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 Twelve

The Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Slave-Savior and His Universal Spreading of the Gospel through His Disciples

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:45; 15:22-39; 16:1-6, 15-16, 19-20

In 8:27—9:13 the Lord Jesus is revealed as our universal and entire replacement. It is through His all-inclusive death and wonderful resurrection that we can take Him as such a replacement.

Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Accomplishing His All-inclusive Death

The Gospel of Mark presents the Lord Jesus as the One who accomplished an all-inclusive death. In His death He bore our sins, condemned sin, crucified the old man, terminated the old creation, destroyed Satan, judged the world, abolished the ordinances, and released the divine life.

Entering into His Wonderful Resurrection

After the Lord accomplished this all-inclusive death, He entered into His wonderful resurrection. In and through His resurrection He regenerated His followers and germinated the new creation.

Remaining in His All-surpassing Ascension

After His resurrection, the Lord Jesus "was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God" (16:19). He now remains in His all-surpassing ascension to execute what He has accomplished through His death and resurrection.

Bringing His Followers into His Death and Ushering Them into His Resurrection to Enjoy Him in His Ascension

In previous messages we have pointed out emphatically that the Lord Jesus did not enter into His death, resurrection, and ascension alone. Rather, He brought His followers into His death, and then He ushered them into His resurrection. As those who have been ushered into the Lord's resurrection, His followers may now enjoy Him in His ascension as their life and life supply, the Lord of all, God's Christ, the Head of all to the church, the Head of the Body, the glorified One, the enthroned One, the One who is above all, and the One who fills all in all.

Bringing Forth the New Man as the Reality of the Kingdom of God

Through His death, resurrection, and ascension, and by bringing His followers into that death, resurrection, and ascension, the Lord Jesus has brought forth the new man as the reality of the kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Mark is not merely a storybook. This Gospel conveys a **heavenly vision**, a vision that should direct our steps, control our living, and bring us into God's consummation... This vision has become the principle that directs our steps and that governs our way. Why do we take the way of the Lord in His recovery? We take this way because we have been caught by the vision of God's economy.

Conclusion:

The Gospel of Mark reveals a **life** that is fully according to and for God's New Testament economy. This life is not merely righteous, holy, spiritual, and victorious. Many Christians know that we should live a righteous, holy, spiritual, and victorious life. But have you ever heard of a life lived according to God's New Testament economy? The Gospel of Mark presents the Person of the **God-man**, the One who lived, acted, moved, and worked step by step according to God's economy. (Life-Study of Mark, Chapter 52)

As we go forth for the **spreading of the gospel**, we should go with the gospel of Christ and the kingdom in the word. Only the divine word can contain and convey Christ and the kingdom of God.

The Lord Jesus sent all His disciples to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the creation (Mark 16:15). They were charged to disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the Triune God (Matt. 28:19). (The God-ordained Way to Practice the New Testament Economy, Chapter 10)

Prayer Burden

- 1. Thank You, Lord for Your crucifixion. You brought us redemption through judgment and saved us from our fall. You terminated the old creation and produced a new creation. We praise You, now You are imparting Yourself to us as our life supply.
- 2. Praise You as our Good Shepherd who gave Your life a ransom for many. You became our Substitute, put our sins upon Yourself, became the unique sinner and even sin itself.
- 3. Thank You, Lord our sin, sins and all negative things were already dealt with on the cross. You were forsaken by God economically for us. Praise You as the all-inclusive sacrifice accepted by God as the all-inclusive offering.
- 4. Praise You, Lord, our Resurrected Slave-Savior. You overcame death, became our Lord and Christ, the Author of Life, the cornerstone for God's building, and the Leader and Savior for our salvation.
- 5. Praise You, Lord for Your ascension. Your allinclusive marvelous work was fully accepted by God. May we all experience You as the **life-giving Spirit** now in us. We want to be those who walk according to the mingled spirit daily and moment by moment.
- 6. Cause us, Lord to have a heart for preaching the high gospel and bear the burden to free all creation from the slavery of corruption. Stir us up not to be silent but preach the gospel, present the truth, and minister life.
- 7. Please pray for:

Alaska

Pray for the church in Anchorage, to give away Bibles and books at the Anchorage Market, on the following Saturdays: June 1, June 22, July 20, July 27, and August 17. Pray for the Spirit to prepare the hearts of the attendees and for some to be open to receive the seed of the Word, that the Lord of the harvest would thrust out more workers into this field.

