

# 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 - Crystallization Study  
of The Gospel of Mark

## Message One

### Living in the Reality of the Body of Christ according to the Bird's-eye View of the Reality in Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:20-24;

Mark 1:15, 35; 4:23-25; 8:22-26; 6:45-52; 9:7-9; 10:45; 16:7

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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

## The bird's-eye view of the reality in Jesus

The truth in Jesus is the real situation of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels. In the godless walk of the nations, the fallen people, there is **vanity**. But in the godly life of Jesus there is truth, **reality**. Jesus lived a life always doing things **in** God, **with** God, and **for** God. God was in His life, and He was one with God. This is **the truth in Jesus**. We, the believers, regenerated with Christ as our life and taught in Him, **learn from Him as the truth is in Jesus**. (Excerpt from the Life-study of Ephesians)

## As Seen in the Gospel of Mark

*"And He called the crowd to Him with His disciples and said to them, If anyone wants to follow after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."* ~ Mark 8:34

Through the **cross we have been terminated**, and in resurrection Christ has been brought into us. Now we should enjoy Christ and live Him. **Day by day we should live a life in His death and resurrection**. Then truly it will be, *"No longer I, but Christ..."* Then in this age **we shall enjoy** Christ and in the coming age **we shall enter** into a fuller enjoyment of eternal life, the enjoyment of the coming kingdom.

## To live in the Reality of the Body of Christ

The **church life** is portrayed by the pictures in [Mark] 4:35—5:43 and 6:1-44. In the **first picture** we have storms, demons, hogs, disease, and death. Nevertheless, into such a **deplorable** situation the Slave-Savior comes to subdue the rebellion, cast out the demons, clear up the unclean industry, heal the sickness, and raise the dead. As a result, we all are healed, enlivened, and revived.

According to the second picture, we shall be despised and experience rejection, hatred, injustice, and martyrdom. Nevertheless, even in such a situation the crowd is satisfied. Everyone is fed and made happy. We offer everything we have to the Lord, and then we receive from Him much more than we offered... Although we seem to lose everything, actually in the Lord we gain everything.

A **second picture** of the kingdom is portrayed in [Mark] 6:1-44. In this picture we see the attitude of the world toward the Slave-Savior. Valuing those with a high status, the worldly people despise and reject the gospel. In the account of the execution of John the Baptist, we see the **darkness** and injustice of worldly politics. This is truly a picture of today's world.

The world despises the gospel and rejects it. However, **the Lord Jesus is not disappointed** by this. Instead, as the rejected One, **He sent out the twelve**. Then after the martyrdom of the forerunner of the gospel, the Lord gained the five thousand, fed them, and satisfied them. After the enemy kills one, the Lord produces five thousand. This has been the history in the **Lord's move** throughout the centuries...

## Living in the reality of the Body of Christ according to the reality in Jesus in Mark unveils the picture of the Slave Savior serving fallen sinners as a collective person with Himself

It is significant that in Mark the Lord Jesus does not teach us in words how to carry out the gospel service. Instead, in the Gospel of Mark He is portrayed as a **working One**, a serving One, not as a speaking One. Therefore, in Mark it is mainly by the Lord's acts, not by His words, that we learn how to carry out the gospel service... In fact, the **life presented** in the Gospel of Mark is the reality, substance, and pattern of God's New Testament economy.

Perhaps you are wondering what our reason is for saying that in the Gospel of Mark we see a life that is the substance of God's New Testament economy. We say this because **the life the Lord Jesus lived was the expression of God**. According to the Gospel of Mark, there is no indication that the Lord Jesus was living merely in a way to keep the law, that He did certain things simply because they were required by the law [or the doing of good in an ethical sense]. Furthermore, the Gospel of Mark does not indicate that the Lord Jesus only lived a good life. How, then, did the Lord live? **The Lord Jesus lived God, and He expressed God**. Whatever He did was God's doing from within Him and through Him... The Lord Jesus was a Person who lived God and expressed Him in all that He said and did. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of Mark)

## Prayer Burden

1. Lord, **duplicate** the desire of God's heart in us, that the **reality in Jesus**, the God-man living of Jesus would be the reality of the Body of Christ. Cause us to **live** in the **mingled spirit** that we may **learn** and **live** exactly like You.

2. Thank You, Lord for though **we fail**, You do not **forget**, **forsake**, **give up** and not love us. Make everyone rise up again for Your economy. Praise You as our Slave-Savior.

3. Lord, we **seek out** the **journey** that You have **ordained** for us through Your perfect will to enjoy You as our heavenly Minister and High Priest. Thank You for **interceding** for us in this "**long night**" and while we are "**in the midst of the sea**". May we **live** "**contrary to the wind**", with no distress as we "**row our boat**".

4. Lord, we **repent unto life**, turning from all things to God. We want to **hear You** and "**see Jesus only**". **Anoint** our ears to **hear** more of Your speaking. **Infuse** us with Yourself that we may also **recover** our **sight**.

5. Lord, fully heal all our sicknesses - our **fever**, **leprosy**, **paralysis** and **flow of blood**. **Expose** and **cleanse** our real inner being, our heart. **Feed** us continually until our **listening**, **speaking**, and **seeing** are **restored**.

