



Church in Regina Newsletter

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Matthew 25:10 "...the bridegroom came; and **those who were ready went in** with him to the wedding feast. And the door was shut."

"A Christian's **status** and **position** is that of a **virgin**, his **condition** is to **take his lamp** to shine, his **way** is to **go out of the world**, and the **purpose** of his life is to **wait for the Lord's coming**."

This Weeks's Pursuit:

THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 09

The Status of the Church—the Counterpart of Christ

Scripture Reading: Gen. 2:18-25; John 19:34; Eph. 5:25-27, 32

“Watch and be Ready”

God's need in His economy is for Him to have the church as His **helper**, His **counterpart**; in a real sense, just as it was not good for man to be alone, so it is not good for Christ to be alone: Christ needs the church to be His counterpart! When God purposed to create man, He said, "Let Us make man in Our image and according to Our likeness, and let **THEM** have dominion...". Just as Adam fulfills God's purpose, so does Eve; just as Christ fulfills God's purpose, so does the church.

He came as the Redeemer to **give Himself up for us** and bring us back to God, so that we may be gained and courted by Him, respond to Him in love, and be the church that He desires. Then, He became a life-giving Spirit to **sanctify** and **beautify** us, the church, so that we may match Him in every possible way. He is now the life-giving Spirit speaking to us in His word, giving us an instant, fresh, living, sanctifying word, so that any wrinkles and spots would be removed and we would be produced as His beautiful bride, His counterpart.

Adam fulfills God's purpose **not by himself but together with his wife Eve**; Christ fulfills God's purpose not by Himself but together with His wife, the church. Adam was not complete without Eve, and he needed a counterpart; similarly, Christ is not complete without the church – He needs the church as His counterpart. **Adam alone is not enough** to satisfy God's heart; **Christ alone is not enough** to satisfy God's heart – He needs the church. God desires to have Christ and the church to express Him and represent Him on earth.

As believers in Christ we need to love the Lord; He is our Bridegroom, and we are His bride. We need to love the Lord with the first love, and we need to do the first works – the works coming out of our first love for the Lord. When we are about to do something in the church life, and there's a mournful attitude in us, this means that we need to turn to the Lord and learn to walk in spirit with **Christ as our joy**. We all need to develop and maintain a personal, affectionate, private, and spiritual relationship with the Lord. We need to let Him draw us, let Him kiss us with the kisses of His mouth, and be affectionate with Him by telling Him, **Lord Jesus, I love You!** We need to exercise our spirit and enter into the Lord's chambers in our being, which is our mingled spirit, to spend time with Him and give Him our love. The relationship between God and man in the Bible is the relationship between a **Husband** and a **Wife**: God comes to love and court us, caring for us, and drawing us to Himself, and we as His people love Him, give Him our love, and, even though we go astray from Him, we are drawn back to Him by His love.

Corporately, we are the church as the wife of Christ. Though we may have spots and wrinkles and all kinds of problems, when we come to the Lord's written word with an exercised spirit, we get the Lord's washing in the word, and we are sanctified and beautified. Christ today is the life-giving Spirit to sanctify us and cleanse us by the washing of the water in the Word. He is **with our spirit**, and He is **infusing us** with Himself as we come to His word with an exercised spirit, so that He may remove any **old elements**, any **spots**, and any **wrinkles**, and make us the **beautiful bride** of Christ, the counterpart of Christ.

"Lord, open our eyes to realize that God in Christ is the real, universal Husband, who is seeking a wife for Himself. Thank You for creating us in Your image and according to Your likeness so that we may receive You as life and everything to express You and be one with You as Your counterpart for the fulfillment of Your purpose. Lord, we need You, and You need us; You are our Husband, and we are Your wife. Make us the same as You are, Lord, by working Yourself into us and by working in us to produce us as the church, Your bride, Your counterpart!"

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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

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

Heavenly ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Our hearts should **not be occupied with this world**. We have to **leave this world**. We must **come out of the world** in order to receive our Lord, the unique **Bridegroom**.
2. We who believe in the Lord Jesus and are saved have had **God added into us**, it is **not acceptable** at all for us Christians to live **loosely** and **sloppily**.
3. The **Church pursuit** meeting will be on May 21, 2018, at Brother Nathan's place at 6:00pm.
4. We encourage the young people who are joining the **SST** this year to start the **memorization of verses**. Although this is not a requirement, it is very important. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (Col. 3:16).
5. We have a **new Morning Revival** for this week. Please see Sister Young or Sister Evangeline if you have to settle your balances so we can pay LSM accordingly.

PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, we thank you for **courting** us as your chosen people, for entering into a **love relationship** with us, and for your life that enables us to become one with You and You one with us. May we **love You more** and **spend time** to fellowship with You in Your word. **Infuse** us with Your divine element and make us one with You as Your spouse so we may be the same as You are in life, nature, and expression.

2. Lord, may we see Your need in Your economy to have the church, your **wife** as Your **counterpart** and **complement**. Impress us with Your desire to have both the victorious Christ and the victorious church to **overcome** and **overthrow** the work of the devil, so that Christ and the Church will have dominion.

