

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 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 Nineteen

The All-inclusive Christ Being the Allotted Portion of the Saints, according to God's Choice, as Their Divine Inheritance for Their Enjoyment

MC Hymns: 554, 907

Scripture Reading: Num. 32:1-6, 12, 16-22, 33; Deut. 8:9; Col. 1:12; 2:6-7; Phil. 3:7-11, 14

There are two main burdens in this message that are expressed in the two major sections. The first burden **concerns** the **all-inclusive Christ** being the **allotted**, prepared, and assigned portion of the saints. This portion is the **divine possession** that God has prepared for us. The second burden is **related** to **God's choice**, which is based on His **prearrangement** of the distribution of the good land. God eventually brought the children of Israel into the good land that He has **promised** to their forefathers; however, being an orderly and wise God, He had a **particular way** to distributed the good land. We will consider a particular aspect of their distribution of the good land related to the tribes of Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Mannaseh. We will see that God's particular arrangement actually embodies many crucial lessons for us in the church life regarding our participation in and possession of the good land as seen in the type of the negative example of these two and a half-tribes.

We are burdened, however, not only to share something in a general way about these types or present mere doctrinal aspects. We are burdened for our genuine experience. How do we take, or how to we participate in, this good land that in the all-inclusive Christ? We will see that this has everything to do with what is conveyed in Colossians 2:6-7: "*As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, having been rooted and being built up in Him.*" **Walking in Christ** actually **refers** to **our walking in the good land**. Our being **rooted in Him** **speaks** of our **being planted** in the soil of the good land. We are very burdened concerning our **rooted life** as it **related** to our **enjoyment of the riches of this all-inclusive Christ**. By **absorbing** these riches, we all are being **built up** in Him, which is another way of saying that we are **growing** in this Christ. As more of His element and essence is being added to each one of us, we will grow in Him. We will grow with the growth of God. When all of us **grow** in this way and are **built up** in Him in this way, we will collectively and corporately become the built-up Body of Christ. Thus in this message we will particularly stress our experience of absorbing Christ.

Concerning the second burden, we will stress the negative **matter of self-choice**. The two and a half tribes -- Gad, Reuben and the half-tribe of Mannaseh -- requested from Moses that he give them the land east of Jordan before Israel actually crossed the river and entered into Canaan. The problem, or failure, as seen in the type of these two and a half tribes, is that of Christians who fail in the matter of the ultimate possession and enjoyment of the good land. Eventually, what these tribes possessed was on the east side of the Jordan, **outside** the borders of the good land. The part that they inherited, which was given to them by Moses, eventually is not even mentioned as part of the land of Israel. These are very serious lessons for all of us to learn.

In terms of our sharing of the enjoyment of Christ, we need to be **careful** in the matter of choice. The good land, the reality of which is the all-inclusive Christ, is surrounded by His death as typified by the one river and two seas. This means that **the only way into the good land** is **through Christ's death**. We need to be **baptized** into Christ, to **die** with Christ, so that we can be **raised** up with Christ in this elevated Canaan.

God promised the land to Israel, but Israel still had to go and **displace** all the **enemies** and **adversaries**. On the **positive** side, the good land typifies the all-inclusive Christ. On the **negative** side, the land typifies the aerial part of Satan's kingdom, with its authorities and rulers. Today we need to fight. We need to defeat Satan in order to gain the elevated Christ who is the Christ above... **To fully gain Christ, we need to drive out everything in us that is not God in Christ and destroy all the idols**. An **idol** is anything other than God that occupies us. A degree, a good job, a nice house, a position or rank, a good name—all these can become idols occupying us. We must **destroy** any idols that may be in us and not leave any ground within us for the worship of idols. Without dealing with the idols in us, we cannot have the **genuine** enjoyment of Christ

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, You are our **allotted portion**, our **inheritance**. Keep us **deeply rooted** in You. Cause us to **spend time contacting** you and **absorbing** you, so we can spontaneously **walk** in You

2. Lord, we have been **rooted** in you. Grant us **tender, new roots** so we can **absorb** all the riches of Christ as our **good land**. **Humble** us to **spend adequate time** with You throughout the day. **Deepen** our **roots downward** that we would **grow upward**.

3. We **sink** our **roots deeper** into You and **absorb** all Your riches. Cause us to **abide** in You and to **hold** the Head that we would **grow** out from the Head. **Build** us **individually** that we would be **built up corporately** as Your Body.

4. Thank you for **coming** into us in **resurrection** and **bringing** us into **ascension**. We **choose** to **cross over the border** and **enjoy** You as the **uplifted land**. **Save** us from **choosing** the second best. We want **Your choice** to reach Your glorious goal.

5. We **leave** matters in Your hand and according to **Your choice**. **Save** us from wanting a “*great multitude of cattle*” and “*a land good for livestock*”. These is **not Your choice** for us. Lord, in our church life and service, **make** us those who are **willing to give up our choices**.

