

# 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 - 8:30 PM

### Young People Meeting

Fridays

7:00 - 9:00 PM

### Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays

Saints' Home

## Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 February 14-16, 2020
2. **ITERO (Spring)**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 March 27-29, 2020
3. **Memorial Day Conference**  
 Atlanta, GA  
 May 22-25, 2020
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 June 29 - July 4, 2020
5. **ITERO (Fall)**  
 Moscow, Russia  
 October 1-3, 2020
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**  
 Boston, MA  
 Nov. 26 - 29, 2020
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**  
 Anaheim, CA  
 December 21-26, 2020

## MATERIAL OFFERINGS AND THE LORD'S MOVE TODAY, Week 3

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

### DEALING WITH THE COLLECTION OF THE GIFT—The Apostle's Direction

In 1 Cor 16:1 Paul says, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you do also..." **All of fallen mankind are under the domination of mammon and material possessions.** At the day of Pentecost, under the power of the Holy Spirit, all the believers overthrew this domination and had all their possessions in common for distribution to the needy ones. That practice, due to the weakness of the believers' fallen nature, **did not last long.... Resurrection life is the supply for the believers to live such a life,** a life trusting in God, not in treasures of material possessions,...a life that **overthrows the usurpation** of temporal and uncertain riches. This may be the reason that this dealing follows the one concerning the reality of resurrection life. In any case this dealing is related to God's administration among the churches.

It is a crucial matter that this dealing follows a chapter concerning the reality of resurrection life. Resurrection is not only the power over sin and death; **resurrection is a power over mammon and material possessions.** Therefore, immediately following the chapter on resurrection, Paul turns to the matter of material possessions. From **verse 1** we see that Paul gave the same direction to the church in Corinth as he did to the churches of Galatia. This strongly indicates that all the local churches should be the same in their practice (7:17; 11:16; 14:33). **In verse 2** Paul continues, "On the first day of every week let each one of you lay aside by himself, storing up as he may be prospered, that no collections be made when I come." The seventh day of the week, the Sabbath, was a memorial of God's creation (Gen. 2:1-3). The first day of the week is a symbol of the Lord's resurrection; it is the day the Lord resurrected from among the dead (John 20:1)...The New Testament saints meet and offer their possessions on this day (Acts 20:7), the day of the Lord's resurrection, signifying that they have been resurrected with the Lord through His resurrection, and that they meet to remember Him and worship God with their offerings in resurrection by the resurrection life, not by their natural life.

**Our giving must be in resurrection life, not in our natural life.** However, much of the giving by Christians today is done according to the natural life. Money is raised by the natural life in a way that is absolutely in the old creation. Furthermore, those who give large amounts are often publicly recognized, whereas those who give small amounts are ignored. Our giving must be **completely different** from this. Our offerings must be presented in resurrection and by resurrection. **In verse 3** Paul says, "And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem." The Greek word rendered gift can also be translated grace. This was a kind of fellowship, under the apostle's direction, of the churches in the Gentile world with the church in Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:1-2; Rom. 15:25-27).

Whether or not we are truly in God's administration, or for God's administration, and are carrying out God's administration, can be **tested by how we are related to material things and how we handle our money.** If we use our money in a worldly way, then no matter what we may say about resurrection, we are not truly in God's administration. The extent to which we are in the divine administration and for the divine administration is determined by how we care for money and material possessions... **For example,** certainly we can exercise our spirit and our will to save a small amount of money each week,... and give this to the Lord for His move on earth. One day, instead of having our lunch at a restaurant, we may eat a simple meal prepared at home. Then **the money saved** could be given to the Lord...

In such a spiritual book dealing with spiritual and heavenly matters, Paul eventually turns to the very practical matter of finances. It is quite easy to talk about the headship and say, "Praise the Lord, I am under the headship of Christ! I do not have any problems." But can you say that you have no problem with the matter Paul brings up in **chapter sixteen**? We may talk about the victory of resurrection over sin and death, but what about the victory in resurrection over **your use** of your money? It is easy for our talk to be abstract...concerning the headship, discerning the Body, the gifts, and resurrection. For this reason, Paul, in God's wisdom, deals with the matter of giving immediately after the matter of resurrection. If we truly live in resurrection, we shall not have a problem with money or material things. (*Excerpt from the Life-study of 1 Corinthians, chapter 69*)

## Prayer Burden

1) Lord, release our **hearts**. We offer ourselves to You and for the gospel. We bring all that we are and all that we have to You. We are not holding on to material riches, but we **offer it all to You**.

2) Continue to have mercy on us. We willingly consecrate our entire being to You. **Lord, You have a need today of full-timers**. Touch us Lord, that we would rise up and offer our all.

3) **Empty our hands Lord**. We fully offer what belongs to You. Pour out Your blessings to the church. We accept any kind of loss. We give you all that we have and we continue to Praise You.

4) **Lord, our service is for the Body**. Thank You for Your supply of grace to serve You in this age. We offer our bodies for the Body of Christ. Remove every obstacle in our being and the matter of our being individualistic.

5) Thank You for saving us. As a saved person, **we give ourselves to be full-timers**. Make us absolute for You, one who is living not just for You but to You. Have a full way in us.

6) Lord, we are one with You. Everything that we do, everything that we are, and everything we have is to You. **Give us this renewed view of being a full-timer**. Show us Your need today.

