

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."

This Week's Pursuit:

HWMR - Thanksgiving
Conference 2018

General Subject:
The Reality of the Body of Christ

Message Four

Blending for the Reality of the Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 12:24; 10:17; Lev. 2:4; Eph. 3:16-17a; 4:16; 1 Cor. 13:4-8a

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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)**
Bangalore, India
October 3-5, 2019
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**
Houston, TX
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2019
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
December 23-28, 2019

Merely having a good outward situation in the churches doesn't mean that we have the reality of the Body. What we need is something more true, real, organic, and inward among us; when we have this reality, whether we are together or not, we will still live in the reality of the Body.

The **practical way** for us to **be built up and live in the reality of the Body** is for us to **be blended together**... The reason for being **broken** in our natural man, dealt with by the cross, and **conformed** to Christ's death is so that we may be **blended** together in the Body of Christ. In 1 Cor. 12:24 we are told that it is God who blended the Body together, arranging for more glory to be given to members that lack. This means that, in our practice of the blending, **we need to let God blend us together**. Blending doesn't mean that I blend with you and you blend with me; such a blending may be just a kind of social gathering friendship, or affiliation. **God is the blender**,... and by blending us together He harmonises us so that those who have a high pitch would be lowered and those with a low pitch would be uplifted,...

Whenever we go, we need to strive to be blended. We should not hide, we should not seek to be independent, and we should not seek to do our own thing, living a secret life and staying away from the fellowship...

Bringing Saints into Blending

For us to be blended means that we **stop** and fellowship, that is, we do not live an individual life without fellowship in the Body of Christ. When we stop and fellowship, we are being **adjusted** in our being, we are being **tempered** in our inner being, and we are being **harmonised** with the saints so that we would live a life through the cross and by the Spirit for the ministering of Christ to others. We may think that we don't need to fellowship about literally everything in our life, but the reality is that, the more we fellowship in spirit, the more we are being adjusted and tempered to be suitable materials for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ.

The last chapter of the book of Romans contains a lot of greetings from Paul to individual saints, particular homes, and to the church in general. In Rom. 16 Paul [was such a pattern brought all the saints into the blending life and] greeted the saints one by one, mentioning at least twenty-seven names, including Phoebe, a deaconess of the church in Cenchrea, and Prisca and Aquila... This shows that Paul not only knew the saints but he also had a considerable amount of understanding and care regarding them both personally and corporately. Actually, these **greetings** show that there was a **mutual care and concern** among the saints, and there was mutual fellowship among the churches...

It is by this **blending life** that God will crush Satan under our feet shortly. On the one hand we ourselves need to enter into the **fellowship** and blending life of the Body, and on the other hand, we need to **cooperate** with the Lord to bring the saints into this.

Problems and divisions arise when we don't enter into the blending life of the entire Body of Christ, that is, when we don't have the reality of the fellowship and blending of the Body of Christ. Therefore, **we must give ourselves to the Lord to not only pursue Him, enjoy Him, and be humble before Him, but see the vision of the Body and follow the footsteps of the apostle by bringing all the saints in all the churches into the blending life of the entire Body of Christ**. May the Lord have mercy on us and save us from our narrowness and individualism, and may He have a way to blend us together with all the saints in the Body.

Lord Jesus, bring us into the reality of the fellowship and blending of the Body of Christ. We want to not only pursue You and be simple before You, running after You with a pure heart, but also enter into the fellowship and blending life of the Body. Oh Lord, may we be governed by the vision of the Body and follow in the footsteps of the apostle by bringing all the saints in all the churches into the blending life of the entire Body of Christ! Amen, Lord, gain the blending among all the saints in the church life all over the earth for the building up of Your Body!

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, **unveil** us more to see the highest peak in Your economy, the **reality** of the Body of Christ. We do not want to be autonomous, individual Christians. We want to consider ourselves **as one Body**, members one of another **organically** and corporately.

2. Lord, **make home** more and more in our hearts that we may see the **urgent need** of the reality of the Body of Christ to be **expressed** in the **local churches**. May we be the overcomers to carry out Your economy, **destroy** the enemy and **reach** today's Zion.

3. Lord, **blend** us more together. **Adjust, harmonize, temper** and **mingle** us that we may lose our distinctions. May we all experience the **Body** life, go through the **cross** and be by the **Spirit, dispensing** Christ to others for the sake of Your Body.

4. **Bring** us, Lord into the **blending life** of the entire Body of Christ in order that the God of peace may **crush Satan** under our feet and we may **enjoy Your rich grace**. Increase the mutual **concern** among the saints and the mutual **fellowship** among the churches.

5. Thank You, Lord for **bringing** us in the local church. **Usher** us into the **reality of the Body of Christ**. May we be those who continually **stand** as Your **organic Body** to be Your **organism**.

6. Lord, we want to **live out** a **corporate living** as perfected God-men. Cause us to be genuine men not living by our own lives but by Your life with Your attributes expressed in our human virtues. Continue to **impart** Your **death-overcoming life** into us that we may **live** in the reality of the Spirit and be Your **increase** and **expression** for eternity.

