

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 Numbers (1)

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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

Message One

Being Formed into an Army to Fight with God for His Interest on Earth

Scripture Reading: Num. 1:1-3, 18, 24, 45-46; 2:1-2, 17, 32;
Exo. 12:41, 51; 13:18

The book of Numbers is a book of **victory** and **glory** for God is **forming an army** to fight for His interest. Why does God need an army? Even though the Lord Jesus **on the cross terminated** every evil thing, destroyed the devil and cast out the ruler of this world, what He has accomplished must be **testified** and **executed** by the church, the Body of Christ, the one new man, the warrior wife. The principle is that God Himself will not deal directly as God with the enemy; rather, He will **deal with the enemy** through His Son, the **Son of Man**, a creature, and this Christ is a **corporate God-man** who deals with Satan, a rebellious creature.

One of the main **responsibilities** of the church, therefore, is to **stand in the victory** in Christ, **proclaim the victory** of Christ, and **apply it**. This is what the church as the army does. Furthermore, the army doesn't remain in the same place for a long time. Rather, as the Lord leads, the tents are taken down, the tent of meeting with its finishings is packed and ready to go, and the Lord signals the sounding of the trumpet to guide His people by Himself as the pillar of cloud during the day and the pillar of fire at night. **The army the Lord is gaining will move wherever the Lord wants to go.**

Christ is the meaning of life for God's People

What we see in Numbers is that the people of Israel had a life and a living around the Ark of the Testimony. The **Ark of the Testimony**, typifying Christ, was the center of the tabernacle of the testimony (Num. 1:50, 53). The Ark of the Testimony was the **meaning of the Israelites' life**.

They left everything of the world behind, they were in the wilderness, and they were not focused on anything like industry, commerce, or agriculture, but they had God in Christ as their food supply (the manna) and drink (water from the smitten rock), and **the meaning of their life was the Tent of Meeting with the Ark**, which are a type of Christ and the church. Christ is the meaning of life for God's people, and **Christ and the church should be the meaning of our Christian life today.**

All the tents of the people of Israel were **encamped** around the Tent of Meeting and were facing the Tent of Meeting, which shows that their focus, meaning, and center was Christ and the church, Christ as the Ark of the Testimony and the church as the enlargement of Christ, the corporate expression of Christ. **Today in the church life the meaning of our life should be nothing and no one else but Christ and the church.**

Being Formed into an Army

Moses was told by God to number the males who were **20 years old and over**, with no upper age limit... [B]eing a male refers to any strong believer, male or female, who has the required maturity in life. The lower age limit is twenty years old, when one emerged from adolescent years and starts to enter the young adulthood... Numbers chapters 1 and 2 reveal that the children of Israel were formed into an army because they were surrounded by enemies; the army needed to be formed for the protection of God's testimony (Num. 1:1-3).

Today the Lord is looking for those who are of the spiritual age of twenty, those who are the young men, the strong ones according to the **resurrection power**, those in whom the word of God abides and who are grown in the divine life. **When we let the word of God abide in us and we do not love the world or the things in the world, we are being formed into the fighting army the Lord needs today.** The whole world lies in evil one, and Satan as the devil affects others and influences them to be evil and vicious; whether it is the medical system, the educational system, or the technology today, the whole world lies in the evil one. **May we be those who are formed as God's army to fight so that God can gain more ground on the earth to build up His kingdom with His habitation!**

Lord Jesus, we want to enter into the enjoyment of the unsearchably rich Christ as the reality of the good land. Form us into a fighting army who defeats the enemy and takes over his territory for the spreading of the kingdom of God and the building up of His dwelling place. Amen, Lord Jesus, make us those who bear Your testimony on our shoulders and who fight one with You for Your interest on the earth.

"Formed into an army, Christ is the meaning of our life, our testimony, our center, and our Leader, our way, and our goal of our journey and fighting."

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, **reveal** to us the intrinsic significance of the book of Numbers that we may **see God's move** was in the **Ark with the tabernacle**; and that God's move today is **in Christ**, the God-man, the **mingling** of God and man with the church, as the **enlargement**, the **increase** of Christ as God's dwelling place on earth.

2. **Form** us, Lord as Your **church army - faithful, journeying, and fighting** all the time for Your kingdom. **Show** us even more that You are the **meaning of life**, the **testimony**, our **center**, **Leader**, the way and the goal of our journey and **fighting**. May **our life and living** have the **Ark with the tabernacle** as the center.

3. Lord, we want You to be the **meaning** of our life, the **center** of our life, and our **testimony**. **Take** us **onward** and **take the lead** as our **Leader**, the way and our **goal**. May You have a way to gain the ground on earth and build up Your kingdom with Your house through us.

4. **Turn** us, Lord that we may **love You more** and be our **goal and aim**. We want to be those **formed into Your army, fighting** in our journey, as Your **anti-testimony** for Your kingdom and habitation.