7) Please pray for:

### INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL TRIPS

- Switzerland (Jan 9 - 23, 12 trainees); Ethiopia (Jan 24 to Feb 10, 13 trainees)

### NORTH AMERICA

- 16 trainees in Canada; 190 trainees in US
- Pray for **300 saints** to migrate to GTCA selected cities for ongoing care and labor. Of these 300, thirty would be full-timers.
- Pray for a **strong leadership** in the churches
- Millennials (**Generation Y**) will have burden to migrate to strengthen the churches.
- Enlarge our view of the Body of Christ for **the Lord's renewed move** in North America

### Airdrie, AB

- Preserve the **14 families** that they **enter** into the reality of the day-to-day church life;
- For a **meeting place** that fits the need in terms of availability, adequate space, and a sanctified atmosphere;

### Guelph, ON

- Preserve the **twenty saints** who live there
- The burden to see the saints **take the ground** in Guelph.

### London, ON & Southwest Ontario

- Strengthening **the blending** of the saints with the other churches
- **The spread of the gospel**, especially on the university and college campuses
- **Migration of a Chinese speaking family** to help care for the Chinese speaking saints

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 REVELATION

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

### A Foreword (Message 1)

As the last book of the Bible, **Revelation** is the **conclusion, completion, and consummation** of the entire divine revelation, the whole Bible. The Bible needs such a conclusion. The seeds of most of the truths of the divine revelation were sown in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. The growth of all these seeds is progressively developed in the following books, especially in the books of the New Testament, and the harvest is reaped in the book of Revelation. For example, in Genesis is the seed of the divine revelation, in the following books is the progressive development of the divine revelation, and in Revelation is the harvest of the divine revelation. If we do not know this book, we cannot be clear about God's revelation. In our travels, we often are not clear about the way, the road, until we have reached our destination. After we have reached our destination and look back upon the way we have taken, we become very clear. **In Revelation we arrive at the destination of the whole Bible**. Having arrived at this destination, we can understand this **divine Book**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 1)

### The Revelation of Christ Unique and (Message 2)

In the book of Revelation we see Christ in His **centrality and universality** in eternity. In eternity, Christ will be **everything**. He will be the centrality and universality in the New Jerusalem as the tree of life growing in the river of water of life. In Revelation 21:23 we have a clear picture of the centrality and universality of Christ. Here we see that God is the **light** and that Christ, the Lamb, is the **lamp**. Light is always contained in a lamp. Thus, the light and the lamp should never be separated; they must remain one. God is the light, Christ is the lamp, and the New Jerusalem is the container of this lamp. **God shines in and through Christ, and Christ shines in and through the New Jerusalem**. By this we see that Christ will be the centrality and universality of the coming eternity. God in Christ and Christ in the redeemed ones will shine throughout eternity. This will be the scene in eternity when Christ will be the center, the circumference, and everything in the New Jerusalem. This is our Christ. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 2)

### The Testimony of Jesus particular and Consummate (Message 3)

In Revelation the churches are unveiled as being the **lampstands**. As the lampstands, the churches **shine in the darkness**. The church is not the lamp; it is the lampstand, the stand which **holds the lamp**. Without the lamp, the lampstand is vain and means nothing. But the lampstand holds the shining lamp. As we saw in the preceding message, **God is the light and the Lamb is the lamp. Thus, Christ is the lamp, and the church is the lampstand holding the lamp**. God is in Christ and Christ as the lamp is held by the stand to shine out God's glory. The lampstands shine in the darkness. If there were no darkness, there would be no need for the shining of the light of the lamp. The shining of the lamp is quite particular. In order for the lamp to shine, it must have **oil burning within it**. If the oil burns within the lamp, the light will shine out through all the darkness. This is the function of the church. The function of the church is not simply to preach or to teach doctrine. In the dark night of this age, **the church must shine out the very glory of God**. This is the testimony of the church. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 3)

### The Triune God in Revelation (Message 4)

Revelation 1:4 and 5 say, "Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth." He "**who is and who was, and who is coming**" is **God the eternal Father**. "**The seven Spirits**" who are before God's throne are the operating Spirit of God, **God the Spirit**. Jesus Christ, who is to God "**the faithful Witness**," to the church "**the Firstborn of the dead**," and to the world "**the Ruler of the kings of the earth**," is **God the Son**. This is the Triune God. As God the eternal Father, He was in the past, He is in the present, and He is coming in the future. As God the Spirit, He is the sevenfold, intensified Spirit for God's operation. As God the Son, He is "**the Witness**," the testimony, the expression of God; "**the Firstborn of the dead**" for the church, the new creation; and "**the Ruler of the kings of the earth**" for the world. **From such a Triune God, grace and peace are imparted into the churches**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 4)

### The Coming Again of Christ (Message 5)

Revelation 3:3 and 16:15 both tell us that **Christ will come as a thief** and that **we should be watchful**. As we pointed out in a previous message, when the Lord comes as a thief, He will come to steal the precious things. In Matthew 24:40 and 41, the Lord spoke of His secret coming, saying, "**Then shall two men be in the field; one is taken, and one is left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left.**" Apparently the two brothers are the same and the two sisters are the same. But suddenly one of the brothers and one of the sisters are taken. After giving this illustration, the Lord said, "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes. But know this, that if the householder knew in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also, be ready, for the Son of Man comes in an hour that you think not". **As we are working, having no consciousness that Christ is coming, some of us will be raptured. Since He is coming as a thief, we must be watchful**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 5)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The **Prairie college conference** is on February 15-16, 2020. This is a long weekend in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the beginning of reading week at the universities. The venue is on the church in Edmonton and the deadline for registration is on February 2, 2020.
2. The **International Chinese Conference** is on February 14-16, 2020. The deadline for registration is on January 31, 2020.
3. The **Brothers' Meeting** will be on January 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM at sister Kim's place.