6. Lord, we are **willing to pay the price**. We want to **go forward** continually into Your **glorious goal** that we may **enjoy** Your fullness. **Drive out** everything in us which is not You. **Destroy** all the **idols** in us.

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 faithful in **offering** their “*half shekel*”.

- Zagreb, Croatia

- Lord we pray for the **regional Conference** on November 1-3, 2019. To gather the saints and the Rhema contacts thought the Balkans for fellowship and blending.

- Iberian Peninsula

- Conference on December 13-15, 2019 in **Torremolinos** (Malaga), Spain

- 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.
- The university students and for the **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The children, YP and College work
- Attending the **Seven Annual Feast**
- The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth of the saints
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

LIFE-STUDY OF JUDE

“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”

October 07, 2019, Monday: (Message 1) Introduction and Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (1)

James writes not merely concerning Christian perfection, but concerning **practical** Christian perfection, that is, a perfection that is not theoretical but practical in our daily living. The first aspect of practical Christian perfection is to **endure trials**, a word that includes persecution. Persecution is a suffering. However, trials are not merely a suffering, for trials are a suffering that **serves the purpose of trying or proving us**. The various trials through which we must pass as believers serve the purpose of trying, testing, and proving us. These trials are surely a help in our practical Christian perfection, for God uses them to perfect us. **God uses trials to perfect us**. If we see this, we shall thank God for perfecting us through trials. **Trials** not only help us in the matters of our spiritual education and the experience of life, but also help us with our **character and our behavior** in our daily living. (Life-Study of James, chapter 1)

October 08, Tuesday: (Message 2) Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (2)

If we would endure trials, we first need to ask God for **wisdom**. If we do not endure trials, this may mean that we are lacking wisdom, for a wise man always endures trials. Without wisdom, our behavior as Christians cannot be perfect. In order to be perfect and, in particular, to endure trials, we need wisdom. If we would endure trials, the **first thing we need to do is pray** that the Lord would give us wisdom. Of course, this prayer must be in faith. Second, if we would endure trials, we should **not have any confidence in our environment**, for it can change. Whether we are uplifted or brought low, our attitude toward the environment should be the same. Then we need a **genuine understanding of the vanity of human life**. Whether we are rich or poor, high or low, human life is vain. If we realize this, we shall be able to endure trials and be blessed. (Life-Study of James, chapter 2)

October 09, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 3) Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (3)

The second item of the practical virtues of Christian perfection is **resisting temptation** as God-born ones. Like trials, **temptations** also **test us** and **prove us**. To be tested by **outward** environmental suffering is a **trial**, but to be tested by the enticing of **inward** lust is a **temptation**. The invitation to engage in worldly activities or the sight of someone's new car may stir the lust within us. This is not a trial; it is a temptation. We need to endure trials, but we need to **resist temptation**. In order to endure trials, we need wisdom. However, wisdom is not sufficient for us to resist temptation. **In order to resist temptation, we need the divine life**. In our Christian life temptations are more frequent than trials. We may have trials periodically, but we may have temptations daily, even hourly. Sometimes temptations come one after another. The reason something can become a temptation to us is that we have the “germs” of lust within us. If we would resist the lust in us, we need another life, the life of God. (Life-Study of James, chapter 3)

October 10, 2019, Thursday: (Message 4) Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (4)

In verse 21, the word of God is likened to a plant of life planted into our being and growing in us to bring forth fruit for the salvation of our souls. We need to **receive** the word of God in meekness, in all submission, without any resistance. After the word of God has been planted into the soil of our heart, **it will grow and have the power to save our soul**. If we receive the implanted word with meekness, with submissiveness, this means we are absolutely open to God's word. Every day our soul is tested by outward environmental sufferings and by inward enticing lusts. For this reason, our soul needs to be saved. As we have pointed out, in order for our soul to be saved, **it needs to be sustained through our daily feeding on the implanted word**. This requires that we receive the word of God just as we receive our daily food. If a child refuses to eat, he will become weak and unhealthy. If a child refuses to eat nourishing food, he is not submissive or meek in the matter of eating. Every child needs to receive in meekness the food served by his mother. If he eats healthy food in this way, he will be strong and healthy. In like manner, **we need to receive in meekness the implanted word**. (Life-Study of James, chapter 4)

October 11, 2019, Friday: (Message 5) Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (5)

In our Christian life we need to have a **balance** between **practical Christian perfection** and **God's New Testament economy**. The fact that the human body has two shoulders, two arms, two hands, two legs, and two feet indicates that there is balance in God's creation. We should not be unbalanced Christians. We need **to be balanced with God's economy and our practical Christian perfection**. We have to endeavour to be balanced, pointing out, on the positive side, that in the Epistle of James we have practical Christian perfection and, on the negative side, a **warning** that a godly person may not have a clear vision of God's New Testament economy. (Life-Study of James, chapter 5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our **Church Pursuit** on October 14, 2019 is at brother Hendrick's place at 6 PM
2. The **Brother's Meeting** on October 27, 2019 is at Brother Nathan's place at 6 PM.
3. The deadline for the **Winter Training** is November 1, 2019