

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

- 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

HWMR - THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRIST, Week 3

Experiencing Christ as Our Constant Salvation

Scripture Reading: Phil. 2:12-16

Salvation is a great subject, commonly taught among Christians; we **receive** God's salvation through faith, and we **need to work out** our own **salvation**. It is possible, however, to understand God's salvation in a shallow and superficial way, that is, being saved from perdition, escaping God's judgement, and going to heaven and having eternal life. Here in Philippians, however, Paul mentions salvation in a deeper, higher, and richer way than that. He is talking about a **salvation** that is **related to our living out Christ, our magnifying Christ**.

Salvation is mentioned three times in the book of Philippians; **first** in **Philippians 1:19** Paul said that he believes that all things will turn out to his **salvation through the petitions of the saints and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**. He didn't say that he believed that he will be saved from prison; rather, he said that even there, in prison, **salvation** is that he would **not** be put to shame **but** that **Christ would be magnified in his body**. He was not expecting a salvation just in the outward environment for him to be released from prison; rather, [but] that Christ would be magnified even in that confined and restrictive environment.

Then in later in this chapter Paul says that **we should conduct ourselves worthy of the gospel**, be in **one spirit** with **one soul** striving together with the faith of the gospel, and not be frightened by the opposition, which to them it will be a destruction but to us a proof of our salvation (1:28). When we conduct ourselves worthy of the gospel, striving together with the believers in one spirit with one soul, we are **not frightened by any opposition** but rather, **this** is our salvation and also **this** is a proof of their destruction.

The third mention of **salvation** is then in **Philippians 2:12**; after Paul presented the matter of Christ being our wonderful pattern in an inward and outward way, he **charged** us to **exercise obedience** and **work out our own salvation** with fear and trembling, without murmurings and reasonings, so that in this crooked and perverted generation **we may shine forth as luminaries by holding forth the word of life**. In all these three instances Paul was in prison but he never mentioned being released from prison; even more, he was not in the realm of being saved from sin, the world, the flesh, or the self, but he spoke of **experiencing Christ, living Christ, and magnifying Christ**.

This speaks of a **constant salvation** and the need for us **to work out our own salvation**. What does it mean to work out our own salvation? To work out our own salvation is to carry it out, **to bring it** to the ultimate conclusion. God didn't just save us and that's it; He has a goal in His salvation, and He saved us from sins, hell, and judgement so **that we may be brought into His glory**.

According to **1 Thes. 2:12**, we have been **called** into His kingdom and glory; **the goal of God's salvation is to bring us into His glory**, so that we become as glorious as He is, the same as He is – this is the ultimate conclusion of His salvation. **How** do we do this? It is **by our constant and absolute obedience with the inward motive of fear and the outward attitude of trembling** (Phil. 2:8, 12). The **first requirement** in carrying out our salvation is **obedience**; when Paul presented Christ as our pattern, he pointed out that Christ became obedient and perfected that obedience. In **Heb. 5:8** it says that Christ learned obedience through the things which He suffered; without obedience, Christ could not express the Father, neither could He do the Father's will.

When He was in the garden of Gethsemane and asked the Father to remove the cup from Him, He concluded by saying, *"Yet not as I will but as You will."* This is obedience. **Obedience** implies that there's **no argument, no bargaining**; the Son accepted whatever the Father has ordained for Him and destined for Him, and this obedience eventually led Him to the cross. Now **He is our pattern**. We may think that God may need to do this or that better, but His desire is **for us to open to Him and allow Him to work His Christ into our being; this requires obedience** – it requires for us to **simply say, Amen**.

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, we **take** You as our **pattern**. As our pattern, You are our practical, daily, moment-by-moment **salvation**. Objectively, You are our pattern. Subjectively, You are the **operating God becoming** our salvation.

2. Thank You Lord for **operating** in us, both the **willing** and the **working**. We have **obedience** because the **Triune God** is in us, dwelling in our spirit. Cause us to **cooperate** with You and **obey** the **inner operating** of God with fear and trembling.

3. Continue to **operate** in us. **Spread** from our spirit to our soul and then to our bodies. It is Your **good pleasure** that we **reach** the climax of Your supreme salvation. **Save** us from our murmurings and reasonings. We **simply obey** and **serve** You in the church.

4. Lord, make us **blameless** and **guileless**. As children of God, we have the divine life and nature to be **luminaries**. Keep us constantly in the **word** that we may **reflect** Your light. Wherever we are, we want **hold forth** the word of life.

5. You are the very God who **operates** in us and brings us the **bountiful supply** of the **Spirit of Jesus Christ**. Makes us **shine** as luminaries and to **hold forth** the word of life. We come to Your word not merely to read but to **pray-read** and be **nourished**.

6. Lord, we **desire** the **word of God** to **dwell in us**. Teach us to **sing-read** and **psalm** Your words even outside the meetings. Thank You for the word of life that **gives life**.

