

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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I 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 Nine

## The Highlight of the Gospel of Mark

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27—9:13; 13:8; 14:3-9

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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

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

In 8:27—9:13 we have a **revelation of the mystery** of the Lord's **Person** and His **death** and **resurrection**. We may say that what is recorded here is the highlight of the Gospel of Mark. Here the account in this Gospel reaches its peak... For the purpose of revealing His Person, death, and resurrection, the Lord Jesus brought His disciples away from the religious region to Caesarea Philippi. While on the way, He questioned His disciples, saying, "*Who do men say that I am?*" (8:27). After they responded, the Lord further questioned them, "*But you, who do you say that I am?*" (v. 29). At this point Peter saw the vision that Jesus is the Christ, and he declared, "*You are the Christ!*"

The revelation given at Caesarea Philippi is the highest step, the peak, in the book of Mark. Before the disciples were brought by the Lord to Caesarea Philippi, their eyes were healed. Therefore, they had the **sight to see** not common things or material things, but **to see mysterious, divine things**. In particular, their eyes were opened to see Christ, His all-inclusive death, and His marvelous resurrection. In the realm of mysterious, divine things, the revelation concerning Christ and His death and resurrection is foremost.

## REPLACED BY CHRIST THROUGH DEATH AND RESURRECTION

How is it possible for us to be replaced by Christ? We can be **replaced** by Him only through His death and resurrection. Apart from His death and resurrection, Christ Himself would not be able to replace us. Also, it would not be possible for us to be replaced by Him. This replacement can be carried out only through Christ's death and resurrection.

We need to realize that it is necessary for us to **deny our self**. **Our attitude should be of willingness to be replaced**. We also need to see that a replacement has been prepared for us, and this replacement is Christ. In the words of Paul in Galatians 2:20, **it should be no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us**.

When we live, we live according to our corrupt heart. We live according to ourselves, and within us we have an evil heart. If we would be delivered from what we are in ourselves, from our evil heart, we need to deny ourselves. To **deny ourselves actually means to be replaced** by Christ through His death and resurrection.

Christ's death on the cross included us. This means that when He died, we died with Him. Now we need to **realize** this fact and **apply** it to our living. To see that we have been crucified with Christ and apply this fact to our living is to **take the cross**. Therefore, **to take the cross means to admit that we have been terminated by Christ's death and to apply this termination to ourselves**. When we make this application, resurrection life comes in.

## ENJOYING CHRIST AS OUR REPLACEMENT

Not only do we know **where the world is** in relation to God's economy; we also know **where we are** as believers. **We are in the death and resurrection of Christ, and we are in the enjoyment of Him as our all-inclusive replacement**. This means that we are in Christ.

We need the Gospel of Mark to help us see that **Christ is our replacement through His death and resurrection**. It was not in an external, outward way that the New Testament believers entered into the death and resurrection of Christ. From the Gospel of Mark we see that the early disciples, our representatives, followed the Lord from the very beginning. Eventually, they, and also we, passed through the **process** leading into Christ's all-inclusive death and into His resurrection.

If we **see the vision** of the **all-inclusive death of Christ**, we shall realize that **when He was crucified, we were crucified with Him and in Him**. Likewise, **when He was resurrected, we were resurrected in Him**. We also are in ascension with Him. Therefore, now we can declare, "*Hallelujah, in Christ's resurrection and ascension I am participating in the enjoyment of Him as my replacement!*"

As our replacement, Christ is the **indwelling**, life-giving Spirit in our spirit. As we live by this Spirit, the Spirit will become in us **the reality** of Christ Himself with His death, resurrection, and ascension as our complete and full enjoyment. It is in this way that the new man is delivered. May we all see the vision of the bringing forth of the new man through our participation in Christ and in His death, resurrection, and ascension.

## Prayer Burden

1. Lord, show us the vision of Your **person**, with Your all-inclusive **death** and wonderful **resurrection**, to be our **entire, all-inclusive replacement** for the **producing** of the one **new man**. Bring us all throughout all the steps to realize that **everything** and **everyone** must be **replaced** by **You alone**.

2. Praise You, Lord as the life-giving Spirit, **today's Moses** - **imparting** Yourself as the law of the Spirit of life and **today's Elijah** - **speaking** Yourself as the **Word of life** into us. We want to be those who walk according to the Spirit mingled with our spirit. Thank You for Your **inner regulating** and **inner anointing**.

3. Lord, we **look away** unto "**Jesus only**". Have all the ground in our living that we may **live, grow, express** and **propagate** You in every respect. Teach us to **deny ourselves** for **Your magnification**. We just say **AMEN** to God's desire - **Christ alone**.

4. Lord, we pray for the **world situation** and for the prevailing of the **preaching** of the gospel amidst the birth pangs. We look to You and to the **full delivery** of the one man. **Encourage** each one of us to **preach** the gospel, **bring forth** the new man, and **close** this age.

5. Lord, may we all **enjoy** You as our universal **replacement**, that You may **become everything to us** and **replace everything with Yourself**. **Bring us** into Your **death** and **resurrection** until we are **enjoying** the **compound Spirit** in our daily lives.

