

Church in Regina Newsletter

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

"The experience of the cross deepens both the vertical and the horizontal fellowship and enables us to know the life of the Body and live in the fellowship of the Body"

This Weeks's Pursuit: THE GENUINE CHURCH LIFE, Week 04

Fellowship— the Reality of the Church Life

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1-3, 7; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; 10:16-17

"called into the fellowship of His Son"

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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
- Fridays
 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
- 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
- Winter Training Anaheim, CA: December 24-29, 2018

If we say we know what fellowship is, then we actually don't know, for fellowship is the mystery issuing from a mystery. The divine life given to us through regeneration is a great mystery, and within the divine life there's a capability called, fellowship. This fellowship is really a mystery: we may touch it and enjoy it, but it's not easy to explain it. We need to open to the Lord and receive something new concerning this mystery. Fellowship indicates a putting away of private interests and a joining with others for a certain common purpose. Hence, to have fellowship with the apostles, to be in the

private interests and **join with** the apostles and the Triune God for the carrying out of God's purpose.

We need to learn this secret that in everything and in all things we would stay in the circulation of the divine life, in the fellowship of the Son, in the participation in Christ. To fellowship is not only to communicate and talk, opening

up our problems and situation, but it is to participate in a Person, to participate in Christ, and become one with Him.

fellowship of the apostles, and to have fellowship with the Triune God in the apostles' fellowship is to put aside our

In order for us to deal with any obstacles to the fellowship, the circulation of the divine life, we need to experience the cross, for the experience of the cross deepens both the vertical and the horizontal fellowship, and it enables us to know the life of the Body and live in the fellowship of the Body. We don't have two separate fellowships, one with God and the other with man; rather, there is only **one fellowship** which had two aspects, a vertical aspect – our fellowship with God, and the horizontal aspect – our fellowship with one another. We cannot say, I have good fellowship with God vertically, but horizontally with the saints my fellowship is not so good – we can't say this because it is the same fellowship that we have with God and with the saints. The only difference between the fellowship with God and with the saints is the direction, one is vertical and the other is horizontal. If we don't have a good horizontal fellowship, this means we don't have a good vertical fellowship either.

Fellowship is something wonderful and so enjoyable – we can just open to the Lord, turn our heart to Him, call on His name, and we touch and enjoy the circulation of the divine life in the Body of Christ. But on the other hand, the other side of our experience of fellowship is that there may be some obstacles, some things that may hinder our fellowship with God and with one another. In 1 Corinthians we saw that there were preferences for particular people (Paul, Cephas, or Apollos), there was a seeking after gifts, there was immorality, and the saints there were soulish, fleshly, and even fleshy. In our case there may be many things, including offenses, that hinder our fellowship with the Lord and with one another. How can we deal with all these problems? How can we make sure that our spiritual arteries are not clogged, but that we have a good spiritual circulation? The experience of the cross deepens our fellowship both with God and with the saints, and it removes any obstacles to the fellowship, the circulation of the divine life.

Fellowship implies the fact that we are limited and inadequate, and that we are willing to accept what comes from others and take it as our own. Some Christians want to seek spirituality by themselves, pray by themselves, and do everything by themselves, as if they are an all-inclusive member in the Body, without the need for the function of the other members. But those who know the Lord are not so: they need the fellowship of the Body, for they are limited, inadequate, and they are willing to accept what comes from others and take it as their own.

Lord Jesus, we want to keep the oneness of the Body, learn to fellowship among the churches, and practice the fellowship of the Body when we come to the Lord's table to eat the bread. Praise the Lord, there's one bread on the table, and we who eat of this bread are the one Body of Christ, one with Christ the Head and one with all the other local churches in the Body of Christ. Thank You Lord, we can partake of You and of Your Body at Your table, thus showing our oneness to all! Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. The Edmonton Conference is going to be on July 13-15, 2018. The deadline for registration is July 1, 2018.
- 2. Our Children's Fun Day will be on June 24, 2018.
- 3. Planning for the church family day c/o brother Darion and brother Nan

"GOD IS FAITHFUL, THROUGH WHOM YOU WERE CALLED INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD."

