

CHURCH IN REGINA

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

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

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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

Message Ten

Taking Up Our Cross and Praying with God as Our Faith

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-38; 9:28-29; 11:20-24

THE TERMINATION OF THE CROSS

One who knows how to pray and can pray is always one who has been both **redeemed** under the blood and **terminated** on the cross. In going before God to pray, **first you need to ask whether or not you have been terminated**. Suppose you wish to pray concerning the gospel, your family, the giving of material things, or the matter of marriage. In each case you need to ask if you have been terminated in that particular matter. You must ask whether you are praying with any self-interest. Whatever you pray for, you need to have a termination in that matter.

Always keep in mind that the fire that burns on the **offering altar** is the **same fire** that **burns incense** on the incense altar. Only the **fire that burns the sacrifice into ashes** can be the **fire that burns the incense**. If, without having burned the sacrifice into ashes, the fire is brought to the incense altar to burn the incense, that is called **strange fire**. You can realize the seriousness of this matter by the fate of Nadab and Abihu. If you have not been terminated in a certain matter, yet you bring that matter into the presence of God in prayer, it is a **great offense to God**.

Strictly speaking, **if one has not been terminated by the cross in a certain matter, it is really not possible for him to pray for that matter**. If you **have not been terminated by the cross** concerning your husband or wife, then frankly speaking, you are not qualified to pray for your husband or wife. Why is it that many times the Lord does not hear our prayers for our own families? The answer is that **we have not become ashes**. Those prayers were merely **natural prayers, prayers of strange fire**. Many times when we pray for the church of God and for the work of the Lord, the Lord does not answer. You pray for the Lord's blessings, yet you do not see the blessings. You have been praying for years, asking the Lord to make the church grow, but the church still has no growth. **Your prayers have not been answered because they are prayers of strange fire, natural prayers**.

We always have the concept that God will surely hear our prayers because He is merciful and gracious to us. This concept is erroneous. **God often does not hear men's prayers**. The reason He does not hear is that we, the praying ones, **have not passed through the altar**. Some bring with them only the blood of the altar but not the fire. They pass through the **redemption** but not through the **termination** of the altar.

Please remember, whenever man goes to burn incense at the incense altar, he must fulfill **two basic conditions**. He must **experience the blood**, which tells us that all **those who come there to pray have been redeemed and cleansed**. He must also **experience the fire**, which tells us that all **those who come there to pray have been consumed and have become ashes**.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, if the light of the Lord shines on you strongly, immediately you will not be able to pray for a great number of things. The decrease in the number of your prayers proves that you are being purified. **If you recognize that many prayers are prayers of strange fire**, you will see that those prayers are neither necessary nor right. **You will not dare pray those prayers that are for yourself and not for God's sake, because they are initiated by you, not by God**. After you have been terminated by the cross, there is a great purification of your prayer.

Some may ask, "As we have thus been terminated, why do we need to even consider praying? Since we have become ashes that neither speak nor think, everything has been terminated. What more, then, do we need to pray about?" **Ashes** do mean that everything has been terminated. Do not forget, however, that the fire that burns the ashes is still there to burn the incense before God. When we studied the Old Testament types, we became clear that **the incense refers to the Lord's resurrection** and **the fragrance of the Lord in His resurrection**. Where the Lord is, there is resurrection. **Wherever you and I have been terminated, there is the manifestation of Christ**. We first **pass** through the **redemption** of the cross before God, **accept** the **termination** of the cross, and truly **become ashes** before God. Then, immediately, Christ becomes the incense that we burn before God.

Strictly speaking, therefore, **prayer is both Christ Himself and the expression of Christ**. A prayer that is good, right, proper, true, and acceptable to God is the expression of Christ. If you are terminated on the cross, Christ will live out of such a termination. In the case of prayer, **Christ is lived out in the prayer**. In the case of living, the resurrected Christ is the living. In the ministry the resurrected Christ is the ministry. Only such a prayer can be acceptable before God and be considered a prayer of sweet-smelling savor. This is a prayer of one who has **passed** through the **cleansing** of the blood and the **termination** of the fire, thus **allowing** Christ to come forth from within. (Lessons on Prayer, Chapter 13, Section 4)

To pray is actually to declare
"Not I but Christ"

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Christ is lived out in the
prayer.

**Believe that you
"have received".**

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, we want to follow You, **deny** our self, **take up** our cross and **lose** our soul-life. Cause us to **set** our mind on the **things of God** for the fulfillment of Your purpose. Increase our **dependence** on You that we may care for Your **will** and **interest**.
2. Thank You, Lord for the accomplished **fact of our crucifixion**. Grant us the **realization** of this fact that we may continually **bear** the **cross** to deny our self, **remain** in the **cross** to deal with our natural life and old man, and **apply** the **cross in** and **by** the Spirit.
3. Lord, we want to **follow** after You, **gain** You, **experience** and **enjoy** You, **partake** of You and let You become our very being. Praise You, as the **life-giving Spirit dwelling** in our spirit, **ruling** in us in an inward way.
4. Lord, **operate** the **willing** and the **working** of **losing** our soul-life and **not loving** any aspect of it for the sake of the gospel. May we all have a genuine **prayer life** as we realize **we are nothing** and that **we can do nothing**.
5. Teach us Lord, to **pray** with God as our **faith**. We **cooperate** and **co-work** with You, that You may be expressed through us and accomplish Your purpose. Cause our prayers to be **aligned** with Your **will** and **touch** God. May we all be mingled with You in such a way.
6. Lord, may we be the **overcomers** whose **prayers** are with Your **authority**, that we may deal with **problems** and things that need to be removed. May the church have such a **prayer** by having **full faith**, **without doubt**, and **clear** that what we do is fully according to Your will.
7. Please pray for:

