



Church in Regina Newsletter

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1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to *forgive* us our sins and *cleanse* us from all unrighteousness."

Lev.14:4 - two living birds:
"one was **killed** signifies the **crucified** Christ, that our filthiness might be **taken away**,"

This Week's Pursuit:
HWMR - CRYSTALLIZATION STUDY OF LEVITICUS, Book 3
(5)

The Cleansing of Leprosy

Scripture Reading: Lev. 13—14

"and **let** the other one, **go** signifies the **resurrected** Christ, that we may be **delivered** from our weakness"

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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

There are three categories of leprosy: **leprosy** in the **flesh**, leprosy in the **garments**, and leprosy of the **house**. Our **flesh** can be leprosy, our **behavior** or **conduct** can be leprosy, and even the church we are in can be leprosy. If we read the Bible and have spiritual insight on this matter, we see that there are some spiritual principles for us to be cured from leprosy – there are at least four things.

(1) **Faith**: "Your faith has healed you..." We have to believe into the Lord and believe in His way of salvation. No one can heal us from spiritual leprosy – **only the Lord can heal, and we need to believe in Him**. When we tell Him, Lord, if You are willing, You can heal me! He replies, Your faith has cleansed you, healed you, and saved you.

(2) **Obedience**: The source of leprosy is rebellion, and its manifestation is sin. By one man's disobedience we all are constituted sinners. Disobedience is first and sin comes after. When we obey the Lord and His word, just as Naaman obeyed Elisha to go and dip himself in the river of Jordan and was healed, so we will be healed. Sin is rebellion, so the **cure comes out of obedience**.

(3) **Confession**: There are spots, infections on the body, that are deeper than the skin; spiritual leprosy is manifested, not hidden somewhere, and we need to **confess** and **repent**. For us to be healed from this sin, we need a deep **confession**. Rebellion is the source, sin is what is seen, and we need to ask for cleansing and washing, after we confess our sins to the Lord. As we confess, He cleanses us from all our unrighteousness. **The deeper and stronger the sin, the more confession there needs to be**.

(4) **Life**: This is nothing from us, not something that we can do, but if we exercise before the Lord to believe into Him, obey His word, and confess in a detailed way, **the Lord's life** will come in to heal us. However, we need to be warned: whenever we leave these things, **leprosy can return**. Whenever we leave the way of faith,

obedience, submission, and confession, spiritual leprosy can return, spread and infect us.

What we see in Lev. 14:4-7 is a particular ordinance that involved **two living clean birds**, cedar wood, scarlet strands, and hyssop. All these typify something related to Christ. **One of the living birds** was to be **slaughtered** in an earthen **vessel** over running **water** and the living bird with **cedar wood** and **scarlet strands** and the **hyssop** were to be dipped in the blood of the bird slaughtered over running water. Then the leper was to be **sprinkled seven times** and **pronounced clean**, and **the living bird** was to **be let go** in the open field.

All these details and the particular way of doing this **cleansing** was a type of Christ and how He died for our redemption, in a very specific way, to **cleanse** us from our spiritual leprosy. The Lord Jesus came as the living One, the embodiment of the Father with all His riches, and He came that we may have life and may have it abundantly – He's the **reality of the living birds**. Furthermore, the Lord Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for us, becoming the fulfilment of the type of the **scarlet thread**, and He was slain for our redemption (the **fulfillment** of the **bird that was slain**). As He died, **He as full of the living, eternal, Spirit of God, and He offered Himself through the eternal Spirit to God for our redemption**, thus accomplishing an **eternal redemption** for all men (He **fulfilled** the type of the **slain bird** over running water). Then, in resurrection and ascension, He is kingly, glorious (the **fulfillment** of the type of the **scarlet thread**, which signifies **kingship**), and His saving power cleanses us and heals us from our sick condition, bringing us into His resurrection and ascension (**fulfilling** the type of the live bird being **let go** in an open field).

Lord Jesus, we admit that we are sick of spiritual leprosy, but if You are willing, You can cleanse us! We come to You, Lord, and we believe into You and in Your way of salvation. We admit, Lord, rebellion and sin are in us; we are full of rebellion and full of sin. Cleanse us, Lord, wash us, and cure us. Heal us of our leprosy. Cure us of our rebellion, and remove the stain of sin from us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Evening Lord's Table Meeting**, December 9, 2018, is at sister Venus place at 6:30 PM.
2. **Children's Fun Day** is on December 23, 2018. We need all the parents to plan for this. Our burden is to have **family staying together in the Lord**; to read the Word of God that pertains to the children, singing together and praying together with their children (that includes the YP.)
3. The **Sister's Meeting** today, December 9, 2018, is at sister Malou's place at 3:00 PM.

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**

PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, **cleanse** us from the **spiritual leprosy** we get from **outside** and from **within us**. **Subdue** our **rebellious nature** and **presumptuousness** that are against Your deputy authority.

2. Thank You, Lord for Your **rich, complete, and extensive salvation** that You have prepared for us. You are the all-inclusive One who has passed through a number of processes. You are everything we need for our **cleansing**.

3. We praise You, for Your **honorable and uplifted humanity**, which enables You to be our Savior. Thank You, for being willing to become **lowly** in Your becoming in the likeness of men and for shedding Your blood to cleanse our leprosy. Thank You for such a **perfect redemption**.

4. Thank You for the blood that **cleanses** us and **connects** us to Christ. We want to continually have the experience of Your **death, resurrection and ascension** in our daily lives and be clean before You.

