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 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

- 1. International Chinesespeaking 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 Seventeen

The Water for Impurity

MR Hymns: 639 Scripture Reading: Numbers 19

The water for impurity in Numbers 19 deals with the impurity that comes from contacting death. When we contact death in any form, we are defiled and become impure. We need something that will take care of our situation. We may think that it is the blood that deals with our situation of impurity, but the Bible reveals that it is not the blood but the water for impurity that is the particular remedy to specifically cleanse us from the defilement of death that results from rebellion. Since rebellion is a sin, why does the sin offering not deal with rebellion? It is because rebellion is not a common sin. A common sin can be forgiven and cleansed by offering the trespass offering, and the cleansing from a common sin is immediate. However, rebellion is not a common sin, and the sin and trespass offering are not sufficient. Applying the water for impurity is a process, and it takes a period of time for those who have been defiled to be cleansed from that impurity. From our experience in the church life, we have seen that the defilement from death as a result of rebellion cannot be cleansed immediately. It takes time for the impurity of death as the result of rebellion to be cleared up.

To escape the defilement of death, we need the Spirit as the reality of Christ's resurrection to bring us into His resurrection. We might think that this would be sufficient to bring us out of death, but the uncleanness remains four more days. The **water for impurity** was applied again on the seventh day, signifying completion. To be completely cleansed from death is not a simple or quick matter. To be cleansed from the defilement of death requires repeated application over a period of time.

Numbers 19:15 says, "Every open vessel, which has no covering tied down on it, is unclean." The open vessel mentioned here is a type of each one of us (2 Cor. 4:7). Often, we encourage the saints to be open vessels before the Lord, but we also need to encourage the saints to be a closed vessel with the cover tied down. Our vessel needs to be wide open to the Lord but closed tightly to anything of death. If our vessel is open and the covering is not tightly tied down, no one can control what may enter into our vessel; hence, death can easily come in and defile us. Only we can control access to our vessel. We need to be careful regarding what we hear, what we listen to, and what we allow into our minds. Most of this message shows us what to do after we have been defiled, but here we see that there is a preemptive action that we can take to avoid the defilement of death. After we have been defiled, we can apply the water for impurity, but if we are vigilant to cover our vessel to anything of death, we can avoid the defilement altogether. When we encounter speaking or writing that has the element of death or the element of rebellion, we need to close the cover of our vessel by not listening. There may be some element of truth in what is being said, but there is also an element of death and rebellion. The divine life is simple, but death is complicated, involving knowledge, good and evil. Death comes in a crafty and disguised way. If we take this kind of speaking into our vessel, we will be defiled with death and unable to escape on our own. Some clean person will have to spend the time to help us out of that death. This kind of death can be annulled; however, it cannot be annulled quickly, and we cannot be delivered from it on our own. Too many saints have poisoned themselves by reading things that they know will bring in death. Whenever we encounter things that include the elements of death or rebellion, we need to close our vessel and tie down the cover. We must be wide open to the Lord and to the water for impurity but closed to anything of death. This is the way to remain in life. (The Ministry of the Word, Volume 23, No. 7, July 2019. pp. 138-158)

Prayer Burden

- 1. Lord Jesus, we love You, we love life, and we love being in the realm of life and enjoying You as life. Save us from listening to words of death and from reading words that impart death. May we remain in the realm of life and enjoy the tree of life.
- 2. Thank You Lord for coming in the likeness of the flesh of sin to bear and deal with our sin. You are our redeeming Christ, the reality of the red heifer. Save us from only knowing and agreeing with what You have done for us. We come to You to enjoy You as the redeeming Christ in our experience.
- 3. Thank You Lord for all that You have done and all that You are to us. You were willing to be lowly and to become a man to shed Your blood for our redemption. Lord, we apply You to our being and to our experience in all that You are and all that You have accomplished.
- 4. Lord, thank You for the efficacy of Your redemption signified by the ashes. We thank you for the stability of your redemptive work. We are clean because we trust in the eternal and incorruptible efficacy of what you have done.
- 5. Lord, we allow the Holy Spirit to apply the efficacy of Your redemption to us. Remove our uncleanness and our defilement before God. Lord, purify our entire being for your purpose.
- 6. Lord, we need the work of Your cross and the power of the Holy Spirit to be upon us. How we need the ashes of the red heifer and the living water. Lord, we apply the efficacy of your one-time work for our cleansing.

7. Please pray for:

- The church in Berlin

 To settle the remaining need of approximately 2.6M USD which is due on November 15, 2019. May the saints be blessed in offering their "one half shekel".

- The church in Islamabad

- Lord we pray for the raising up of the 3rd District Meeting that they may continue steadfastly and be strengthened into their inner man.
- Gain more young people through church pursuit and trainings.

