

CHURCH IN REGINA

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Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:30 - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

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

KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING THE ALL-INCLUSIVE, EXTENSIVE CHRIST AS THE REALITY OF ALL POSITIVE THINGS

Scripture Reading: Col. 2:16-18; John 14:6a, 17; 1 John 5:6; John 16:13

There are a number of New Testament books that show us that Christ is all-inclusive, such as the Matthew, John, Colossians, Hebrews, and Revelation, but it is only in Colossians that we see Christ as being both all-inclusive and extensive. In Colossians we see the all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness of Christ being combined; **when we enjoy His extensiveness, we are brought into the enjoyment of His all-inclusiveness.**

Applying Christ as the Reality of All the Positive Things Daily to be Full of Christ

The all-inclusive, extensive Christ is full of attractiveness, **rich in magnetism**, and our prize is to enjoy Christ as the reality of all the positive things in the universe, taking Him as the reality of all positive things in our daily living. According to the Bible, Christ has **become our life** and our everything; He is the reality of every positive thing in the universe. The things that we can feel, taste, and touch are not real – **Christ** is the reality of all positive things... Christ is the immense magnet, rich in magnetism and full of attractiveness; **when we turn our heart to Him** and **allow Him to draw us**, when we tell Him, Lord, "Draw me!" we are magnetized by Him and we enjoy Him as the reality of all the positive things in the universe.

Enjoying Christ to Absorb His Riches and Grow with the Growth of God for the Body

The very Christ who is the reality of all positive things – and whom we enjoy, apply, and experience in our daily life – is the Head of the Body; for us **to hold the Head is simply to enjoy Christ as the reality of all positive things.** In Col. 2:17 we see that **Christ** is the body of all the shadows, the reality of all positive things; in verse 19 we need to hold to the Head, Christ, out from whom all the Body is built up... **He then becomes preeminent in our personal universe**, and **we absorb all the riches coming out from Him** as the Head.

In many small matters, in our daily living, and in what we do, we need **to hold Christ as the Head** by enjoying Him as the reality of all positive things; then, we live a heavenly life on earth, and we set our mind on the things which are above. **When a husband and a wife** are exchanging words or criticize one another, they are certainly not in the heavenlies in their experience; when we argue, we are not **holding Christ as the Head.** Oh Lord Jesus! In our married life and our family life we need to learn to take Christ as our Head and hold Him, and He will bring us in ascension. Even more, we need to consistently enjoy Christ as the reality of all positive things, ...[to] bring us in the heavenlies in ascension!

Many aspects of Christ as our portion are revealed in Colossians. In 1:15 Paul says that **Christ is the image** of the invisible God... Paul goes on in verse 15 to tell us that **Christ is the Firstborn** of all creation. Christ is God the Creator, yet He is also the first item of all creation, and in Him all things were created (v. 16). Moreover, all things cohere in Him. To cohere in Christ means **to subsist together in Him**,... Scientists recognize that there is something in the universe that holds all things together. All things cohere in and by this holding center. The Bible reveals that Christ is this holding center. **Creation came into being through Christ, and all creation exists in Christ.**

Our life is our **personal universe**, and this universe needs a holding center. Christ is the holding center of the universe, and He should also be the center of our life. We need to worship Him, praying, *"Lord, You are the center of my life. My whole life coheres in You. Without You, love, light, life, holiness, righteousness, kindness, and submission all fall apart. But with You and in You all virtues subsist."* Our marriage needs Christ as its **holding center.** If a husband and wife cohere in Christ, they will never fall apart. Christ should be the center of our personal life, family life, and Christian life.

The strategy of the enemy is to subtly replace Christ in the churches. When we do not pay sufficient attention to Christ, the door is open for many problems to come into the church life. We must not be deceived or distracted to deviate from Christ. We need to be alert for anything that may replace Christ. *(Excerpt from spoken message, "Knowing And Experiencing The All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ As The Reality Of All Positive Things"; The Recovery of Christ as Everything in the Church, chapter 6, p. 60)*

Prayer Burden

1) Praise you Lord as the **reality** of all positive things. Everything that we need and have are merely a **shadow**. You Yourself is reality. Without You, we have nothing.

2) Lord, we want to realize all that **You are in our experience**. Our goal is not merely to understand the Bible in **letter** but to come to You and gain a deep sense that You are everything and be brought in this experience.

3) You are our **life, our food, water, breath, light and dwelling place**. Cause us to know You in a proper, practical way as all these items in our mingled spirit. Lord, keep us in our mingled spirit all throughout the day.

4) Thank You Lord for becoming the Spirit. Now, we can enjoy You as the **Spirit** who applies all that You are to us. You are also the **Word** speaking to us. We simply open our entire being to draw the riches of the Spirit.

5) Lord, as we enjoy You, **make us more conscious of the Body**. You are the Head and we hold You as the Head. We want to enjoy You, not just individually but also in a corporate way.

6) Keep us **in the enjoyment of You** – to be brought in resurrection and ascension. Only by being in the heavens do we hold You as the Head. Make us enjoyers of Christ that we would hold you as the Head and absorb Your riches.

7) Please pray for:

ISRAEL

- Thank the Lord that **the formatting of the Arabic hymns are now finished**. Pray for the printing of the prototype-hymnal and proofreading. 75% is done with the Arabic hymn recording. Please continue to **pray for the remaining portion** as well as the speaking of the truth that needs to be recorded also. This will help the listener to understand the hymns they are hearing.

EUROPE

- Pray for the first Lord's table Meeting in **Zagreb, Croatia** on March 1

CHINA

- Pray for the sick saints in Wuhan, China. May the Lord intercede for the saints, for His mercy and His salvation.