5. Lord, may we learn to deal with the **difficulties of the self** through the **cross**, that there would not be any boast in us in all aspects of our being. May we be **content** with **having** nothing and **being** nothing for the sake of the Body of Christ.

6. Lord, **cleanse** the whole church as Your **house**, Your real home. **Save us** to the uttermost that there would not be any **spreading of leprosy** that is incurable.

7. Please pray for:

► Pakistan - Islamabad

Strengthen brother **Raj** and sister **Meldy**; and all the **Chinese speaking** saints serving there.

► Canada

BC: Abbotsford; Burnaby; Coquitlam; Richmond; Surrey; Vancouver

ON: Brampton; Hamilton; Kingston; Kitchener;

London; Markham; Mississauga; Ottawa; Richmond

Hill; St Catharines; Toronto; Windsor; Vaughan

PRAIRIES: Calgary; Edmonton; Lethbridge;

Lloydminster; Saskatoon; Regina; Winnipeg

QUEBEC: Montreal

NORTHERN: Charlottetown, Halifax,

► **GTCA**: 15 Trainees assigned in Canada
Burnaby, BC; Vaughan, ON; London, ON

► Bibles for America

Advertising free Bibles and books online that many would understand the Bible and grow in their Christian faith and share the riches of the ministry to others.

► Bibles for Canada

All the saints to **distribute** 10 Bibles each.
Offering for printing and **translation**

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

► Gaining of the **local** saints

► **Shepherds** for Children's Meeting

► Sustain the evening **Lord's Table Meeting**

► Brother Dindo and family **PR approval**

► **Preserve** sister Young and **gain** brother Young, Brian

STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

Dealing with Eating of Sacrifices to Idols (3)

December 03, 2018, Monday (Message 46)

In 1 Corinthians 9 we see that Paul's only motive and intention were related to **Christ and His Body**. Paul was pure to the uttermost. If we were pure in the church life in every respect, there would not be any problems. The underlying cause of problems in the church life is **impureness**. On the one hand, the Corinthians asked questions of Paul; on the other hand, they examined him. They welcomed him, but they also had doubts about him. This exposes their impureness. But even though the Corinthians were not pure, Paul conducted himself in a pure way as a begetting father. In writing to the believers at Corinth **he revealed himself as a person who was one with God and absolutely pure**. In the Lord's work he had no motive other than **Christ and the Body**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 46, section 3)

The Type of Israel

December 04, 2018, Tuesday (Message 47)

The goal of God's calling the children of Israel was to **enter into the promised land to enjoy its riches that they might establish God's kingdom and be God's expression on earth**. However, although all had been redeemed through the Passover, delivered out of the Egyptian tyranny, and brought to the mountain of God to receive the revelation of God's dwelling place, the tabernacle, nearly all fell and died in the wilderness, failing to reach this goal because of their evil doings and unbelief. Only Caleb and Joshua made it into the good land. This signifies that although we have been redeemed through Christ, delivered out of Satan's bondage, and brought into the revelation of God's economy, **we may yet fail to reach the goal of God's calling, that is, to enter into the possession of our good land, Christ, and enjoy His riches for the kingdom of God that we may be His expression in the present age and participate in the fullest enjoyment of Christ in the kingdom age. This should be a solemn warning to all New Testament believers**, especially to the Corinthians, who were in danger of repeating the failure of the children of Israel in the wilderness. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 47, section 3)

Growing into the Full Possession and Enjoyment of Christ

December 05, 2018, Wednesday (Message 48)

Today we are **enjoying Christ**, but we have not yet **possessed Him as the all-inclusive land**. If we would possess Christ in this way, our old man must die out, and the new man must come forth. Praise the Lord that the old man is dying out day by day! Many of us can testify that since we have come into the Lord's recovery, **a change has taken place within us. This change is the dying out of the old man and the growing up of the new man**. This is transformation, the growth in life. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 48, section 3)

The Lord's Table (1)

December 06, 2018, Thursday (Message 49)

First Corinthians 10:12-22, we need to remember, is part of a long section which deals with the matter of eating. **Eating** is related to enjoyment. Whenever you eat something, you enjoy it. Furthermore, what we eat becomes us. On the one hand, eating is for our enjoyment; on the other hand, **we become what we eat**. These basic concepts should be applied in understanding this portion. To eat idol sacrifices actually means to enjoy idols and eventually to become one with idols. In the same principle, **to partake of the Lord's table is to enjoy this table and to become one with it; that is, to enjoy the Lord and become one with Him**. In these verses Paul first speaks of one kind of table and then, apparently making a leap, of another kind of table. In verse 21 he clearly says, "You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and of the table of demons." Actually, in this portion there are three tables: the altar, the table of demons, and the table of the Lord. All these terms are inclusive, and we should not understand them in a narrow way. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 49, section 3)

The Lord's Table (2)

December 07, 2018, Friday (Message 50)

The experience of the children of Israel in the good land typifies our **enjoyment of Christ today**. Christ is our good land, and the various aspects of the riches of Christ are typified by the produce of the land. If we enjoy the rich supply of Christ, we shall be able to **live Christ**. We shall also be empowered to defeat the enemies. The enemies are always defeated when we enjoy Christ. Furthermore, through the enjoyment of the riches of Christ, the kingdom of God is established in the church, and the temple is built for God's dwelling place. **All these matters—living the Christian life, defeating the enemies, establishing the kingdom of God, and building the house of God—issue out from the enjoyment of the riches of Christ**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 50, section 2)

Upcoming Activities

December 09, 2018	- Love Feast & Sister's Meeting
December 09, 2018	- Churching in Lloydminster
December 30, 2018	- Children's Fun Day and Brother's Meeting