7. Please pray for:

Canada

- The YP Spring Conference in **Calgary** on March 29 - 31, 2019

Europe

- The **raising up** of the Lord's testimony in Lisbon, Portugal; Vienna, Austria; Sofia, Spain, Bulgaria; Thessaloniki, Greece; Zagreb, Croatia; Belgrade and NoviSad, Serbia; Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland; Bilbao; Amsterdam and Rotterdam, the Netherlands; and Tirana, Albania.

North America: Follow-up on GTCA Trips

- The follow-up of those that were contacted during the gospel trips through the Bible distributions and gospel preaching.
- That many students from the Southeast region would be released to sign up to attend the Southeast **college** conference.
- That the churches across North America would continue to shepherd the students and people in the community contacted as well as the saints visited.

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

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church
- The children, YP and College work
- Wednesday visitation of brother Radam
- Brother Dindo and family to get settled permanently here in Canada.

LIFE-STUDY OF 2 CORINTHIANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

Message 26 - The Essence of the New Covenant Ministry (2)

February 18, 2019, 2018, Monday

The **divine essence** that has been **inscribed into us** throughout the years in the local churches will have a particular expression, and this expression is **righteousness**. When we have righteousness as the expression of the essence inscribed into us, **we become right with God, with others, and with everything in our daily life**. This means that **the indwelling God becomes our righteousness to be our appearance, our expression**. This expression is God's image. This Spirit and this righteousness are the essence of the new covenant ministry. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 26, section 3)

Message 22 - The Ministry of the Spirit as the Life Supply and of Righteousness as God's Expression (1)

February 19, 2019, Tuesday

If you are **infused and saturated by the life-giving Spirit, your inner being will become transparent**. Then you will know what is in the Lord's mind. You will also understand what the will of the Lord is. Spontaneously, you will be in His will and do His will. As a result, you become right with Him. Moreover, you will realize how you should act toward others and even how you should deal with your material possessions. Then you will become a **righteous person, one who is right in small things as well as in great things, one who is right with God, with others, and with himself**. This is a person who **expresses God, for his righteousness is the image of God, God expressed**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 27)

Message 23 - The Ministry of the Spirit as the Life Supply and of Righteousness as God's Expression (2)

February 20, 2019, Wednesday

The **new covenant ministry is a ministry of Christ**. The old covenant ministry, on the contrary, was a ministry of the law. The priests, the kings, and the prophets all ministered the law to the people. Since the law kills, that ministry was a ministry of death. Furthermore, it was also a ministry of condemnation, for anything that is dead is also condemned. Thus, the unique ministry of the old covenant was a ministry of death and condemnation. But today there is also a **unique ministry, the ministry of the new covenant**. This ministry is a **ministry of the Spirit and of righteousness**. It is vital that we all see this. Our ministry is not focused on matters such as baptism or speaking in tongues. Our ministry, the ministry of the new covenant, ministers one thing, one matter, one Person—the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit as our life supply inwardly and as our righteousness outwardly. **When Christ lives in us, He is our life and life supply. But when we live Him out, He becomes our righteousness**. He was made sin for us, and now we are becoming the righteousness of God in Him. This is the ministry of the new covenant. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 28, section 2)

Message 24 - The Ministry of the Spirit as the Life Supply and of Righteousness as God's Expression (3)

February 21, 2019, Thursday

The **goal of the new covenant ministry** is to **minister the all-inclusive Spirit of the processed Triune God into others to be their supply**. Simultaneously, this ministry dispenses Christ into the believers as their righteousness. Then as the believers live and walk according to the Spirit, they will be in a condition that expresses God and that gives an impression of the Son of God. Furthermore, they will actually be the **kingdom of God established in righteousness, set in order, and properly headed up**. They will also have peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. This is the result of the new covenant ministry. By contrast, the result of today's different ministries is that there are differences of opinion, division, and disorder. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 29, section 2)

Message 25 - The Ministers and the Ministry Becoming One

February 22, 2019, Friday

The **new covenant ministers with their ministry are earthen vessels containing a marvelous treasure**. Their ministry is altogether something in the Spirit, something that is real and living. **It is something we can sense, enjoy, realize, and experience**. This is what the Lord desires in His recovery today. This is the New Testament testimony, and it is what God wants among us. We must be in the recovery of this ministry. **We must live this kind of life and be in a church that has this ministry**. Furthermore, we must minister this to others not mainly by what we do, but primarily by what we are and by the way we live. This is the ministers with their ministry of the new covenant. Truly the ministers and the ministry are one. (Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The **Brothers Meeting** tonight, February 24, 2019 is at Brother Hendrick's place at 6pm.
2. The **Sister's Meeting** on February 24, 2019 is at Sister Malou's place at 3pm.
3. The Young People **Conference** in Calgary is on March 29-31. The deadline for registration is March 10, 2019. Please let the YP coordinators know if you are going to the conference.
4. There is a conference in Northwest and Mountain States Churches' Conference on March 30-31, 2019 in **Missoula, Montana**.
5. Please get this week's copy of the Holy Word for Morning Revival from Brother Christian.