

CHURCH IN REGINA

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1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays - Saints' Home
7:30 Pm - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays
Saints' Home

Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
Anaheim, California
February 15-17, 2019
2. **ITERO (Spring)**
Anaheim CA
April 5 - 7, 2019
3. **Memorial Day Conference**
Seattle, WA
May 24-27, 2019
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
July 1-6, 2019
5. **ITERO (Fall)**
TBA
October 3-5, 2019
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**
Houston, TX
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2019
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
December 23-28, 2019

This Weeks's Pursuit:

HWMR - CRYSTALLIZATION STUDY OF LEVITICUS, Book 4

The Feasts (2)

**The Feast of Firstfruits,
the Feast of Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles**

Scripture Reading: Lev. 23:9-22, 33-44

Feast of Firstfruits

The **Feast of Firstfruits** (Lev. 23:9-14), **signifies the resurrected Christ** for our enjoyment as a feast in His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20). According to the type, the firstfruits from the harvest were brought to the temple and presented to God; the harvest itself was brought to the barns of those who labored, but a **sheaf of firstfruits** was first presented to God.

The firstfruits are for God, for His satisfaction. Christ was crucified at the time of the Feast of the Passover, and then on the third day, the day after the Sabbath, He was resurrected. Christ was the first One raised from the dead, **becoming the firstfruits of resurrection**. This is **typified** by the sheaf of the firstfruits, which was offered to God on the day after the Sabbath, the day of resurrection. In the **type**, however, the firstfruits of the harvest were not a single stalk of wheat but a **sheaf of wheat**, **typifying** not only the resurrected Christ but also the saints who were raised from the dead after His resurrection.

Feast of Pentecost

The **Feast of Pentecost** signifies the New Testament **believers' enjoyment of the outpoured Spirit** as the aggregate of the rich produce of the resurrected Christ for the producing and existence of the church as the Body of Christ. We enjoy the Feast of Pentecost by enjoying the outpoured Spirit with all His rich aggregates in Christ's resurrection. The real **significance** of the Feast of Pentecost is that **we experience the outpouring of the Spirit of the consummated Jesus, the Spirit who was not yet when the Lord was on earth before His death** (John 7:39). Through His death, His human shell was broken, and in His resurrection, He became a life-giving Spirit, the consummation of the processed Triune God, thus being glorified. This reached the fullness at Pentecost, when Christ as the Spirit was poured out for the **formation** of the church as the Body of Christ.

Feast of Tabernacles

In our Christian experience today, the **Feast of Tabernacles** signifies the rich, full, and ultimate enjoyment of all that Christ is; God wants us to have a full and ultimate enjoyment of Christ in the church life today and in the millennium. When we look at this feast we can consider what does it **signify** prophetically, and how does this **feast apply to our Christian life**. This feast **signifies** the **coming millennium** as a dispensational, **joyful blessing for God's redeemed people to enjoy with God for a full period of time in God's old creation**.

Conclusion

Today we prepare for the feast of the tabernacles – for the **full and ultimate** enjoyment of Christ – by experiencing and enjoying the Spirit. We need to **labour on Christ** as the good land by first **being nourished in the Word of God, exercising our spirit to contact the Lord, be one with the Lord, and experience the Lord in every situation of our life**.

No matter what circumstances we are in, no matter how we are feeling and what we go through, we exercise our mingled spirit to contact the resurrected Christ [Feast of Firstfruits] as the Spirit [Feast of Pentecost]; in this way, **we labour on Him and we gain Him**. Christ as the **reality** of the **Feast of Tabernacles** is such a feast for our experience and enjoyment today; on the one hand we will have the full and ultimate enjoyment of Christ with His redeemed in the millennium, but on the other, **today we need to enjoy Christ to the uttermost**.

In the coming kingdom age, as we are in the full and ultimate enjoyment of Christ with His overcomers, we will remember the kind of life we lived during the age of the church; such memories are of living the life of a tent, **always being ready to move one with the Lord, and living for God's interest on earth today**. If we don't cooperate with the Lord in this age, however, we will need one thousand years to mature in the next age, and we will miss the Feast of Tabernacles. Oh Lord Jesus!

May we be those who enter into the full and ultimate enjoyment of Christ, and may we **sojourn** on this earth by dwelling in tents, living as pilgrims and sojourners, and being constituted with Christ as the One who honors God and man, and experiencing His victorious resurrection life.

STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS*“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”***Prayer Burden**

1. Praise You, Lord as the **firstfruits of resurrection** to be the beginning of God's **new creation** and to be the **Head of the Body**, the church. You are the **firstfruits**, the **second man**, and the **last Adam**. You are **everything** to us as the resurrected One.

2. Thank You, Lord for Your **death** that fully satisfied God's righteous requirements and **justified** us. We also praise You as the **resurrected One** who **lives in us** a life that can be justified by God and is always **acceptable** to God.