5. Lord, we want to **possess** the **Good Land** inch by inch. **Build** us as Your **army, the built up church**. May we all fulfill our **priesthood by enjoying** Your unsearchable riches.

6. Lord, **gain** us to be Your corporate **warrior, fighting** against Satan's aerial forces by **gaining** more of You. Bring us back to Your intention. **Form** us into an army, an army of **saved and sanctified ones**, and a **shame** to the enemy.

7. Please pray for:

Bibles for America

- The Bibles for America **Blog in Spanish** has been relaunched at blog-es.biblesforamerica.org. Please pray that the Spanish-speakers all over the world will continue to discover the blog and receive help to understand God's Word and live the Christian life.

FTTL Graduation at Bower House

FTTA Graduation in Anaheim CA

- Pray that the **graduates** will experience and enjoy Christ, live Christ, pursue Christ, gain Christ, spread Christ, and minister Christ for the building up of the Body and the preparation of the bride.

Sofia, Bulgaria

- Pray for the blending conference that will be held on June 22-23, 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
- For sister **Gloria's** situation and condition

LIFE-STUDY OF 1 THESSALONIANS

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

June 03, 2019, Monday: (Message 1)

Introduction to a Holy Life for the Church Life

In this message we have covered two basic points: first, that the **church** is composed of human beings **in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ**, those who **have the life of God** and who are in the **organic union with Christ**; second, that the **church life** is the Christian life constructed of the **work of faith**, the **labor of love**, and the **endurance of hope in the coming Lord**. We need to see that the church is the composition of human beings who are in God the Father with life and who are organically in the Lord Jesus Christ. We also need to see that the Christian life for the church life is constructed of the work of faith, the labor of love, and the endurance of hope. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 1)

June 04, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 2)

Characteristics of a Holy Life for the Church Life

To **turn to God** from idols, to **serve a living and true God**, and to **wait for His Son** from the heavens are the three basic substances of the Christian life viewed from another angle. **To turn to God** from idols is not only to turn away from false gods, with the Devil and demons behind them, but also to turn away from all things other than God. This is **by faith** infused into the new converts through hearing the word of the gospel. **To serve a living and true God** is to serve the very God who is triune—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—processed to be the believers' life and life supply for their enjoyment. They should experience Him not only as the object of worship, but also as the all-inclusive Supplier who lives in them. This is done **by love** produced within them by the sweet taste of the rich supply of the Father through the Son in the Spirit. **To wait for the Son of God** from the heavens is to look for the One who has passed through incarnation, human living, and crucifixion, has entered into resurrection and ascended to the heavens, and who will come back to receive His believers into glory. This is the **hope that strengthens** the believers to **stand steadfastly** in their faith. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2)

June 05, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 3)

The Living God and the Work of Faith

We are not serving a God who is merely in the heavens. **The God we serve is the One who lives in us**. Therefore, **to serve a living God means to serve the God who is living in you right now**. In the Old Testament the children of Israel served a God who was in the heavens. Solomon prayed to God in heaven. Even in what is called the Lord's prayer, the Lord Jesus says, "Our Father Who is in the heavens". But now, after the cross and the resurrection, the God whom we serve is no longer merely in the heavens, for **He is now living in us**. We even have a song which says that our God is living and that He is living within us. When Paul says that **we serve a living God, he means the God who is living within us and who is one with us**. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3)

June 06, 2019, Thursday: (Message 4)

Some Basic Matters

Faith is the foundation of the structure of a holy life for the church life. Upon this foundation a building is taking place. This is the labor of **love**. Then the topstone, the capstone, of this building will be the enduring **hope**. In this way we have the complete structure of a holy life for the church life: the **work of faith**, the **labor of love**, and the **endurance of hope**. If we see the basic matters in chapter one of 1 Thessalonians—the Triune God, the **word** as the embodiment of the Triune God, the mark of being in the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **work** of faith, the **labor** of love, and the **endurance** of hope—then we shall know the burden in Paul's spirit when he composed this portion of the Word. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4)

June 07, 2019, Friday: (message 5)

The Triune God Embodied in the Word to Produce a Holy Life for the Church Life (1)

The entire New Testament is related to the Triune God. The Triune God is the element for the construction of the New Testament. In reading the New Testament, it is easy for us to take terms such as **in Christ**, **in the Lord**, and **in God** for granted and not pay much attention to them. We need to be deeply impressed by the expression "*in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*." The utterance is marvelous. It is a tremendous matter for people to be in God! Suppose some very sinful people hear the gospel, receive the Lord Jesus, and are saved. They become Christians and are now in God the Father. We need to realize that this is a matter of great significance. Do you know where we are as believers? We are in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ! We have the revelation of the tremendous fact that the church is **in the unique God** and that this God is our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, we have such a wonderful God, and we are **in Him!** (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. We will not have a Table Meeting here in Regina next week, June 16, 2019, as all the saints are going to Winnipeg for the conference.
2. The Brother's Meeting on June 30, 2019, will be at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.