

Church in Regina Newsletter

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

Ephesians 6:18, "By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition"

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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

The New Man as the Corporate Warrior of God with Christ as the Constituents of the Whole Armor of God

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:10-20

From the day we were saved, our Christian life has been the life of warfare. Israel, when they ate the Passover lamb, [it is] from that moment that the warfare really began. They ate the Passover and Pharaoh chased them and **Jehovah fought for them**. They crossed the Red Sea and in Exodus 15, they sang the song of Moses. Moses sang in verse 3, "Jehovah is a man of war; Jehovah is His name". We need to have the proper realization of the warfare.

Christ is the armor that we put on, enabling us to stand against the stratagems of the devil. This armor comprises the girdle of truth for the strengthening of our entire being, the breastplate of righteousness for the covering of our conscience to protect us from the accusation of the enemy, the shoes of the gospel of peace as our firm foundation for us to stand, the shield of faith that protects our will against the attacks of the enemy's fiery darts, the helmet of salvation that covers our mind against the negative thoughts injected into us by the evil one, and the sword of the Spirit for us to kill the enemy. When we put on the whole armor of God, we are able to stand against the stratagems of the devil, and having done all, to stand. (*Truth Lessons, Level 2, Vol. 3, Chapter 9*)

GIRDING OUR LOINS WITH TRUTH

We have seen that the first item is reality, or truth, with which we should gird our loins. According to Ephesians 4, truth refers to God as the reality in our daily life. When we live by God, our daily life will be a life of reality, not a life of vanity. To live in vanity without God implies falsehood and emptiness. Unbelievers who spend their time indulging in worldly entertainments live a life of vanity. There is nothing real in their living. Everything is false, empty. But we who love God and

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2018 SEVEN ANNUAL FEAST

- 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
- Thanksgiving Conference Charlotte, North Carolina: November 22-25, 2018
- 7. Winter Training Anaheim, CA: December 24-29, 2018

seek Christ should have a daily living that, in a practical way, is filled with God as reality. This means that we should live God. If we live Him, the very God whom we live will be our reality. With Him everything is true and real. With Him, there is no falsehood or emptiness. We need to be girded with such truth, such reality. Suppose a brother indulges in a certain practice and then hides it from others. This is both falsehood and emptiness. Falsehood and emptiness will cause this brother to be weak, and due to this weakness he may not be able to testify in the meetings for a period of time. He does not have a girdle of truth around his loins; that is, he does not have God as reality in his daily living. We all need to be girded with truth. If we are girded with truth, with reality, we will be able to stand up boldly in the meetings and testify as those who are full of vigor.

COVERING OUR BREAST WITH THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

When we are girded with truth, the issue will be righteousness. Righteousness comes from truth, which is God as reality. The righteousness that issues out of reality then becomes the breastplate that covers our breast. In figure, the breast signifies the conscience. Hence, the breastplate of righteousness covers our conscience. The subtle enemy is always accusing us. If we are wrong even in a small matter, he will accuse us. When we are praying, he may accuse us concerning our attitude toward our husband or wife. As a result, we may not be able to continue praying. Furthermore, when we stand up to testify in a meeting, the enemy may accuse us again. If we do not deal with these accusations, we may develop a hole in our conscience, and our faith and peace will leak out. Because of the enemy's constant accusations, we need the breastplate of righteousness. We need to be right with both God and man. However, by ourselves we cannot have this righteousness. But the Bible declares that Christ has become our righteousness. Sometimes we may confess a certain fault to the Lord, or apologize to someone else if necessary, and experience the cleansing of the Lord's blood. Nevertheless, Satan still accuses us. Because the fault has been dealt with, this kind of accusation is false. Whenever Satan falsely accuses us, we need to declare, "Satan, you point to my mistake, but I point you to Christ. Christ is my righteousness." If we do this, we will experience Christ as the breastplate of righteousness covering our conscience. (The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. The conference in the church in Winnipeg will be on October 19-21, 2018. The deadline for registration is October 7, 2018
- Children's meeting: starting this Lord's day, we will have Sister Mika serve the children with snacks during the prophesying meeting. We will fellowship more on what to do with our children during the week.
- 3. The YP meeting for October will be at brother Dario's house.
- 4. The church pursuit tomorrow, October 8, 2018, is at brother Joseph's house at 6pm.

PRAYER BURDEN

- 1. Lord, reveal to us the functions of the church in Ephesians 5 and 6 that fulfill Genesis 1:26. We want to see the church is the bride to satisfy Your desire for Your expression and with Your image. We also want to see the church as the new man is a corporate warrior fighting the battle for Your dominion.
- 2. Empower us, Lord to stand against the stratagems of the devil. Cause us to realize that spiritual warfare is a battle of the Body. We fight in You and in the might of Your strength. We want to sit with You and participate in all Your accomplishments; walk in the Body to fulfill God's purpose; and stand in Your power to fight Satan.
- 3. Lord, we want to stand with the truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness. Open us to see You are the reality in our living. Constitute us with the truth and cause us to experience You that we may have the strength to face all opposition and adverse circumstances. Cover our conscience to fight against the accuser
- 4. Thank You for the firm foundation of the gospel of peace and the shield of faith. You have made peace for us on the cross, both with God and with man. Thank You our standing is peace and our fighting is in peace. We also take up the shield of faith to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.
- 5. Lord, teach us to exercise our spirit of faith with our subdued and resurrected will, that we may believe that You have destroyed the works of the devil, destroyed Satan himself, have put him to shame, and that Your ascension is far above Satan's power. Strengthen our faith in God, in God's heart, in God's faithfulness, in God's ability, in God's word, in God's will and in God's sovereignty.
- 6. Cover us with the helmet of salvation to cover our mind against the negative thoughts injected by the enemy. We want to receive the sword of the Spirit, the word of God to attack the outward enemy and the inward adversary. May we know not only the *logos* but experience the *rhema* as we pray-read the Word. We want to be the beautiful Bride and corporate warrior.