NORTH AMERICA

- Pray for brother **Nick Verbeek** in his post surgery condition: that the Lord continue His healing process in his lungs; the scans and bloodwork are in acceptable ranges. May the Lord reign in this situation, cover him and help Him get through this suffering.

- Lord, we respond to the burden in North America. 1) We **giving ourselves** to be the Lord's watchmen; 2) interceding for this country, **both its people and its leaders**; and 3) honoring the Lord of the harvest by beseeching Him to **thrust out laborers** into the ripened harvest of middle America.

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

- **Campus Work**: The setting up of the club at the University of Regina. Pray for two students remaining fruit by the end of the semester

- **Service Meeting** on March 8, 2020: That the saints will be brought into the reality of the day-to-day church life in the service in the church.

- Pray for the safe arrival of brother **Alejo dela Cruz** on March 13, 2020. Pray that God will protect him on his travels that there will be no delays in his travel.

- The **readings of the Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth

LIFE-STUDY OF REVELATION

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

Four Aspects of the Experience of the Lampstand (Message 31)

As we consider Exodus 25, Zechariah 3 and 4, and the book of Revelation, we see **four aspects of the lampstand that we must experience**. Firstly, we must participate in the essence, the **golden element**, of the lampstand. Secondly, we must experience the forming of this golden substance into a definite form—the **stand**. The gold in the lampstand is not a lump; rather, it is formed into a stand. Thirdly, along with the form, we must experience the expression of the lampstand through the **shining of the seven lamps**. Fourthly, there is the matter of the **reproduction of the lampstand**. Hence, we must experience four aspects of the lampstand—the element, the form, the expression, and the reproduction.. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 31)

Experiencing the Transforming and Building Life of Christ (Message 32)

What is God's building? **God's building is to dispense Himself into us and to work Himself into our being**. Consider again the illustration of petrified wood. The wood is natural, having no mineral element whatsoever to give it the substance of stone. There is no wood in God's eternal building. **In His building there are only precious stones, gold, and pearls**. The twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem are layers of precious stones, and the entire wall is built with jasper. In the New Jerusalem there is nothing of mud or wood. By nature we all are either muddy or wooden. Everyone would rather be wooden than muddy, thinking that wood is superior to mud. Nevertheless, **neither mud nor wood is useful in God's building hand**. We need transformation. The muddy people need to be transformed into precious stones, and the wooden ones need to be petrified. The way for a piece of wood to be petrified is to allow the living water to flow through it to carry away the wooden substance and to replace it with a solid mineral element. The process of petrification in the physical world is a symbol of the spiritual reality. **Today God is truly "petrifying" us by the flow of His divine life**. This flow is clearly revealed in Revelation 22:1, which says, "And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." This river flows throughout the whole city. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 32)

The Stone with the Seven Eyes for God's Building (Message 33)

Both the Lamb and the stone, redemption and building, are connected by the seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God and the seven lamps burning before His administrating throne. Therefore, we have the **Word, God, the flesh, the Lamb, the Lion, the stone, the seven eyes, the seven Spirits, and the seven lamps**. Ultimately, **we have the building, God's eternal habitation, the New Jerusalem**. None of these words are my interpretation; rather, they are my quotation. I am simply pointing out ten crucial terms found in the Bible: the Word, God, the flesh, the Lamb, the Lion, the stone, the seven eyes, the seven Spirits, the seven lamps, and the New Jerusalem. When we put all these terms together, like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that are scattered here and there in various books of the Bible, we really see something. If we would pray over these ten items, **we would see the vision that the New Jerusalem is the consummate enlargement of God**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 33)

The Universal Bright Woman (Message 34)

The woman in this chapter is universal both in time and in space. She is universal in time, from the creation of Adam to eternity. She is also universal in space, on earth and in heaven. This is a strong proof that she is not Mary, but Mary is included in her, as we all are. Neither is this woman merely the race of Israel, for Israel is represented by the moon. Look at this woman once again: on her head are twelve shining stars representing the patriarchs. Surely Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all stars. The children of Israel are represented by the moon. No matter how evil and defeated they sometimes were, comparatively speaking, they were a people on the moon. Only the children of Israel, not the heathens or the pagans, were a people standing on the shining moon. Among the human race, only one people, the children of Israel, stand on the moon. However, they do not realize that the moon is a sign that the sun, Christ, will come. Praise the Lord that today we are the sun. Although there are some Jewish believers among us, they are no longer a part of the moon but a part of the sun. **The church is the sun because Christ is the sun and we are a part of Christ**. Christ is the head sun and we are the body sun. Praise the Lord that we are in the major part of this bright universal woman. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 34)

The Woman and the Man-child (Message 35)

The man-child is the stronger part of the woman. On the one hand, we firstly must be the woman; on the other hand, we must also be the man-child. It is not adequate simply to be bright and heavenly. **We must be fully constituted with the element of Christ**. The difference between the woman and the man-child is this: not much of the element of Christ is constituted into the being of the woman, but the entire being of the man-child is saturated and permeated with the element of Christ. Hence, **the man-child is the very constitution of Christ**. How can this man-child be brought forth? He is brought forth by Christ's getting into part of the woman to constitute that part of her with all the rich element of Christ. Do not consider this merely as an interpretation, but apply it to your daily experience. Even if you submit yourselves to Christ and receive something of Him, you are still the woman and are not yet the man-child. You will not be strong until you have allowed the element of Christ to be worked into your being. **The more the element of Christ is worked into you, the stronger you will become**. This is the man-child.! (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 35)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our **Service Meeting** is March 8, 2020 after our **love feast**. We will extend our meeting and have more fellowship after lunch.
2. **Combined Prayer Meeting** on March 3, 2020 is at Brother Nathan's place at 7:00 PM.
3. **Conferences**: YP Calgary Conference and Winnipeg Conference (April 10-12)