

# 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."

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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

## HWMR - THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRIST, Week 6

### Being Found in Christ, Knowing Christ, and Pursuing Christ

Scripture Reading: Phil. 3:9-14

#### Being Found in Christ

Whether outside of prison or in prison, Paul wanted **to be found** by others not in the outward environment or inward feelings concerning what is happening to him or in the word but **in Christ**. What does it mean to be found in Christ? It means that we are observed, seen, or discovered by others in Christ; when others look at us, they find us in Christ. Paul **saw the excellency of the knowledge of Christ and counted all things as loss**; then, **he suffered the loss of all things**, for he realized that **Christ must be his everything** – his love, kindness, humility, wisdom, patience, intention, attitude, and even his words, utterances, and expressions.

For example, if someone comes to visit us in our home, where will he find us? Will **they find us** in our good behavior, our temper, or **in Christ**? When others meet us and we're not in the meeting, where do they find us? If we live in our culture, in our habits, in our religion, or in our good behavior, others will find us in these things. Whatever realm we live in, that's where we are found by others.

If we live in Christ, if we have the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, others will find us in Christ, and we shall be discovered by them in Christ. If we see the **vision that Christ must be our everything**, if we have the **excellency of the knowledge of Christ**, **we will take Christ** as our love, kindness, humility, wisdom, patience, intention, and attitude.

#### Knowing Christ

Knowing Christ is knowing Him personally by direct, personal participation; we need to have an **experiential knowledge of Christ** by **knowing** and **enjoying** Him in an experiential way. To know Christ is not merely to have the knowledge of Christ but **to gain His person** (2 Cor. 2:10). We need to have an **experiential knowledge of Christ** by **enjoying** Him, **experiencing** Him, being **one with Him**, and having Him **live within us** and **walk with us**. In this way we know Christ both **by revelation** and **by experience**; we know Him in an experiential way, and we gain the riches of His being.

Paul's aspiration was to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings; **we need to experience the power of Christ's resurrection to participate in His sufferings**. What does it mean to experience Christ? How can we experience Christ in our daily life? To experience Christ is to know and enjoy Christ in an experiential way; it is not only for us to know about Christ and what He can be to us, but for us to **have a direct, personal participation in Christ**.

For example, a couple may be in the process of courtship, and after they are clear before the Lord that they should proceed, after they are married they have a direct, personal participation in the married life. After believing into the Lord **we have been brought into the realm of God, Christ, and the kingdom of God**, and now **we pursue Christ to know Him in an experiential way**, having not only a knowledge of Christ but **gaining His person**.

#### Pursuing Christ

Like Paul, we as believers in Christ need **to pursue** Christ and "*pursue toward the goal for the prize*" (Phil. 3:12, 14). What is the goal, and what is the prize? Christ is both the goal and the prize. The **goal is the fullest enjoyment and gaining of Christ**, and the **prize is the uttermost enjoyment of Christ in the millennial kingdom** as a reward to the victorious runners of the New Testament race. Paul exercised himself to both know Christ and experience Him, and also **forget the things which were behind and stretch forward to the things which are before**. For us to reach the goal for the prize, we need to exercise to forget the things behind and stretch forward to the things which are before.

*Lord Jesus, we give ourselves to pursue You and gain You to the uttermost. Stir us up, Lord, so that we may seek You in our daily life. May we not be satisfied with mere Bible knowledge about Christ and God's purpose, but may we pursue toward the goal for the prize, the fullest gaining and enjoyment of Christ. Amen, Lord, we forget the things which are behind and we stretch forward to the things which are before!*  
 (Excerpt from The Ministry of the Word, Vol 23, No 8: The Experience of Christ, pp. 108-127)

## Prayer Burden

1. Lord we want to **be found in You**, in the **condition** of having the **righteousness** which is of God **based on faith**. Have **mercy** in us that we would **see Your preciousness** and **gain Your very person**.

2. You are not only **our life** but also **our faith**. We simply **rest in You**. By **resting** in You, we **live out** God as our **upright living**. May we **be found in the condition of having a righteousness** through faith in Christ.

3. **Give us the desire** to know you. Even **make us willing** to **suffer the loss of all things** and **count them as refuse** to **gain You** and **be found in You**. Lord, we **pay the price** to experience, know and **gain You**.

4. Lord **give us the experiences** that we need to know and experience the **power of Your resurrection**. We **put ourselves aside** and **remain** under the **death of the cross** for the **producing of your Body**.

5. Lord, we are willing to **be conformed** to the **death of Christ**, that the divine life would be **released**. We don't want to hold on to our natural life. Instead, we **put ourselves** on the **mold of Your death**.

6. We are not satisfied with our present condition. We want to further **progress** and experience the **out-resurrection**. This is the **goal** and **destination** of our Christian life. **Gain** us that we would **pursue, run** the race, and **finish** our course triumphantly.

7. Please pray for:

### - EUROPE

- Youth Olympic Games **Bible Distribution** on January 11-12, 2020, in Lausanne, Switzerland
- The growth, building up, and blending of the saints and the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in **Hamburg, Bielefeld, Zurich** (Switzerland), **Vienna** (Austria), **Darmstadt** and **Heidelberg**.

### - ITALY

- Pray for the Property for the church in **Milan** and the Literature Center. A total of 741,600 Euros must be paid by January 13, 2020.