- Canada

- Conference in Winnipeg on October 18-20, 2019
- The Canada Brother's Meeting in Toronto on November 8-10, 2019

8. Please pray for the church in Regina

- Pray for the increase of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Sister Julie to get settled & established here
- The university students and for the Campus Work at the University of Regina
- The children, YP and College work
- The readings of the Life-Study messages, and the daily personal pursuing of the truth of the saints
- For the purchase of a lot property for the church

LIFE-STUDY OF 2 JOHN

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

September 22, 2019, Monday: (Message 1) To Walk in Truth and Love

Love refers to the expression of the believers in loving one another through receiving and knowing the truth. As we enjoy God as love, out of this love issues a love with which we love others. When we love others with the love that issues from our enjoyment of God as love, our love will be in sincerity. Also, truth refers to the divine reality of the gospel, especially concerning the Person of Christ, who expressed God and accomplished His purpose. If truth and love do not exist among the believers, there is no way for them to enjoy grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ. Grace, mercy, and peace can be unto us only when the basic factors of truth and love are present. Therefore, this Epistle emphasizes truth and love. All of us need to live a life of truth and love. The Father commands us to walk in the truth, in the reality and the Son commands us to love one another to express Him. He commands us to walk in the realization of the divine fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. If we walk in this reality, we shall honour the Son according to the Father's desire.

September 23, Tuesday: (Message 2) Not Participating in Heresy

2 John 8 speaks of not losing the things of the **truth** concerning Christ, which the apostles ministered and imparted to the believers. The **full reward** is the Father and the Son as the full enjoyment to the faithful believers. If we are not led away by the heresies, but abide faithfully in the truth concerning the wonderful and all-inclusive person of Christ, we shall enjoy in Him the Triune God to the fullest extent as our full reward, even today on earth. We should not receive anyone who does not bring with him the teaching of Christ. We should have nothing to do with such persons and with their contagious heresies. John's second Epistle is based upon the truth revealed in his first Epistle. After speaking concerning truth in verses 1 through 3, John goes on to tell us in verses 4 through 6 that we need to walk in truth and love. **Truth** is the reality of the Trinity, and **love** is the expression of this reality. When we walk in truth, we walk in the divine reality we enjoy daily. **Love** is the expression of this reality. As we walk in the divine reality, spontaneously we love others. This love is the expression of the divine reality we enjoy day by day. Because of this reality and love, grace, mercy, and peace are with us (v. 3). Praise the Lord that we may walk in the divine reality and in the divine expression!

REVIEW - Life-Study of 1 John, Message 40

September 24, 2019, Wednesday:

The Basic and Substantial Element of John's Mending Ministry

The center of the revelation in 1 John is the divine fellowship of the divine life, the fellowship between the children of God and their Father God, who is not only the source of the divine life but also light and love as the source of the enjoyment of the divine life. We have been given a divine birth, and thus are the children of God, possessing His divine life and partaking of His divine nature. By abiding in this divine fellowship of the divine life, we enjoy all His divine riches! To preserve this abiding, three main negative things need to be dealt with: sin, the world, and idols. But praise the Lord that we have the divine birth with our divine life! Based on the fact that the Son of God has through His death on the cross, destroyed the works of the Devil, we overcome him by the word of God that abides in us! Because we have the divine birth, with the divine seed sown into our inner being, we have the ability to not live habitually in sin. In case we sin occasionally, we have our Paraclete as our propitiation to care for our case before our Father God!

REVIEW ON THE LIFE-STUDY OF 2 JOHN

September 25, 2019, Thursday:

The Walk in Truth and Love 2 John 1 -- 6 (Message 1)

- 1. In verse 1, John speaks of loving in truth. This truth denotes the revealed divine reality which is the Triune God dispensed into man in the Son Jesus Christ, becoming man's genuineness and sincerity to live a life that corresponds to the divine light and to worship God according to what He is
- 2. Our understanding of loving in truth is based upon what is revealed in John's first Epistle. We should love one another with God Himself as love. When we love others with the love that issues from our enjoyment of God as love, our love will be in sincerity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- 1. Combined Prayer Meeting on October 1, 2019, is at Sister Venus' place at 7 PM.
- 2. The Conference in Winnipeg is on October 18-20, 2019. The deadline for registration is on October 6, 2019
- 3. Our local YP Conference is on October 13, 2019 after the YP Conference in Calgary
- 4. The church pursuit, October 14, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's place at 6 PM.