6. Lord, bring the church collectively to Your **all-inclusive death** and Your **all-surpassing resurrection** to **enjoy** Your **all-transcending ascension**. You are our **life and life supply**, the **Lord** of all, God's Christ, the **Head** over all things, the **glorified** One, the **enthroned** One, the One who is above all and fills all in all.

7. Please pray for:

### Canada

- The YP Spring Conference in **Calgary** on March 29 - 31, 2019; Conference in **Edmonton** on May 3-5, 2019

### Israel

- Pray for the **baptism** of brother "M" a native Israeli who received the Lord and prayed; pray for the up coming blending in **Haifa**

### Europe

- The Spring Weekend **Retreats** at the Bower House, London on 16, 23, and 30 March and April 6
- The University Conference in **De Hoof**, Netherlands on March 29-31, 2019
- The **raising up** of the Lord's **testimony** in major cities in Europe, including **Lisbon**, Portugal; **Vienna**, Austria; **Sofia**, Bulgaria; **Thessaloniki**, Greece; **Zagreb**, Croatia; **Belgrade** and **Novi Sad**, Serbia; **Geneva** and **Zurich**, Switzerland; **Bilbao**, Spain; **Amsterdam** and **Rotterdam**, the **Netherlands**; and **Tirana**, Albania.

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
- Home meeting with the Aquino family
- 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 41 - The Ministers of the New Covenant (10)

March 11, 2019, 2018, Monday

We should not think that the all-fitting life described in 6:3-13 is only for someone like Paul. No, **every believer has the possibility of becoming a minister of the New Testament**. Everyone who has been fully saved is surely a minister of the new covenant with an all-fitting life. This means that if, as a New Testament believer, you are not an adequate minister of the new covenant, you have not yet been fully saved. **If we have been fully saved and have an all-fitting life, then any situation or circumstance is right for us to minister life to others**. It is by being **fully saved** that we become qualified to be ministers of the New Testament. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 41, section 3)

### Message 42 - The Ministers of the New Covenant (11)

March 12, 2019, Tuesday

If we would be fully reconciled to God, fully saved, **we need to be enlarged in our heart**. Paul appealed to the Corinthians to be enlarged: "You are not straitened in us, but you are straitened in your inward parts; now for a recompense in kind, I speak as to children, you also be enlarged". As we have pointed out, to be enlarged requires the aspects of the **all-fitting life** covered in 6:3-10. It requires the eighteen items beginning with "**in**": in **endurance**, in **afflictions**, in **necessities**, in **distresses**, in **stripes**, in **imprisonments**, in **tumults**, in **labors**, in **watchings**, in **fastings**, in **pureness**, in **knowledge**, in **longsuffering**, in **kindness**, in a **holy spirit**, in **unfeigned love**, in the word of truth, in the **power of God**. It also requires the three pairs starting with "**through**": through the **weapons of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left, through **glory and dishonor**, through **evil report and good report**. Finally, it requires all the seven pairs beginning with "**as**": as **deceivers and yet true**, as **unknown and well known**, as **dying and behold we live**, as **being disciplined and not being put to death**, as **made sorrowful yet always rejoicing**, as **poor yet enriching many**, as **having nothing and possessing all things**. If we have all these characteristics of the all-fitting life, all the items with "in," "through," and "as," we have truly been enlarged. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 42, section 2)

### Message 43 - The Ministers of the New Covenant (12)

March 13, 2019, Wednesday

In chapter six Paul truly is carrying out the ministry of reconciliation. He urges the Corinthians to be separated from unclean things. **To be separated from what is unclean is to be reconciled to God and sanctified unto Him**; it is also to be **fully saved**. Thus, being fully saved includes **separation from what is unclean, sanctification unto God, and reconciliation into God**. This is the reason that toward the beginning of this chapter Paul speaks about salvation and at the end of the chapter, about separation. Salvation is separation, separation is sanctification, and sanctification is reconciliation. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 43, section 3)

### Message 44 - The Ministers of the New Covenant (13)

March 14, 2019, Thursday

What we have in 7:2-16 is the **intimate concern of the ministering life**. Every believer who loves the Lord and who wants to come up to God's standard should become a minister of the new covenant. **As long as we are believers in Christ, we should be New Testament ministers**, no matter whether we happen to be apostles, evangelists, elders, or deacons. **Such a minister is a person who supplies Christ to others for the building up of the church, His Body**. When I was young I heard that every believer should be a preacher of the gospel. Now we see that we should be not merely gospel preachers, but ministers of the new covenant, those who minister Christ as life so that the church may be built up as the Body of Christ. This ministry should be carried out not only by apostles and elders; **it should be carried out by everyone in the church**. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 44, section 1)

### Message 45 - The Ministers of the New Covenant (14)

March 15, 2019, Friday

In verse 11 we have a wonderful presentation of the situation at Corinth. By the use of seven words—earnestness, defense, indignation, fear, longing, zeal, and avenging—Paul causes the believers at Corinth to know their actual situation. By speaking this way, he brings the situation to the surface and presents a full view of it. Here we see **Paul's tender wisdom**. **There is no roughness or harshness; instead, there is fineness, tenderness, softness, and sweetness**. Paul's word is full of intimate concern. Instead of offending the Corinthians, he mends them and heals their wounds. This is the ministering life. (Life-Study of 2 Corinthians, chapter 45, section 2)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Churching in Lloydminster will be on March 24, 2019
2. The deadline for registration for the YP Conference in Calgary is today, March 10, 2019.