheim, CA, USA: April 13-15, 2018**
3. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The deadline for the CWWL purchase order is April 30, 2018.
2. The YP conference in Calgary on March 30 to April 1, 2018, is for Grade 6, Junior High, High school, University and their respective serving ones.
3. The church retreat for grade six in Camp Evergreen, Calgary will be on June 1-3, 2018. The deadline for registration is on April 29, 2018. The burden is for them to receive the Lord during this time and get baptized. The cost is \$150 per person.
4. The Summer School of Truth will be on August 6-11, 2018. The registration deadline is May 27, 2018. The registration cost is \$395.

LIFE-STUDY OF ACTS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

PRAYER BURDEN

“And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,”

1. Lord, we thank You that You've **chosen us** before the foundation of the world to **be holy** and **without blemish**, and we stand on Your word that we indeed **be holy** and should have **no worldly mixtures**, having **predestinated** us according to Your purpose.
2. Lord, make us realize that the aim of Your **plan** is to have an expression through a Body **composed** and **built up**, by the mingling of Yourself with humanity which You planned in eternity past **for eternity** to come.
3. Lord, **open** our eyes **“bringing to light”** that all things were created for the **good pleasure of Your will**, for the **mystery of Your will**, and for the **counsel of Your will** which You purposed according to the good pleasure of Your heart, to dispense Yourself into us.
4. Lord, bring us into a full **realization** about Your eternal purpose to have the full **sonship**, to show Your **wisdom** to the enemy, and **head up** all things through the **church**.
5. Lord, the **mystery of Your will** is not only **incomprehensible** and **unknown** to us, but hidden in Your heart, we pray that You **reveal** to us the **hidden** mystery that You in the Divine Trinity desires to be **dispensed** and **wrought** into us, for Your expression.
6. Lord, gain us to **contain** You that we may become the members of Your Body, that You may become our **life**, our **Head**, and our **manifestation** that You and us could be one **universal new man**.
7. Please pray for:
 - ▶ **Israel**: the local church in the cities of Haifa and Ashkelon to be raised up; the church in Galilee to continue steadfastly in one accord
 - ▶ **Poland**: the 1st distribution of the Polish NTRV on March 15, and end of March 2018; then the 2nd distribution on April
 - ▶ **USA**: Increase the number of people visiting BfA blog
 - ▶ the SST on August 6-11, 2018
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**.
 - ▶ increase the number of meeting saints
 - ▶ more saints to avail copy of the CWWL
 - ▶ YP Conference on April 8, 2018
 - ▶ The **Chinese** speaking immigrant to get **saved** and be **brought** to the **church life**

The Propagation in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria through the Ministry of Peter's Company (1)

March 19, 2018, Monday (Message 06)

The propagation of the resurrected Christ begins in Jerusalem and then spreads to Judea, Samaria, and the entire world. The first thing that took place in this propagation was **the outpouring of the Holy Spirit**. This outpouring was the baptism in the Holy Spirit carried out by the heavenly Head upon His Body. The unique blessing of the gospel is not heaven or even the forgiveness of sins; the **unique blessing of the gospel** is **the Spirit**, even the all-inclusive Spirit of the processed Triune God. When the **economical** Spirit was poured out upon the Body of Christ on the day of Pentecost, the enjoyment of Christ became bountiful in His ascension. Praise the Lord!

The Propagation in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria through the Ministry of Peter's Company (2)

March 20, 2018, Tuesday (Message 07)

The **essential Spirit** of resurrection life is for the believers **to live Christ**; the **economical Spirit** of ascension power is **for them to carry out His commission**. The essential aspect of the Spirit is for **living**, and the economical aspect is for **ministry**. The **divine breath** in John 20:22 is the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God reaching His redeemed people. This Spirit is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God reaching His redeemed people. The Word reveals that the Triune God became the last Adam, and this last Adam became the life-giving Spirit. The processed Triune God has reached us as the life-giving Spirit. We should simply believe the report and take the facts; the report is in the Bible, and the facts are the Lord has breathed the Spirit of life into His believers and has blown His Spirit.

The Propagation in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria through the Ministry of Peter's Company (3)

March 21, 2018, Wednesday (Message 08)

Acts 2:3 says, *“And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which were divided and sat on each one of them.”* Here “tongues” are a symbol of speaking, symbolizing that God's economical Spirit of power is mostly for speaking. He is the speaking Spirit. In this verse “fire” symbolizes burning power for purging and motivating in God's economical move. The fact that the verb “sat” is singular indicates that one tongue sat on each one of them. **The tongues spoken on the day of Pentecost were genuine dialects** and not merely sounds uttered by the tongue. What was spoken by those who were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was a recognizable dialect. Genuine tongue-speaking, is not merely a voice or a sound. Genuine tongue-speaking is a **dialect**.