- 3. This Epistle emphasized truth and love! If truth and love do not exist among the believers, there is no way for them to enjoy grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ. Grace, mercy, and peace can be unto us only when the basic factors of truth and love are present. All of us need to live a life of truth and love!
- 4. In verse 4, John uses the word "walking". The word "walk" here means to live, behave, and have our being. The truth concerning the Person of Christ should not only be our belief; it should also be our living! The Father commands us to walk in truth, in reality. He commands us to walk in the realization of the divine fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. If we walk in this reality, we shall honor the Son according to the Father's desire.
- 5. Truth is the reality of the Trinity, and love is the expression of this reality. When we walk in truth, we walk in the divine reality we enjoy daily. Love is the expression of this reality. As we walk in the divine reality, spontaneously we love others. This love is the expression of the divine reality we enjoy day by day. Because of this reality and love, grace, mercy, and peace are with us. Praise the Lord that we may walk in the divine reality and in the divine expression!

Not Participating in Heresy 2 John 7 -- 13 (Message 2)

- 1. Jesus was conceived of the Spirit. To confess Jesus coming in the flesh is to confess that, as the Son of God, He was divinely conceived to be born in the flesh. The deceivers, the false prophets, would not make such a confession. In verse 7 John says that those who do not confess Jesus coming in the flesh are not only deceivers but also antichrists.
- 2. In verse 8 John speaks of not losing the things which we wrought. The things which the apostles wrought are the things of the truth concerning Christ, which the apostles ministered and imparted to the believers. To be influenced by the heresies regarding the Person of Christ is to lose, destroy, and ruin the precious things concerning the Person of Christ which the apostles had wrought into the believers.
- 3. The full reward mentioned in verse 8 is the Father and the Son as the full enjoyment to the faithful believers who abide in the truth concerning the Person of Christ and do not deviate from it by the influence of the heresies regarding Christ. If we are not led astray by the heresies, but abide faithfully in the truth concerning the wonderful and all-inclusive Christ who is both God and man, both our Creator and Redeemer, we shall enjoy in Him the Triune God to the fullest extent as our full reward, even today on earth. Praise the Lord that such a reward is in view waiting to be enjoyed by us!
- 4. According to verse 9, those who go beyond and do not abide in the teaching of Christ, do not have God. Hence, to deny the incarnation is to reject this divine enjoyment; but to abide in the truth of incarnation is to have God, as the Father and the Son, for our portion in the eternal salvation and in the divine life.
- 5. We should not receive anyone who does not bring with him the teaching of Christ. Do not think that because we are told to love others, we should receive a heretic. Concerning this, love does not avail. John says clearly that we should not receive an antichrist, a false prophet, into our house, and we should not even say to him, "Rejoice".

REVIEW ON THE LIFE-STUDY OF 3 JOHN

September 26, 2019, Friday:

Hospitality to the Travelling Workers 3 John 1 -- 8 (Message 1)

- 1. In verse 1, "truth" denotes the revealed **divine reality**—the Triune God dispensed into man in the Son Jesus Christ—becoming man's genuineness and sincerity, to live a life that corresponds to the divine light and to worship God, as God seeks, according to what He is. This is the virtue of God becoming our virtue, by which we love the believers.
- 2. Our body may prosper in health, and our living may prosper in many material things. However, our soul needs to prosper in the divine life. The prosperity of our soul is the spreading of the divine life into the soul. Through regeneration the divine life has been imparted to our spirit. Now from our spirit this life needs to spread into our soul.
- 3. The **truth** and **divine reality** is the Father in the Son, and the Son as the Spirit dispensed into God's chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people so that they may enjoy Him as life, life supply, and everything in the new creation life. Actually, this truth, this reality, is the enjoyment of the Triune God
- 4. John also speaks concerning **hospitality**. Hospitality is the receiving of the brothers who traveled for the gospel and the ministry of the Word. The word "this" also indicates hospitality rendered to those brothers who went out for the sake of the truth. By rendering hospitality to the traveling brothers, we may become fellow workers with those who go out for the sake of the truth.

Imitation Not of the Evil but of the Good 3 John 9 -- 14 (Message 2)

- 1. In verse 11, John says that he who does good is "of God." Literally, the Greek word for "of" means out of, out from. Because we have been begotten of God, we are out from Him, possessing His life and partaking of His nature. God is the source of good. A well-doer, a doer of good, is one who has his source in God; that is, he is one who is out from God.
- 2. In the Epistles of John the **truth** includes all these crucial matters concerning Christ's incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection. This means that the truth in these Epistles implies divinity, humanity, incarnation, crucifixion, redemption, and resurrection. This truth implies all that the Triune God is, all that He has done, and all that He has obtained and attained.
- 3. The **divine truth** should become our reality, life, and living, that this truth should be kept in the divine fellowship, and that this truth should be applied to our entire being in everything and in every way.
- 4. Whoever is for the enjoyment of the Triune God is an honest and faithful worker for the truth, and we should be joined to that one and participate in his work. We need to guard ourselves, keep ourselves, from all idols, from all substitutes for the divine reality. If we see this vision, we shall be clear concerning the situation of today's religion, and we shall also be clear concerning our burden in the Lord's recovery.