### - PHILIPPINES

- The Meeting in **Taguig**, Philippines
- The Financial needs of the **Training Centre** in **Malabon**; sanctify the former trainees
- The churches in the **Southern Philippines**

### - Pray for the sick brothers and sisters

- Brother **Joe lim** - Taguig, Philippines
- Sister **Gloria** - Saskatoon, SK
- Sister **Grace** - Saskatoon, SK
- Brother **Mark Haberl** - Winnipeg, MB
- Sister **Ellen Julba** - Vancouver, BC

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**

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

## LIFE-STUDY OF 2 PETER

*"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"*

### December 23, 2019, Monday: MESSAGE 1 - The Divine Provision (1)

As the children of Israel were **allotted** a piece of the **good land**, we have been **allotted** like **precious faith**. This implies that **all the things which relate to life and godliness**, including the **divine nature partaken** of by the believers through the like precious faith according to the precious and exceedingly great promises, **are the real inheritance given to the believers by God in the New Testament**. We know that the good land, the portion of the children of Israel in Old Testament times, typifies the all-inclusive Christ. Now, according to the New Testament, **our portion is Christ**. What is our real inheritance? Our **inheritance** is all things relating to **life inwardly** and **godliness outwardly**. Our portion includes the **divine nature**, of which **we partake through the common faith**, which is equally precious. When we put together these different items— **faith, divine nature**, precious and exceedingly great **promises, life**, and **godliness**—we have **the totality of our allotted inheritance**. By what means has God given us this portion? In what sphere has He allotted it to us? ... It is by the righteousness of God, which is the **righteousness of Christ**. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 1)

### December 24, Tuesday: MESSAGE 2 - The Divine Provision (2)

**Faith** is the **substantiation** of the substance of the truth, which is the **reality** of the contents of God's New Testament economy. The **contents of God's New Testament economy** are composed of the "*all things which relate to life and godliness*", that is, **the Triune God dispensing Himself into us as life within and godliness without**. The like **precious faith**, allotted to us by God **through the word** of God's New Testament economy and the **Spirit**, responds to the reality of such contents and **ushers** us into the reality, making its substance the very element of our Christian life and experience. **Such a faith is allotted to all the believers in Christ as their portion**, which is equally precious to all who have received it. As such a portion from God, this faith is **objective to us in the divine truth**. But it brings all the contents of its substantiation into us, thus making them all with itself (faith) **subjective to us in our experience**. **Based** upon the **glory** and **virtue** to which **we have been called by God**, God gives us promises. **He promises us that He will be responsible to work out this glory and virtue**. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 2)

### December 25, 2019, Wednesday: MESSAGE 3 - The Divine Provision (3)

... our **portion** is Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God. This Christ is **revealed** in the New Testament, and He is **conveyed** to us through the New Testament. The entire New Testament is a **container** of the Christ who embodies the Triune God. Eventually, this container also **conveys Christ to us**. By what way is **Christ conveyed** to us **through the Word**? Christ is conveyed mainly **by the way of the preaching or teaching** of the Word. The preaching and the teaching of the apostles always conveyed Christ to others. This means that Christ **came** to the **listeners** through what was preached and taught by the apostles. **Faith and Christ are one**. The faith which is the **response** to the content of the Word is actually Christ. This means that **the response is one with that to which it is responding**. In other words, **faith (our response)** and **Christ** are one. When in our experience our **response** and the Christ **conveyed** to us through the preaching of the Word **become one, faith is produced within us**. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 3)

### December 26, 2019, Thursday: MESSAGE 4 - The Divine Provision (4)

**Life** is **within for us to live**, and **godliness** is **without as the outward expression** of the inward life. **Life** is the **inward energy**, inward **strength**, to bring forth the **outward godliness**. All things relating to life within and godliness without have already been given to us by the divine power. Now **grace** must be **multiplied** according to the giving of this divine power. In addition to this, **we have been given "precious and exceedingly great promises"**. The New Testament contains many promises. Through **regeneration**, we have the **divine life** with the **divine nature**. Furthermore, all things pertaining to life and godliness have been given to us by the divine power. In addition, we have the **promises** in the New Testament. It is by these promises that **we may become partakers of the divine nature**. If we would partake of the riches of Christ, **we need to call on His name and pray His Word into us**. In this way **grace will be multiplied within us**... If we simply **call** on the name of the Lord and **pray-read** the word of His promises, **eating** and **drinking** of Him, we shall experience the **multiplication of grace**. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 4)

### December 27, 2019, Friday: MESSAGE 5 - The Divine Provision (5)

In all of our **living** we should **express God**. We should **testify** of God and **speak** about Him. When God becomes **our expression**, this is **godliness**. In our conversation we should express God. We should have God in our being and also in our living. Our mind should be **filled** with Him, and the very fiber of our being should be **constituted** of Him. Then we shall have godliness, the outward expression of the inward life. The divine power has infused us with all things pertaining to life and godliness. However, this **infusion**, this **impartation**, **requires** that we have the full knowledge of God. If we do not pass through the process to gain the full knowledge, it will seem that what the divine power has planted in us has been in vain. The divine power is **operating**, but there is the need for us to **cooperate** with this operation. We definitely **need the full knowledge** of the One who has called us for the purpose of **bringing** us into His glory and virtue. If we have such an **experiential** knowledge of Him, the divine power will operate in us effectively. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 5)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our Church Pursuit (video) and Combined Prayer Meeting will be on December 31, 2019.
2. The church Love Feast will be on January 12, 2020.