

# 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

- 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 Twenty-Two

### Christ as the Star Out of Jacob

MC Hymns: 1198, 250

Scripture Reading: Num. 24:17; Gen. 1:14-19; Dan. 12:3; Matt. 2:1-12; Rev. 1:16, 20; 2:1, 28; 3:1; 22:16; 2 Pet. 1:19; Gen. 22:17; Jude 12-13

The Lord, as the **Star out of Jacob**, wants to **make us living stars** as His duplication. [His] **faithful** followers are **shining** and **living stars**, those who **follow Christ as the shining and living Star** to be His duplication. Daniel 12:3 says, "Those who have insight will shine like the shining of the heavenly expanse, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars, forever an ever."

There are seven points **concerning** how **we can become living stars and how we can be enlightened by the Lord to become living stars**. **In order to become living stars, we need to be full of light**. The first point is that **light** is in the **word of God**, not the written word of the Bible alone but the word that the Spirit speaks to us from within, revealing anew the word of the Bible to us. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path." Verse 130 says, "The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple." The **opening of the Lord's words gives light, imparting understanding** not the complicated but to the simple. The **opening of the Lord's words** is the **unfolding of His words**.

The second point **concerning** being enlightened by the Lord to become living stars is that enlightening rests with the mercy of God. Whenever God comes and bestows His mercy, the light of His countenance is our light, His appearing is our vision, and His presence is our gain... What should we do if we do not have any light? **We should trust in the name of Jehovah and rely on our God to receive light**.

The third point **concerning** how we can become living stars is that **in order to be enlightened, we must want and accept the Lord's shining**, setting our heart to be single and seeking the Lord alone with all our desire. In Psalm 27:8 the psalmist says to the Lord, "When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, Oh Jehovah, I will seek." We should not hide from the Lord's shining. We sometimes do not want the Lord's shining in certain areas of our life because we have a feeling that if He shines there, He will not be happy. To decide to keep a certain part of our life from being shined on is to be like a small child who has knowingly done something wrong and is hiding from his parents.

Fourth, **in order to be enlightened, we must open ourselves to the Lord, turn our hearts to Him**, and place ourselves before Him without any reservation or any holding back... Those who close themselves to the Lord are **experts in judging and criticizing others**. If we are in a room that is dark and look out into a lighted area, we can see things outside very clearly. However, if the lights in the room are turned on, we cannot see things outside as clearly. This illustrates how we do not see the faults and weaknesses of others when the light is shining in us, but we easily judge and criticize others when there is darkness in us. We should want to be like this.

Fifth, **in order to be enlightened**, we must put a stop to our self. This means to put a stop to our views, our ways of looking at things, our feelings, our ideas and our opinions. When a person who is completely stopped comes before the Lord, he can be exceedingly single and simple in receiving the word of the Lord. When we come to the Word, we sometimes read our views into the Word. We may read our ways of looking at things, our feelings, our ideas and our opinions into the Word because we have not stopped our being. **We need to stop, sit at the Lord's feet and listen to His word**, just as Mary did.

Sixth, **in order to be enlightened, we must not dispute with the light of the Spirit**. If the light is shining in us, we should not argue with the light. We must not dispute with the light of the Spirit who speaks within us or with the ministers of the Spirit who speaks without. Whether we are in the Word alone, in a group, or in a ministry meeting, we should not dispute with the light but should accept it.

Seventh, **in order to be enlightened, we must continuously live in the light**. Ephesians 5:8 says, "You were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light." This verse does not say that we were once in darkness but that we were once darkness itself. Now **we are light in the Lord**. To walk as children of light means to live, move, and have our being as a child of light. (The Ministry of the Word. Volume 23, No. 7, July 2019. pp. 275-303)

## Prayer Burden

1. Lord, thank You for Your present revelation. You are the **heavenly star shining** away from religion. We want to **see the star** and have an up-to-date, **instant vision**. Make this our living **experience**
2. **Save us** from gaining **mere knowledge** of Your **word** and **going to "Jerusalem"**. Lord, we need Your **living guidance** to bring us where You are. **Keep us** living in an **intimate relationship** with You and to **be one** with You.
3. Lord, **make us stars shining** in a dark place. Thank You for **giving us the word**. We choose to **give heed** to the **word** until the **morning star rises** in our hearts. **Make this our normal and regular experience** day by day.
4. Lord, we want to **know You** and to **experience You every morning**. We **set apart the best time** of the day to be before You rather than other things. We **come** to the sure **Word** and **open** our whole being to the **Word** until **something** begins to **shine within us**.
5. Lord, thank You for the **life** that we **receive**. But Lord, we need the **fourth day light** to **grow** in life. We **need You** as the **sun**, we **need the church** as the **moon** and we also **need** the shining, overcoming **saints** as the **stars**. Day by day, **make us your luminaries** in the world.
6. Be **merciful** to us. **Make us living stars** who **turn people to the right way**. Thank You for **placing us in the local church** where we can **be kept in the right way to serve, worship and offer** our love for You. We want to **follow the living star and living stars** to find Christ.
7. Please pray for:
  - **Oswestry, UK**
    - Autumn University **Conference** on November, 22-24, 2019
  - **Zurich, Switzerland**
    - Lord recover Your testimony in **Zurich**; send well established families, and supply the saints to have a strong desire to meet more frequently.
  - **USA**
    - The **online ads** to continue to be effective, so that more and more people could receive the food which abides unto eternal life.
    - The volunteers at the distribution centre to be strengthened, energized, and filled with joy as they prepare Bibles to be sent to God's seekers.
  - **Pray for the sick brothers and sister**
    - Brother Joe lim - Taguig, Philippines
    - Sister Gloria - Saskatoon, SK
    - Brother Mark Haberl - Winnipeg, MB
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**
  - 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 properly, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth of the saints
  - For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