3. Lord, we praise You for what You did to produce a **counterpart**. You became a man and You died on the cross for the producing of the church as Your counterpart. As Your wife, may we **match** You as Your **helper** and be the same as You are in life, nature, and expression.

4. Lord, we thank You as the **grain of wheat** for the life-**releasing**, life-**impacting**, life-**propagating**, life-**multiplying** and life-**reproducing** death that You went through, in order to produce the **many grains** - the Body, the church to **match** You as Your counterpart.

5. Lord, we thank You for the **blood** and **water** that came out of **Your side** for our **redemption** and for our **organic salvation**. May we see that the church as the real Eve is the totality of all that You are in the believers and that other than You as the **element**, there should be no other element in the church. We want to **put off** all the **natural life** in us that You can be expressed from within our spirit to fulfill for eternity Your desire "*to present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish*".

6. Lord, may we in Your recovery be the overcomers, Your **bride**, Your **increase** to be the New Jerusalem. We want to be fully **joined to You** as one, as the universal couple who is a complete unit composed of divinity and humanity for eternity without end. We want to live with You a **surpassingly glorious life** - a life that is the mingling of God and man as one spirit and a life that is **super-excellent** and that **overflows** with blessings and joy.

7. Please pray for:

- ▶ **Europe**: the radio **broadcasts** in UK and Spain; the printing of Bibles and ministry publication in European languages
- ▶ **Germany**: German-speaking Conference on May 19-21, 2018, in Berlin; **campus work** in Frankfurt and Stuttgart
- ▶ **France**: the resumption of the **Lord's table meeting** and blending of the saints in Strasbourg.

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**.

- ▶ the **children's meeting** and coordinators
- ▶ small **group meetings** for the college students and Chinese speaking ones
- ▶ preaching of the gospel by the power of **prayer**, learning the **Word**, and through the **Spirit**

LIFE-STUDY OF ACTS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (12) May 14, 2018, Monday (Message 46)

Paul was constituted of the Spirit of Jesus, he was **led**, **guided**, and **directed** by this Spirit. In Thessalonica Paul ministered nothing other than the all-inclusive Christ. We should also **seek to minister divine things**. Paul simply announced Christ to those in the synagogue, he must have reasoned concerning Christ in a lengthy and detailed way. Paul's reasoning in the synagogue concerning Christ corresponds to his being led by the Holy Spirit and regulated by the Spirit of Jesus. Because he was under the leading of the Holy Spirit and the regulation of the Spirit of Jesus, Paul carried on a work of **presenting**, **conveying**, and **ministering** the all-inclusive Christ to others. Paul was constituted of the all-inclusive Jesus Christ and of His resurrection.

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (13) May 15, 2018, Tuesday (Message 47)

All human beings are the **offspring of God** in the sense of having been **produced of God**. But the believers are the **sons of God** in the sense of having **been born of Him**. We need to be impressed with the fact that all humans are the **offspring of God** in the sense of having the **breath of life from God**. Therefore, they live, move, and have their being in God in this sense. But the believers have been **born of God** and **have God Himself within as their life and nature**. Thus, we live, move, and have our being in God not only in the sense of having the breath of life from God, but also in the sense of acting in God's Person. We all need to be very clear concerning this distinction between the offspring of God and the sons of God.

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (14) May 16, 2018, Wednesday (Message 48)

Paul, went to the Jewish synagogue gathering for the purpose of taking advantage of the opportunity to announce the word of God. He did not go there to keep the Sabbath, but to **preach the gospel**. He was constantly preaching and ministering. Paul had the Lord within him. His returning to Antioch was the end of his second ministry journey, however, he did not go directly to Antioch, Paul went up to Jerusalem because he was endeavoring to keep the oneness of the Body. He was enthusiastic in doing everything possible in his sphere to **maintain** the **oneness of the Body** and also **a pleasant feeling** with the saints in Jerusalem.

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (15) May 17, 2018, Thursday (Message 49)

We believe that today the Lord is the processed Spirit who **dwells in us** and also **upon us**. It does not matter whether this Spirit is sensed by us. We believe that while we are serving Him and speaking for Him, especially as we are speaking Him forth, He is with us. We have the Lord's presence within us as the anointing. Through **prayer**, the **Word**, and the **Spirit**, we can have true **power** and **impact**. We should not trust in anything other than prayer, the Word, and the Spirit. There is no shortcut to having power in preaching the gospel. We need to **pray**, we need to **learn** the Word, and we need to be **one spirit** with the Lord. The Word is inexhaustible, and the Word is power.

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (16) May 18, 2018, Friday (Message 50)

In 18:19-21 Paul made a short visit to the strategic city of Ephesus. Through the **laying on of hands**, Paul identified these disciples with the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit honored this and came upon them, signifying their **identification with the Body**. Paul reasoned and persuaded those in the synagogue concerning the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God was the main subject of the apostles' preaching in their commission after Pentecost. The kingdom of God is not a material kingdom visible to human sight; rather, it is **a kingdom of the divine life**. It is the spreading of Christ as life to His believers to form a realm in which God rules in His life.

Upcoming Activities

May 21, 2018 - Pursuit, Experience of Life, msg17, at Nan's place 6:00 PM

May 27, 2018 - Brother's Meeting, Hendrick's place 6:30 PM

June 10, 2018 - Love Feast

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