# **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

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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 Chinesespeaking Conference Anaheim, California February 15-17, 2019
- 2. ITERO (Spring)
  Anaheim CA
  April 5 7, 2019
- 3. Memorial Day Conference Scattle, 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 Eleven

# The Lord's Supper-

a Symbol of the New Testament Economy of God

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-26; 1 Cor. 5:7-8; 10:16-17, 21; 11:20, 23-26

## REMEMBERING THE MAN-SAVIOR

We have emphasized the fact that the Man-Savior **instituted** His supper, the Lord's table, after He and the disciples ate the Passover feast. He initiated His supper for His believers' **remembrance of Him** 

John 6:57
"As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me."

to continue and replace the passover feast, the Old Testament practice of the elect's remembrance of the Lord's salvation (Exo. 12:14; 13:3). This **new practice** of the New Testament is to remember the Man-Savior by eating the **bread**, which signifies His body given for His believers (1 Cor. 11:24), and drinking the cup, which signifies His **blood** shed for their sins (Matt. 26:28). The **bread** denotes life (John 6:35), the life of God, the eternal life, and the **cup** denotes blessing (1 Cor. 10:16), which is **God Himself as their portion** (Psa. 16:5). (Life-Study of Luke, Chapter 49, Section 4)

The **bread** always refers to life [and] the **cup** always refers to blessing... By receiving the bread, we testify that we receive the Lord as life in our spirit. Our receiving and enjoyment of Him in this way is our remembrance of Him. At the same time, by receiving this cup, we testify that we receive all that He has accomplished for us by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Hence, every time we receive the bread and the cup, we have a fresh receiving of the Lord Himself and what He accomplished for us by the shedding of His blood on the cross. This receiving is in spirit for our **inward enjoyment**. Our receiving Him, enjoying Him, and eating and drinking of Him are our true remembrance of Him.

The Lord has also **established a covenant by His blood**. This covenant enables us to receive God Himself and all His blessings. This covenant established by the Lord's blood is included in the cup., The cup that we have received from the Lord is the cup of salvation in Psalm 116:13 and the cup that runs over in Psalm 23:5. On the negative side, this cup speaks of the Lord's blood that has washed away our sins before God. On the positive side, it speaks of the blood of the Lord that has paid the price for us so that God and all that belongs to Him are now our portion for our enjoyment. This is our blessed portion.

Hence, every time we come to remember the Lord, we should not remember Him merely by meditating in our mind. We need to receive Him and all that He has accomplished in our spirit as our inward enjoyment and allow Him to mingle more with us. This is the true remembrance of the Lord.

The main focus in the **bread-breaking meeting** is not to remember the Lord in our mind but to fellowship with the Lord in our spirit, receiving the Lord whose body was broken for us and whose blood was shed in order to redeem us... This can be compared to being invited to a feast in which the host does not want us to think about the dishes that he has prepared; rather, he wants us to eat to the full what he has prepared. This is the Lord's **revelation** regarding the bread-breaking meeting. (Lessons for New Believers, Chapter 11)

# BECOMING CHRIST'S MYSTICAL BODY

We have seen that as the Lord and His disciples were eating, He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body" (v. 22). First the Lord and His disciples ate the Passover; then the Lord established His table with the bread and the cup to replace the feast of the Passover. He did this because He would very soon fulfill the type and become the real Passover to us (1 Cor. 5:7). Now we are keeping the real feast of Unleavened Bread (1 Cor. 5:8).

The **bread** of the Lord's table is a symbol signifying the **Lord's body** broken for us on the cross to release His life that we may participate in it. By participating in this life, we become the mystical Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), which is also signified by the bread of the table (1 Cor. 10:17). Hence, by partaking of this bread, we have the fellowship of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16).

The Lord was broken on the cross in order to release His life. The release of the Lord's life is in resurrection. Therefore, breaking is a matter of death, and releasing is a matter of resurrection. Through being broken on the cross, the Lord was able to release the divine life from within Him so that we might participate in this life. By participating in the Lord's divine life, we become the mystical Body of Christ, His enlargement. This means that by enjoying the bread we become Christ's mystical Body.

As His enlargement, **Christ's mystical Body** is also signified by the **bread on the table**, as indicated in 1 Corinthians 10:17. Hence, by partaking of this bread we have the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

# Prayer Burden

- 1. Lord, impress us with the intrinsic significance of the Lord's supper. Usher us into remembering Your two comings for Your satisfaction. We want to be those who cooperate with You, respond to Your heavenly operation and ministry today, and bring in Your kingdom.
- 2. Thank You, Lord for Your table. In Your table, we can have mutual participation and fellowship for our enjoyment. Thank You, we have a portion in this table and we can take You as our center, speak concerning Your marvelous person and accomplished work, and be spiritually nourished. Praise You, Lord for this feast!
- 3. Praise You, Lord as the real Passover to us. Bring us further in the New Testament economy by encouraging us to eat You daily. May we all eat You until You become organically assimilated into every fiber of our being and until You become our life.
- 4. Thank You, Lord for drinking the cup of God's wrath on our behalf. Now, Your salvation has become our sweet portion and runs over. Thank You, Lord for You are our all-inclusive blessing. We declare that we are joined to You and are mingled with You.
- 5. Lord, continue to bring us into the reality of Your table. Thank You, by participating in Your divine life, we become Your mystical Body, Your enlargement today. As Your mystical Body, use us as a means to carry out Your divine administration today.
- 6. Thank You, Lord for the blood of the covenant, ushering us into the new covenant where we have a new heart, a new spirit, Your Spirit, and the inner law of life. Thank You for Your blood that continually brings us back to the enjoyment of the tree of life and to the waters of life even today.
- 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.