## LIFE-STUDY OF 1 PETER

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

October 28, 2019, Monday: (Message 1) **An Introductory Word**

**God's government** covers the entire universe. Eventually, in eternity future, everything will be right and in good order, for righteousness will dwell in the new heavens and new earth. Today the earth is filled with unrighteousness and disorder. Nevertheless, God is still governing heaven and earth. **God governs by judging**. God judges in order to clear up His universe. The universe was created by God for a positive purpose, but Satan came in to defile it. God will not live or dwell in a place that is unclean. Thus, God is **cleansing, purifying**, the universe. First He purifies us, His household. **We are now the center of His cleaning work**. Now God is cleansing the universe through judgment. The subject of 1 Peter, therefore, is the Christian life under the government of God. (LS of 1 Peter, chap. 1)

October 29, Tuesday: (Message 2) **The Operation of the Triune God Upon the Elect for Their Participation in His Full Salvation**

In 1:1 and 2 we have the operation of the Triune God upon His elect for their participation in His **full salvation**. God's selection was **made** in eternity, before the foundation of the world. The Spirit's sanctification, however, **takes place** in time. We were wondering, having no direction, **but the Spirit carried out God's selection of us**. As a result, we **repented, believed, and received** the sprinkling of the blood shed by Christ on the cross. To participate in God's full salvation is actually **to enjoy the Triune God**. When we enjoy the Triune God, we are in grace, for grace is God for us to enjoy. It is our enjoyment of the Triune God. According to verse 2, this grace should be multiplied and not merely added. Furthermore, the enjoyment of grace results in peace. This means that peace results from the enjoyment of the Triune God as grace. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 2)

October 30, 2019, Wednesday: (Msg. 3) **The Full Salvation of the Triune God and Its Issues (1)**

**Regeneration** issues and results in a **living hope**. The regeneration of God the Father results in the hope that every part of our being and everything related to us will be **lifted, enlivened**. Everything related to an unsaved person is **dead**. But with one who has been regenerated by God with the divine life, there is the hope that everything will be enlivened and thus become **living**. Through regeneration God has made us alive. In Adam we all are dead. When we were born of our parents, we were born dead... **Through Christ's resurrection God has made us alive**. In Adam we all died, but in Christ we all have been made alive. Furthermore, through our second birth, regeneration, we have been born into a new **inheritance**. Our inheritance kept in the heavens is divine and spiritual, altogether **incorruptible**. Furthermore, this inheritance **cannot be defiled**; nothing can make it unclean. Finally, it is **unfading**; its beauty and glory cannot wither. These are the excellent qualities of our eternal inheritance in life. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 3)

October 31, 2019, Thursday: (Message 14) **The Sanctification of the Spirit, the Sprinkling of the Blood, and the Living Hope**

In eternity past **God selected us**. In order for it to be applied, there is the need of the **Spirit's application**. We were wandering on earth, perhaps as those who never had a thought concerning God. But one day the "wind" of the Spirit "blew" us to a place where we heard the preaching of the gospel. **While we were listening to the preaching of the gospel, faith was infused into us**. In this way God's selection was applied to us. The next thing to be applied was the **redemption of Christ**. The **obedience of the blood and the sprinkling of the blood** are Jewish, Old Testament, dispensational matters. **Today is the dispensation of the sprinkling of the blood of a living Person, Jesus Christ, the Son of God**. Then we also have a **living hope and inheritance**. Eternal life is our enjoyment and also our inheritance. All the riches of God's being are involved in His life... Our daily experience of eternal life is also an experience and enjoyment of the inheritance kept for us in the heavens. This means that the living hope and the inheritance are one. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 4)

November 01, 2019, Friday: **The Full Salvation of the Triune God and Its Issues (2)**

The **full salvation** of the Triune God comprises many items in three stages. The first stage, the initial stage, is the **stage of regeneration**. We have **received** God's eternal salvation and His eternal life, and **become** His children, who shall not perish forever. This initial salvation has saved us from God's condemnation and from eternal perdition. The second stage of salvation, the progressing stage, is the **stage of transformation**. He is causing us to **grow** in His life and **transforming** us by renewing the inward parts of our soul by the life-giving Spirit through the working of all things. We are being delivered from the power of sin, the world, the flesh, the self, the soul (the natural life), and individualism into maturity in the divine life for the fulfilling of God's eternal purpose. The third stage, the completing stage, is the **stage of consummation**. In this stage, God will **redeem** our fallen and corrupted body by transfiguring it into the body of Christ's glory. He will **conform us** to the glorious image of His firstborn Son, making us wholly and absolutely like Him in our **regenerated spirit, transformed soul, and transfigured body**. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 5)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. We will have **love feast** next Lord's Day, November 10, 2019.
2. Our **Church Pursuit** on November 11, 2019, is at Brother Dario's house at 6 PM.
3. The Brother's Meeting on November 24, 2019, is at Brother Dario's house at 6 PM.