7. Please pray for:

- Canada: (1) Conference in the Church in Winnipeg on October 19-21, 2018; (2) the offerings to the Fellowship unto the Gospel (3) the purchase of property for the church in Ottawa
- USA: pray (1) to revive His work, particularly to spread in the middle of this country; (2) to add many more to the churches and usher in years of revival; (3) that the Bibles and books would reach the hungry ones who are seeking God and longing to know the truth.
- UK: (1) One week training in Bower House, London October 29-November 4, 2018; (2) Autumn University Conference in Quinta Hall, Oswestry, Uk.
- 8. Please pray for the church in Regina.
 - Chinese-speaking small group meeting Jerry's & Jacky's family
 - College Meeting
 - ▶ Bible Distribution in SIAST Polytechnic
 - Shepherds for Children's Meeting (Tagalog, Chinese, English)
 - ► Immediate & proper jobs for sister Dayana, brother Eric and Paulo
 - Experience the Lord as "Jehovah-jireh"

LIFE STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

Introduction (1)

October 01, 2018, Monday (Message 1)

In 1:1-9 Paul covers a number of important points. In these verses we first have a proper realization concerning the apostle. Then we have a clear view of the church and of the believers, the saints. As we shall see, Paul then covers something which we may term the **initial gifts**. If we would understand 1 Corinthians, we must know what are the **initial gifts** and what are the **developed gifts**. In chapter one we do not see the developed gifts, gifts which come from the growth of life, but only the initial gifts. Verse 9 is crucial. Here Paul says, "God is faithful, through Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Here Paul speaks of the fellowship of Christ into which God has called us. Thus, the main points in 1:1-9 are the apostle, the church, the saints, the initial gifts, and the fellowship of Christ. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians chapter 1, section 2)

Introduction (2)

October 02, 2018, Tuesday (Message 2)

When referring to the local saints at Corinth, Paul uses the expression "called saints." But when he speaks of all the saints on earth, he uses another description: "all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place." In this verse we see **two callings: first**, we are called saints; **second**, we call upon the name of the Lord. **This indicates that we, the believers, the saints**, have been called by God to call upon the name of the Lord. We have been called to call! To be called is a matter once for all, but to call upon the name of the Lord is a lifelong matter. Continually we need to call on Him. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians chapter 1, section 2)

Introduction (3)

October 03, 2018, Wednesday (Message 3)

...A saint is a person who has been called by God and who is now calling on the name of the Lord Jesus. A saint is also a person who has the confirmation within him. Do you not have within you the confirmation Paul speaks of in verse 6? As believers in Christ, you surely have the divine life and the Holy Spirit in you. Therefore, you are confirmed with respect to your salvation. If a person does not have this confirmation within him, I would have doubts about his salvation. A saint not only has been called by God and calls on the name of the Lord, but he also has a certain inner confirmation. Something within him confirms that he belongs to the Lord and that he has the divine life and the Holy Spirit. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians chapter 3, section 1)

Christ and His Cross the Unique Solution to All Problems in the Church (1) October 04, 2018, Thursday (Message 4)

In the first nine verses Paul lays as the foundation Christ, the unique center. In this unique center we have a unique and all-inclusive fellowship and enjoyment, the fellowship of Christ. In 1:10 Paul begins to deal with the eleven problems found in 1 Corinthians. In dealing with all these problems, Paul makes it very clear that the **unique solution to all problems in the church** is Christ and His cross. The **only answer** is Christ and Him crucified. By pointing to such a unique solution to the problems in the church in Corinth, and to the problems in every local church as well, Paul uplifted Christ and exalted Him. Paul was crystal clear that the only solution to our problems is Christ and the cross. Therefore, with 1:1-9 as a good foundation, **we can begin to appreciate** Christ and the cross as the unique solution to all problems in the church. (*Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians chapter 4, section 2*)

Christ and His Cross the Unique Solution to All Problems in the Church (2) October 05, 2018, Friday (Message 5)

Human life is filled with problems and entanglements. Simply to be alive is to encounter problems and troubles. This is true not only in the married life and family life, but also in the church life. According to the human way, negotiation is the means of solving problems or resolving entanglements. A brother and his wife may attempt to solve problems in this way. However, this is not the divine way. God's way is to supply you with Christ and terminate you by the cross. Whenever there is a problem in the family life or in the church life, the natural man may immediately try to negotiate and solve the problem through conversation. By the Lord's mercy I can testify that whenever I face this temptation, deep within I have the sense that there is no need for me to talk or negotiate. My only need is to go to the cross and be terminated. Then Christ comes in with the supply to solve every problem. This is God's way to solve all the problems in the church life. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians chapter 5, section 5)

Upcoming Activities

October 08, 2018 - Church Pursuit: The Kingdom, msg 2 - The Coming of the Kingdom and Its Process

October 14, 2018 - Love Feast and Sister's Meeting

October 19-21, 2018 - Winnipeg Conference