7. Please pray for:

- ISRAEL

- The **translation** and production of the hymns in Arabic language

- EUROPE

- The recent Autumn **University Conference** in **UK**, for the senior high, university, and young working saints - may they all will learn together how to advance in their **experience** and **enjoyment** of Christ

- US

- The Winter Training in Anaheim

- Pray for the sick brothers and sisters

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

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

- To **seek** the Lord and **live** a crucified life
- Taking Christ as our pattern that we may become the **reproduction** of Christ
- 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 1 PETER

“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”

December 02, 2019, Monday: (Msg. 26) **Christian Life and Its Sufferings (8)**

In our **practical daily life**, the strongest part of our being is our **mind**. Whatever we do in our living is directed by our mind. It is not the will but **the mind that directs our life**. Because the mind directs our living, the preaching of the Word must change a person's thoughts. If we change our mind and think in another way, our living will have a different direction. Peter **charges** the believers in 4:1 **to arm themselves with the mind of Christ...** If we have the mind of Christ, we shall **realize** that we are living in a **rebellious** age and in a **crooked, perverted** generation..., the more we love God and do His will, the more we shall suffer. **We shall suffer because we cannot go along with the trend of this age...** Therefore, if we love the Lord and do God's will, we are bound to suffer. **This will be our outlook if we have the mind of Christ.** (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 26)

December 03, Tuesday: (Message 27) **Christian Life and Its Sufferings (9)**

...The whole book of 1 Peter is on **God's government**, and God's government is carried out mainly by His judgment. **God's judgment began** from the rebellious angels (2 Pet. 2:3-4) in Genesis 6. **Then** it passed through the generations of man in the Old Testament (2 Pet. 2:5-9). Even Moses died under God's judgment. Aaron, Miriam, and Moses all died under the judgment of God, for they all had done certain things that were wrong, against God's government. **It is a serious matter** that even a man of God like Moses could die **under God's judgment**. Even a **small degree of disobedience** shown by Moses caused him **to suffer God's judgment**. Many Christians hold the concept that to be judged by God is to suffer eternal perdition. This is a traditional understanding of God's judgment. Actually, in the Bible there are **varied judgments**, and the results of these different judgments are not the same. Some judgments result in a **disciplinary dealing**, some in a **dispensational punishment**, and some in **eternal perdition**. By all these judgments the Lord God will clear up the entire universe and purify it so that He may have a new heaven and new earth for a new universe filled with His righteousness for His delight. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 27)

December 04, 2019, Wed.: (Msg.28) **Christian Life and Its Sufferings (10)**

We should **not be discouraged** because we must suffer as **Christians**. These **sufferings** are positive and very precious. What a **privilege** it is to experience the sufferings of Christ! Today we should be Christians, **followers of Christ**, who **undergo the sufferings of Christ**. We need to **participate** not only in the **riches of Christ**, but also in the **sufferings of Christ**. If we take this point of view, we shall be encouraged whenever we suffer for Christ. We may even welcome this kind of suffering. **The more we suffer and are persecuted, the more glory there will be upon us.** This is truly a **blessing**. I can testify that the more I am persecuted and evil spoken of, the more I am empowered. Persecution and reproach does not hold me down. On the contrary, it lifts me up. Therefore, **we should rejoice when we are reproached in the name of Christ, because the Spirit of glory is resting upon us.** (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 28)

December 05, 2019, Thursday: (Message 29) **Christian Life and Its Sufferings (11)**

In 1 Peter 4:18, "**saved**" does **not** mean saved from eternal perdition through the Lord's death, **but saved from the coming destruction through** the trials of persecution as God's disciplinary judgment. The believer, who has been disciplined by God through the sufferings of persecution to purify his life, **is saved with** the difficulty of persecution from the destruction of God's wrath toward the world, especially toward the unbelieving Jews, with the coming destruction of Jerusalem in view. In verse 19, the believers should **commit their souls** in well-doing to the faithful Creator. The word "**well-doing**" indicates doing right, good, and noble deeds. The Creator in verse 19 does **not** refer to the Creator of the new creation in the new birth, **but** to the Creator of the old creation. **Persecution** is a **suffering** in the old creation. God **as** our **Creator** can preserve our soul, which He created for us. He is loving and faithful. His loving and faithful care **accompanies** His justice in His governmental administration. **While** He is **judging us**, as His household, in His government, in His love **He cares** for us faithfully. **In suffering His just disciplinary judgment in our body, we should commit our souls to His faithful care.**(Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 29)

December 06, 2019, Friday: (Message 30) **God's Governmental Judgement (1)**

Today all of us are under **God's judgment**. God is not only **gracing us**, giving us grace. He is also **judging us**. This is the reason we have many sufferings. We have sufferings because God is judging us. **On the one hand**, God is **gracing us** to live a life that suits His righteousness under His government. **On the other hand, He judges** anything that does not match His government. Therefore, in this age we the believers are under the daily judgment of God. In the New Testament God's judgment begins from the house of God. This means that God's judgment **begins** with us, that is, with the church including all the saints... This judgment will continue **until** the coming of the day of the Lord. In 4:12 Peter mentioned about the fiery ordeal. The **fiery ordeal** is **God's way to deal** not with sinners and opposers but **with believers**, the members of His household... In the administration of His government, God uses fiery ordeals **as a furnace to purify any dross the believers may have...** Therefore, **we need to be purified...** **We all need to pass through the burning furnace.** (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our love feast and **Children's Fun Day** is on December 15, 2019.
2. The **Brother's Meeting** is 6 PM at brother Hendrick's place on December 15, 2019.
3. Our **Church Pursuit** and **Combined Prayer Meeting** will be on December 31, 2019.