Europe

• 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, on 8-10 June, 2019.
- 8. Please pray for the church in Regina
- Pray for the increase of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Conference in Winnipeg on June 15-16, 2019
- 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
- Thanksgiving for Dindo's PR approval
- For sister Gloria's situation and condition

LIFE-STUDY OF TITUS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

May 27, 2019, Monday:

Message Six — Dealing with a Factious One

A factious man is a heretical, sectarian man who causes divisions by **forming** parties in the church according to his own opinions. The **divisiveness** is based on differing teachings. We should not pay attention to teachings that are not focused on God's economy, even though they are sound. We need to avoid differing teachings and concentrate on God's economy concerning Christ and the church. The Lord's ministry is not the teaching of any individual. The ministry is the teaching of God's New Testament economy. This means that the Lord's ministry is the healthy teaching which conveys to us the New Testament economy. The **goal of the recovery** is to bring us back to God's New Testament economy, which is Christ and the church. (Life-Study of Titus, chapter 6)

May 28, 2019, Tuesday: Review Word on Titus — GOD'S SUPPLY

The supply for the **church life** consists of the faith of God's chosen ones, the full knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, and the hope of eternal life (1:1-2). **Eternal life** in particular is the supply which enables us to have the church life. The word of proclamation (1:3) is another aspect of the supply for the proper church life.

The supply for the proper **family life** includes **healthy** teaching (2:1), **healthy** speech (2:8), and being **healthy** in faith, in love, and in endurance (2:2). For the family unit we need the supply of healthy teaching and healthy speech. The word **speech** in 2:8 refers to our ordinary daily conversation, such as conversation at the dinner table. If our speech is healthy, it will supply us that we may have a proper family life.

We have seen that in 2:9-15 Paul charges the slaves to behave well in the **social system** of slavery... But what is the supply for living in the existing social system? This supply is the grace of God which has appeared, bringing salvation to all men and training us to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age as we await the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior, Christ Jesus (2:11-13).

The supply which enables us to keep a good relationship with the **government** is wonderful... It is the kindness and love of our Savior God that has saved us and made us different from others.

LIFE-STUDY OF PHILEMON

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

May 29, 2019, Wednesday:

Message One — A Slave Reborn to Be a Brother

The subject of the book of Philemon is an illustration of the believers' equal status in the new man. In the **new man** all the believers, whether masters such as Philemon or slaves such as Onesimus, have the same status. Because of the divine birth and living by the divine life, all the believers in Christ had equal status in the church, which was the new man in Christ, with no discrimination between free and bond. This is based on three facts. First, Christ's death on the cross has abolished the ordinances of the different ways of life for the creation of the one new man. Second, we all have been baptized into Christ and made one in Him without any difference. Third, in the new man Christ is all and in all. Such a life with such a love in equal fellowship is well able to maintain good order in the church (in Titus), carry out God's economy concerning the church (in 1 Timothy), and stand against the tide of the church's decline. (Life-Study of Philemon, chapter 1)

May 30, 2019, Thursday:

Message Two — A Brother Recommended for the Acceptance of the New Man

As long as we see that the believers have an **equal status in the new man**, there will be no problems among us concerning social rank, nationality, or race. In the practice of the economy of God, it is crucial that all social ranks and differences among races and nations are swallowed up... If we would have the genuine church life, we must receive all the saints regardless of race, nationality, or social rank. (Life-Study of Philemon, chapter 2)

May 31, 2019, Friday: Review Word on Philemon — LOVE and FAITH

In verses 4 and 5 say, "I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, hearing of your love and the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and to all the saints." Notice ... here love is referred to first and then faith, because what is dealt with in this Epistle concerning the equal status of believers is a matter of love, which comes out of faith. In the new man the members love one another in faith (Titus 3:15). The relationship is of love through faith. The apostle appreciates the fellowship of Philemon's faith (v. 6) and is encouraged by his love (v. 7); thus he entreats him to receive Onesimus because of this love (v. 9). These two virtues are referred to in a combined way. Philemon has both of them, not only toward the Lord, but also toward all the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- 1. The Combined Prayer Meeting on June 4, 2019, will be at brother Dario's place at 7 PM.
- 2. Today, June 2, 2019, is the deadline of registration for the Winnipeg Conference on June 15-16.