Europe

- Offering -
 - For the European **Gospel Work**
 - For the UK Building Project, the **training facility** at Woodland Camp (London)
 - For the **printing** and distribution of Bibles
- The raising up of the Lord's testimony in major cities in Europe, including **Lisbon**, Portugal; **Vienna**, Austria; **Thessaloniki**, Greece; **Zagreb**, Croatia; **Belgrade**, Serbia; **Geneva** and **Zurich**, Switzerland; **Bilbao**, Spain; **Amsterdam** and **Rotterdam**, the Netherlands; **Tirana**, Albania; **Gdansk**, Poland; **Malta**.

Israel

- Lord we pray for the many saints on the **tours** in Israel this week, that they will all enjoy the You and the ministry, while having much **fellowship** and **blending**.
 - Pray for the young people who are going to the European **Young People's Conference** in **Poland**
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**
 - Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
 - Pray for the contacts
 - Small Group Meeting in Weyburn to become the **church in Weyburn**
 - 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 13, 2019, Monday: Message Six — The Antidote of the Inoculation

The antidote is the **divine word** of the Old Testament and the New Testament, the God-breathed Scripture which is profitable for **teaching**, **reproof**, **correction**, and **instruction** in righteousness and which **completes the man of God** and fully equips him for every good work. We should not merely study the Word in letter. **We need to pray that the Lord would give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation**. If we do not have such a spirit but read only the black and white letters of the Bible, we shall not experience life, light, or spirit. ... **We constantly humble ourselves before the Lord, open to Him, and look to Him for light, vision, wisdom, and revelation**. (Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chap. 6)

May 14, 2019, Tuesday: Message Seven — The Incentive to the Inoculator

The **crown** is a symbol of glory given as a prize, in addition to the Lord's salvation, to the triumphant runner of the race. This prize is neither of grace nor by faith as salvation is, but of **righteousness through works**. Such a reward will be awarded the believers not according to the grace of the Lord, but according to His righteousness. Hence, it is the crown of righteousness. The One who awards it is the Lord as **the righteous Judge**, not as the merciful God or the gracious Redeemer. Paul was assured that such a prize was reserved, laid up, for him and would be awarded to him at the day of the Lord's second appearing. **The crown of righteousness is the incentive to the inoculator**. (Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 7)

May 15, 2019, Wednesday: Message Eight — The Issue of the Decline

In the grievous days during the **worsening degradation of the church**, what is **needed** is the eternal grace of God, which was given to us in eternity and is appropriated by us in this age. This grace, which is in the indestructible life, is nothing less than Christ the Son of God, who is the embodiment of the divine life, dwelling and living in our spirit. **We need to exercise this spirit to enjoy the riches of Christ as the sufficient grace**. As long as we know that the Lord is with our spirit and that the processed Triune God is our grace, and as long as we exercise our spirit to enjoy this grace, **we shall have the reality of God's New Testament economy**. (Life-Study of 2 Timothy, chapter 8)

May 16, 2019, Thursday: Review, Messages 1 - 4

Message 1: The eight basic elements of inoculation include a pure conscience, unfeigned faith, the divine gift, a strong spirit, eternal grace, incorruptible life, healthy words, and the indwelling Spirit.

Message 2: 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.

Message 3: The five specific titles given to the inoculator 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, **workman** are the ones who must cut straight the word of the truth.

Message 4: 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.

May 17, 2019, Friday: Review, Messages 5 - 8

Message 5: Seven **kinds of lovers** are mentioned: lovers of self, lovers of money, lovers of pleasure, lovers of God, lovers of good, lovers of husbands, and lovers of children. There are also two **kinds of non-lovers**: non-lovers of good and non-lovers of God.

Message 6: The **antidote** is the **divine word** of the Old Testament and the New Testament, the God-breathed Scripture which is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness and which completes the man of God and fully equips him for every good work.

Message 7: The **crown** is a symbol of glory given as a prize, in addition to the Lord's salvation, to the triumphant runner of the race. This prize is neither of grace nor by faith as salvation is, but of **righteousness through works**. Such a **reward** will be awarded the believers not according to the grace of the Lord, but according to His righteousness. Hence, it is the crown of righteousness.

Message 8: In the grievous days during the **worsening degradation** of the church, what is needed is the **eternal grace of God**, which was given to us in eternity and is appropriated by us in this age. This grace, which is in the indestructible life, is nothing less than Christ the Son of God, who is the embodiment of the divine life, dwelling and living in our spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our **Church Pursuit** on May 20, 2019, will be held in Weyburn at brother Jehu's house at 8 Metheral Bay, Weyburn. We will leave Regina at 10:00 AM. After the potluck lunch we will have our church pursuit at 2:00 PM. We will leave Weyburn at 5:00 PM.
2. The **Sisters' Meeting** will be on May 26, 2019, at Sister Malou's place at 2:00 PM.
3. The **Brother's Meeting** will be on May 26, 2019, at Brother Dario's house at 6:00 PM.