6. Lord, **reveal** Yourself to us more and more. Give us a fresh **revelation** concerning Your person. We want to **enjoy You** as our **replacement** in the church life and **love You** supremely with our **best love**. May we all do "what we could" and **seize every opportunity** to **pour our all on You**.

7. Please pray for:

### Germany

- We pray for the potential meeting hall that has been located for the church in **Berlin**, that preliminary evaluations will be completed in a timely way, that the property will be in good condition for purchase, and that the city will approve it for church use

### Dusseldorf

- Pray for the adequate digestion of the word shared in the **Farsi-speaking** perfecting training.
- That the going of the students to the **college training** and blend with various churches in the USA, will make a turning point in their lives!
- That the Lord would facilitate the **translation** and language learning of the saints to bring in the proper blending, building, and function.

### Israel

- Pray for the **Spring International Conference** on May 16-18, 2019, that the saints to be able to make it and to exercise their believing spirit to overcome any obstacle.

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

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts (**Velonta Family**)
- Churching and conferences
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church
- The children, YP and College work
- For sister **Gloria's** situation and condition

## LIFE-STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

May 06, 2019, Monday: **Message One —**

### The Divine Provisions for the Inoculation Against the Decline of the Church

The burden in this message is to consider eight basic elements of this inoculation. These divine provisions for the inoculation include a **pure conscience**, **unfeigned faith**, the **divine gift**, a **strong spirit**, **eternal grace**, **incorruptible life**, **healthy words**, and the **indwelling Spirit**. We thank the Lord for all the divine provisions for the inoculation against the decline of the church. The more we experience these provisions, the more we shall be inoculated against any kind of decline. Having such a marvelous inoculation, **we should be able to declare that in the Lord's recovery there is no decline**. (Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 1)

May 07, 2019, Tuesday: **Message Two —**

### The Basic Factor of the Decline—Forsaking the Apostle and His Ministry

In the Lord's recovery, **we care only for Christ and the church**. This is our battle cry. Our goal is not to help people with earthly pursuits, much less to satisfy their ambition for the position. **We are here to minister Christ for the church according to God's eternal purpose**. If you are seeking Christ and the church, then the church life is the place for you. Those who are seeking something other than Christ and the church will eventually realize that the church life is not the place for what they are seeking, and they will turn away. ( Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 2, sec.3)

May 08, 2019, Wednesday - **Message Three — The Inoculator**

The five specific titles given to the inoculator are a teacher a **soldier**, a **contender** (an athlete), a **husbandman**, and a **workman**. First, **teachers** are the one who had received such a good deposit, to pass on the riches of grace to others. They **are ministers of Christ**, to spread the riches of God's New Testament economy. Second **soldiers** are the one who is **fighting for God's interest**. Third **contenders** are the one who contends lawfully to **receive the crown**. Fourth, **husbandman** are the ones who must **partake of the fruits**, the food. They also must be the one who is able to suffer, endure, and have patience. Fifth, **workmen** are the ones who must **cut straight the word of the truth**. (Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 3)

May 09, 2019, Thursday - **Message Four — The Spread of the Decline**

The church is built with the **divine life in Christ**, a life which is **indestructible, unconquerable**, and able to **withstand** decline into death from any source. Hence, **the church is the firm foundation of God that stands forever against any heresy**. No matter what kind of heresies may come in or how extensively the gangrene may spread, this firm foundation stands.

Paul says that this firm foundation has "*this seal*." The seal has **two sides**. On the **Lord's side** it is: "*The Lord knows those who are His*." This is based on the Lord's divine life, which He has given to all His believers and which has **brought them into an organic union with Him**, making them one with Him and causing them to become His. On **our side** it is: "*Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness*." This is the issue of the divine life: it **enables us to depart from unrighteousness and keeps us blameless in His holy name**. The church as the **firm foundation** in the divine life bears such a two-sided seal, **testifying** that the Lord's divine life has made us His and has **kept us** from things which are contrary to His righteous way. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 4, section 2)

May 10, 2019, Friday - **Message Five — The Worsening of the Decline**

To live godly is to live a life of **godliness**. All those who desire, determine, to live a life of godliness in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. For this reason we should not expect good treatment from today's Christianity. Instead, **we should expect persecution for living a godly life in an ungodly situation**. As long as we stand for the Lord's recovery, we shall be **condemned, opposed**, and **attacked**. Rumors will be spread concerning us, and our names will be smeared and defiled. Such persecution comes not from the worldly people, but from so-called Christians. We thank the Lord that, in His mercy, He has brought us into the recovery where we can hear honest and healthy words. (Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 5)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The deadline of registration for the church camp at the Red Berry Bible Camp on June 7-9, 2019, is on the 19th of May. The cost is \$55 per person payable upon arrival to the camp.
2. Our church pursuit on May 20, 2019, will be held in Weyburn at brother Jehu's house. We will leave Regina at 10:30 AM. After the potluck lunch we will have our church pursuit at 2 PM. We will leave Weyburn at 5 PM.
3. The Sisters Meeting has been moved from May 12, 2019 to May 26, 2019.
4. The SST will be on August 5-10, 2019. The deadline of registration will be on May 26, 2019. The training cost is \$400 per person.
5. The Winnipeg Conference will be on June 15-16, 2019 and the deadline of registration is on June 2, 2019.