3. Thank You, Lord you are the **resurrected Christ** and we can **eat You** as our portion for our **enjoyment** and our life supply. Dispense Yourself more to us as the **life-giving Spirit** for us to **drink** and as the **firstfruits** for us to **eat**.

4. We thank You Lord for the **rich produce** of Your resurrection. In resurrection, You became the **firstborn Son** of God and **begotten** us to be Your **many sons**. In resurrection, You also became the life-giving Spirit to **supply** us with life and to **constitute** us as Your Body, the **new creation**. Grant us a full **realization** of Your economy and Your desire.

5. Lord, give us the **experiences of life** that we need for us to have a **rich entrance** when we complete our course. May our living here on earth be as **sojourners**, our spirits **turned** no matter the situation we are in, and may we be **produced** as the **overcomers** in this age who enjoy **mutual rest** and the **full enjoyment** with You in the next age.

6. Lord, even today, cause us to **enjoy** You from the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**. We want to **continue daily** to enjoy Your riches in the **Feast of Firstfruits**; and eventually, we want to **come to the ultimate** enjoyment of You as the **Feast of Tabernacles**. Thank You we have the all-inclusive Spirit as our **reality** today.

7. Please pray for:

Canada

Vancouver - Financial needs (\$6,000,000) for the construction of Meeting Hall.

Europe, Germany and Israel:

- Pray for the UK building project, radio work, the sending of **FTTA-XB** graduates to Europe,
- The Lord's work in Germany, and various other special projects - **Berlin**; gaining of university students in **Stuttgart**.
- Support the Lord's work in the countries of Western and, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Balkans, and Israel.

Brother Joe Lim - remove the tumor in his pancreas, for complete healing and recovery.

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

- Gaining of the **local** saints
- Brother Dindo and family **PR** approval
- Strengthen the **small group** meetings
- **Service Meeting** our labor is not in vain
- Enter into the **full and ultimate enjoyment** of Christ

Dealing with the Matter of Resurrection (2)

December 31, 2018, Monday (Message 66)

God created man, but **man fell and became subject to death**. **God, however, would not give up on man**. But there was the need of a remedy. The **remedy** includes both **redemption and resurrection**. Redemption deals with sin, but it does not deal with death. Thus, there is a need of a further step in addition to redemption, and this step is resurrection. This gives God a way to solve the problem caused by man's fall. However, if there were no resurrection, God would have been defeated by the fall of man. But God can never be defeated. Man fell into sin, and sin brought in death. But **God came in to accomplish redemption, solving the problem of sin**. **In addition, resurrection swallows death**. Therefore, instead of being defeated, God is victorious. God has overcome man's fall. **He defeated sin by redemption and death by resurrection**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 66, section 2)

Dealing with the Matter of Resurrection (3)

January 01, 2019, Tuesday (Message 67)

In verse 44 Paul declares, "It is sown a soulish body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a soulish body, there is also a spiritual body." A soulish body is a natural body animated by the soul, a body in which the soul predominates. A **spiritual body** is a **resurrected body saturated by the spirit, a body in which the spirit predominates**. If we die, our natural body, having been soulish, will be sown, buried, in corruption, dishonor, and weakness. When it is **resurrected, it will become spiritual in incorruption, glory, and power**. **Hallelujah, one day we shall be in resurrection!** Then there will be no more corruption, dishonor, or weakness. Instead, we shall be in incorruption, glory, and power. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 67, section 3)

Dealing with the Matter of Resurrection (4)

January 02, 2019, Wednesday (Message 68)

In verse 57 Paul exclaims, "But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." **This victory over sin and death by Christ's death and resurrection** should not be just an accomplished fact for our acceptance. **It must become our daily experience in life by the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit, who is one with our spirit**. Hence, we should live by and walk according to this mingled spirit. Thus, thanks will be continuously given to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is **resurrection power that frees us from the law of sin, the power of sin. And in the future it will be resurrection that will swallow up death**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 68, section 2)

Dealing with the Collection of the Gift and Conclusion

January 03, 2019, Thursday (Message 69)

We have seen that the second section of this Epistle covers five matters related to God's administration: headship, the Body, the gifts, resurrection, and material possessions. God's administration requires the **headship**. Then **to carry out the divine administration under God's headship, there is the need of the Body**. If the Body is to carry out God's administration, all the members of the Body **need gifts for functioning**. Thus, we have the headship, the Body, and the gifts, the abilities. Furthermore, there is the need for power, strength. **This is resurrection life**. Resurrection life **enables the members to function with their gifts so that the Body may operate to carry out God's administration under His headship**. The last item covered in this section—**money and material possessions**—is **a test to prove how much we are living in resurrection life**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 69, section 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The Prairie College Conference in Edmonton is on February 16-17. The focus of this conference is toward the college students, however, young working saints and high school seniors and serving ones are also encouraged to attend. The deadline for registration is on February 3, 2018.
2. The Sisters' Meeting this afternoon, January 6, 2018, is on Sister Kimberly's place at 3pm.
3. We will have our love feast and service meeting next week, January 13, 2018.