The Propagation in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria through the Ministry of Peter's Company (4)

March 22, 2018, Thursday (Message 09)

The pouring out of the Spirit after Christ's ascension was the descension of the resurrected and ascended Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit to carry out His heavenly ministry on earth to build up His church as His Body for God's New Testament economy. The **economical filling** of the Holy Spirit is actually **the outpouring of the Holy Spirit**. It is God's commandment and desire that His people call on Him. It is the joyful way to drink from the fountain of God's salvation, and the enjoyable way to delight oneself in God, that is, to enjoy Him. After we **believe** in the Lord, we need to **call upon Him** so that we many not only be saved but also enjoy His riches. His riches are enjoyed through our calling upon Him by **exercising our spirit**. This is the real worship of God.

The Propagation in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria through the Ministry of Peter's Company (5)

March 23, 2018, Thursday (Message 10)

While Christ was living and ministering, whatever He did was an exhibition of the fact that His work was done by God. This indicates that the **Lord's crucifixion** was not an accident in human history, but a **purposeful fulfillment** of the divine counsel **determined by the Triune God**. Through the **resurrection of Christ** God was declaring that the resurrected Christ was the real **Messiah**, the One anointed and appointed by God to carry out His eternal commission. The apostles were **witnesses** of the resurrected Christ, not in **word** only, but also by their **life** and **action**. Especially they bore witness of His resurrection, which is the crucial focus in carrying out God's New Testament economy. **Christ's ascension was God's exaltation of Him**. In exalting Christ, God made Him both Lord and Christ. The pouring out of the Holy Spirit is a proof that God has exalted the Lord Jesus and has made Him both Lord and Christ. The Lord was made Lord, as the Lord of all, to possess all; and He was made Christ, as God's Anointed, to carry out God's commission.

Upcoming Activities:

- ▶ March 25, 2018 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ March 30, 2018 - Church Pursuit - Experience of Life, chapter 16
- ▶ April 8, 2018 - Love Feast & Local YP Conference
- ▶ April 29, 2018 - Churching to Lloydminster

SOME IMPORTANT TERMS CONCERNING GOD’S ECONOMY— CHRIST WITH THE CHURCH

Economy

The Greek word for economy, *oikonomia*, is used three times in Ephesians. In **1:10** Paul speaks of a dispensation, or economy, of the fullness of the times, in which all things will be headed up in Christ. In **3:2** he speaks of the stewardship of the grace of God, and in **3:9**, of the dispensation of the mystery. The English word economy is an anglicized form of *oikonomia*, which means administration, stewardship, arrangement, or dispensation. In particular, in this sense economy denotes dispensing. **God’s economy is to dispense Himself into His chosen people.** Apart from Himself, God has nothing to dispense into His chosen ones.

Will

Three times in Ephesian 1, Paul mentioned: **the good pleasure of His will** (v. 5), **the mystery of His will** (v. 9), and **the counsel of His will** (v. 11). God has an economy because He has a will. In eternity God planned a will. This will was hidden in Him. Hence, it was a mystery. In His wisdom and prudence He has made this hidden mystery **known to us** through His **revelation in Christ**, that is, through Christ’s incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Good Pleasure

Another important term is “good pleasure” (1:5, 9). God has a **will** in which is His good pleasure. This good pleasure refers to the delight of God’s heart. The book of Ephesians speaks from the standpoint of the good pleasure of God’s heart. According to 1:9 and 10, God’s good **pleasure** is what He has **purposed** in Himself for an administration. In human terms, God’s good pleasure is that which makes Him happy. There is something within God’s heart that pleases Him and makes Him happy. This is God’s good pleasure.

Purpose

In Ephesians the word purpose is used three times, twice as a noun and once as a verb. In **1:11** Paul says that we have been **predestinated according to the purpose** of the One who operates all things according to the counsel of His will. In **3:11** Paul speaks of the purpose of the ages. The **purpose of the ages** is the purpose of eternity, the eternal purpose, the eternal plan of God made in eternity past. In **1:9** the word purpose is used as a verb: “*Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He **purposed** in Himself.*”...the word purpose is the equivalent of the English word plan. God has a plan which He made in eternity. God has a plan because He has a will, a good pleasure, and an economy. According to His economy, He made a plan, a purpose.

Counsel

In 1:11 Paul uses the word counsel, saying that God operates all things according to **the counsel of His will**. When God created man, a conference was held within the Godhead. For this reason, Genesis 1:26 says, “And God said, Let us make man in our image.” God took counsel with Himself. This counsel is related to His will.

Mystery

As we have seen, 1:9 mentions **the mystery of God’s will**. In 3:3 Paul says, “*That by revelation the mystery was made known to me.*” God’s hidden purpose is the mystery, and the **unveiling** of this mystery **is revelation**. In 3:4 Paul goes on to speak of the “mystery of Christ.” The **mystery of God** in Colossians 2:2 is Christ, whereas the **mystery of Christ** here is the church. God is a mystery, and Christ, as the embodiment of God to express Him, is the mystery of God. Christ is also a mystery, and the church, as the Body of Christ to express Him, is the mystery of Christ.

In 3:9 Paul speaks of **bringing to light** the “dispensation of the mystery.” God’s mystery is His hidden purpose. His purpose is to dispense Himself into His chosen people. Hence, there is a dispensation of the mystery of God. This mystery was hidden in God from the ages (that is, from eternity) and through all past ages, but now it has been brought to light to the New Testament believers. **God’s intention is to make known the dispensation, the economy, of His mystery.**