#### Germany

- Pray for the blending conference that will be held in Bad Wildungen, Germany, on 8-10 lune
- 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 TITUS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

#### May 20, 2019, Monday:

# Message One — Establishing the Authority in the Church

The churches were established according to the apostles' teaching and followed their teaching. The order of the churches was maintained by the faithful word, which was given according to the apostles' teaching. The disorder of the church was mainly due to deviation from the apostles' teaching. To counter this, we must hold to the faithful word taught in the churches according to the apostles' teaching. In a darkened and confused situation, we must cleave to the enlightening and ordering word in the New Testament—the apostles' teaching. To maintain the order of the church, the word according to God's revelation is needed in addition to the eldership. (Life-Study of Timothy, chapter 1)

# May 21, 2019, Tuesday:

### Message Two — Dealing with the Influence of Judaism and Gnosticism

Our burden is not simply to oppose **superficiality**, **hypocrisy**, and **superstition**. It is to minister Christ and the church for the fulfillment of God's economy. God our Father certainly has an eternal purpose to fulfill. But Satan has come in with many distractions and falsehoods. Our burden must be to minister the all-inclusive Christ and the church as the Body of Christ to those who love God and seek Christ. We need to help all those who pursue the Lord to come to the full knowledge of the truth. We need to sound the trumpet that those who seek the Lord Jesus may come together as a living Body of Christ to fulfill God's purpose and to hasten the coming of the Lord. Concerning this, we all must be desperate and give ourselves to prayer. On the one hand, we like to **maintain a peaceful situation** with others. On the other hand, for the sake of God's purpose, we must **stand firm** for the full knowledge of God's truth and fight the good fight against the evil powers of darkness. (Excerpt from the Life-Study of Timothy, chapter 2, section 3)

#### May 22, 2019, Wednesday:

### Message Three — Bringing the Saints of Different Ages into an Orderly Life

As an **elderly man**, first, they are to be temperate. To be **temperate** is to have self-control and to be moderate. second, **elderly men** should also be grave. It implies dignity and it inspires honor and invites it. **Gravity** is a virtue which invites the respect of others. Third, the **aged men** are to be of a **sober mind**. To be of a **sober mind** is to be sensible and also discreet in understanding. Fourth, **elderly men** were to be healthy in faith, love, and endurance. Concerning the aged women, the **aged women** should be "teachers of what is good" and train the young women. To be teachers of what is good is to give good instruction. Concerning the **young women**, the young women should be sober, chaste, workers at home, kind, and subject to their own husbands so that the word of God may not be blasphemed. Concerning the **young men**, the younger men are to be of a sober mind. To guard against any decline, all of us in the local churches need to be of a sober mind. (Life-Study of Timothy, chapter 3)

## May 23, 2019, Thursday:

#### Message Four — Charging Slaves to Behave Well in the Social System of Slavery

No matter how bad certain social systems may be today, none are as bad as the **system of slavery** in the Roman Empire. For the saints to live a Jesusly human life in that kind of social system was a marvelous testimony of the divine life. It was God's wisdom that a **slave**, bought and branded like an animal, could testify of the divine life according to the highest standard. If the saints could live such a human life in the worst social system imaginable, then we should be able to live such a life in any kind of circumstances today. Praise the Lord that by the divine life we can have the highest human living even in the worst social system! (Life-Study of Timothy, chapter 4)

#### May 24, 2019, Friday:

#### Message Five — Charging the Saints to Keep a Good Relationship with the Government

It is **the kindness and love of our Savior God** that has saved us and made us different from others. **Love** is the source of **grace**. In the heart of God the Father there is love. When we are in a proper situation, God's love will come to us as **grace**. However, we were all in a pitiful situation and may still be in such a situation today. Therefore, we need God's **mercy** to reach us. The mercy of God can come to us even in our pitiful situation. Then, kindness is God's attitude in giving grace to us. God's attitude in giving us grace is the attitude of kindness. When we have mercy, love, and kindness, we automatically have grace. Our God and Father has shown us love, mercy, and kindness. It is by this that He saves us. (Life-Study of Timothy, chapter 5)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

- 1. The Sisters Meeting next week, May 26, 2019, will be at Sister Malou's place at 2 PM.
- 2. The Brothers Meeting next week, May 26, 2019 will be at Brother Dario's house at 6 PM.
- 3. The deadline of registration for the Winnipeg Conference on June 15-16, 2019 will be on June 2, 2019.