PRAYER BURDEN

- 1. Thank You, Lord for the **fellowship** of the divine life, the issue and **flow of the divine life**. Keep us in the one way for the one goal. We want to **stay** in the fellowship of the apostles, **behave** in the divine life and **keep** the oneness in the Body.
- 2. Praise You, Lord for calling us into the **fellowship** of the all-inclusive Christ as our portion. May we realize that we have been **called into** one enjoyment, appreciation, preference, and choice.
- 3. Enlighten us with the real meaning of fellowship the mutual oneness between us and the Triune God, and the oneness among all the believers. Keep us in the one circulation, the oneness of the Spirit.
- 4. Lord, take away all the **obstacles** in our fellowship through the **cross**. Deepen our experience of the divine fellowship by crossing us out
- 5. Lord, enlighten us to understand the **principle of fellowship**. Free us from **individualism**. May we learn to be limited, accept that we are inadequate, and be willing to accept what comes from others and take it as our own and live the Body life.
- 6. Lord, we want to pay careful attention to the crucial matter of the **one fellowship** among the churches. Save us from **organization** and keep us in the Body so as not to be isolated.
- 7. Please pray for:
 - ➤ Italy: to provide an open door to raise up His testimony in San Marino, to strength the saints from Napoli and Milan who are visiting them
 - ▶ London: the young people in Europe to have a proper view of the training, have an aspiration, and a desire to be trained, to enter the FTTL in August 2018
 - ▶ Germany: there are 142 who are asking for further contact in Munich, 34 positive responses and 13 have already come to home meetings
 - ➤ Spain: the final payment of \$510,000 due on July 30, 2018, for the meeting hall in Madrid
- 8. Please pray for the church in Regina.
 - ▶ sister Estela's citizenship examination
 - ▶ coming trainees from FTTA
 - church family day
 - Vertical and horizontal fellowship

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 (32) June 11, 2018, Monday (Message 66)

We need to be deeply impressed with the fact that in these chapters of Acts Paul was a genuine witness of Christ. We have seen that these chapters describe three categories of people: the Jewish religionists, the Roman politicians, and those weak and compromising ones in the church in Jerusalem. Now with Paul we have a fourth category. In this category Paul stands alone as a person who lived Christ. Paul not only preached the propagation of the resurrected Christ; he lived this Christ. Paul lived a life that was the propagation of the resurrected Christ. What a glory! What a victory! What a gain for the Lord and what a shame to the enemy that Paul both preached Christ and lived Christ! In the center of the enemy's activity stood Paul, a person who lived Christ. The resurrected Christ had propagated Himself by coming into Paul and making him a living witness of Christ. (Excerpt from the Life Study of Acts, Chapter 66, Section 3)

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (33) June 12, 2018, Tuesday (Message 67)

We thank the Lord for the Epistles of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Hebrews. Paul wrote these Epistles so that **God's New Testament economy** may be carried out. I hope that we all, through the help of the Life-study Messages, will become saturated with these Epistles. I also hope that we all shall have a clear view of today's situation and need. As we shall see in chapters twenty-seven and twenty-eight of Acts, it took quite a long time for Paul to travel from Caesarea to Rome. By contrast, today it is very convenient for us to spread God's New Testament economy. Let us all bear the burden for the spread of God's New Testament economy and faithfully carry out this burden. (Excerpt from the Life Study of Acts, Chapter 67, Section 3).

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (34) June 13, 2018, Wednesday (Message 68)

In any light we receive of the Lord we must see Christ. Christ must appear to us in whatever we see in the way of enlightenment, vision, or revelation. If we see a vision without seeing Christ, that vision means nothing. Likewise, if we study the Bible and gain knowledge of the Scriptures without seeing Christ, that knowledge is vanity. We all need to learn to see Christ in the things that are revealed to us. (Excerpt from the Life Study of Acts, Chapter 68, Section 3)

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (35) June 14, 2018, Thursday (Message 69)

As the result of having our eyes opened and of being transferred from the authority of Satan to God, we not only have the forgiveness of sins on the negative side, but also, we receive an inheritance on the positive side. This divine inheritance is the Triune God Himself with all that He has, all He has done, and all He will do for His redeemed people. This Triune God is embodied in the all-inclusive Christ, who is the **portion allotted** to the saints as their inheritance. The Holy Spirit, who has been given to the saints, is the foretaste, the seal, the pledge, and the guarantee of this divine inheritance, which we are sharing and enjoying today in God's New Testament jubilee as a foretaste and will share and enjoy in full in the coming age and for eternity. (Excerpt from the Life Study of Acts, Chapter 69, Section 2)

The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (36) June 15, 2018, Friday (Message 70)

The picture in these chapters of Acts shows Paul's life, behavior, and character. We see Paul's **ascendancy** over the situation. We also see the **wisdom** and **dignity** of his human life. No doubt, Paul's life was a life of living Christ and magnifying Him. In that chapter Paul says that he pursued Christ in order to be found in Him. When I read Acts 27 and 28, I find Paul in Christ. Throughout a rough and difficult voyage, Paul lived a life of ascendancy and dignity and full of wisdom. Although he was a prisoner, he behaved like a king. Furthermore, he had foresight and wisdom to handle matters. No doubt, the Lord was with Paul. On the one hand, he was a prisoner, one among two hundred seventy-six passengers. On the other hand, he was the center, the focus, of the situation, whether on the ship or on the island where they wintered after the ship was destroyed. In every circumstance **Paul lived a life of ascendancy**. (Excerpt from the Life Study of Acts, Chapter 70, Section 1)

Upcoming Activities

June 24, 2018 - Children's Fun Day and Brother's Meeting July 02, 2018 - Church Family Day July 06, 2018 - YP Big Event July 08, 2018 - Sister's Meeting