

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

General Subject:

KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING THE ALL INCLUSIVE, EXTENSIVE CHRIST

Week 5

Knowing And Experiencing The All-Inclusive,
Extensive Christ As The Mystery Of God

Scripture Reading: Col. 2:2-3, 9-10; John 1:1, 14, 16; Eph. 3:8, 17

As the mystery of God, Christ is the **embodiment of the fullness** of the Godhead (Col. 2:9); the entire Triune God, even the fullness of the Triune God, dwells in Christ in a bodily form. What a **mystery** this is! We people think we have wisdom and knowledge, but we don't; real wisdom and knowledge is **in Christ**...*What does it mean that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily?* We may understand what the words mean, but what does this mean and how can we apply this to our experience? What is **this** fullness? What is **all** the fullness? What does it mean that it dwells in Him bodily?

In Colossians 2 Paul told the Colossians that he wanted them to know **how great a struggle** he had for them..., that **their hearts** might be comforted and that they might be knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of **the mystery of God, Christ** (vv. 1-2). Here, the mystery of God, Christ literally means that *God is difficult to understand and comprehend and therefore is a mystery, but Christ is the explanation, expression, and manifestation of the mysterious God*. Thus, Christ is the mystery of God. **When one sees Christ, one sees God and knows God**. When the Lord Jesus was living on earth, He was full of love, grace, forbearance, meekness, and authority. Although we always have the desire to care for others and love our children, relatives, friends, brothers, and sisters, **we are unable** to do it. However, Christ is not like us. We desire to love, **yet we are unable** to love. Christ not only has love, but He is also able to love. With Him nothing is impossible; He can do all things. He is able to meet the needs of anyone. If you are sick, He can heal you; if you are deadened, He can enliven you; if you are hungry, He can feed you and five thousand others with five loaves and two fish. **All His acts reveal all the fullness of the Godhead to the uttermost**.

Colossians 2:9 is one of the most difficult verses to understand, but it contains an aspect of Christ which we must see. In Christ **as the mystery of God** not only the **riches** of the Godhead but **the fullness of the Godhead** dwells, *even all the fullness of the Godhead!* *All the fullness of the Godhead* refers to the entire Godhead, the complete God, not just the second of the Godhead – Christ, the Son, but the complete Godhead. The entire God – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, dwells in this Christ.

The word Godhead refers to deity and **strongly indicates the deity of Christ**. Since the Godhead comprises the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, the fullness of the Godhead must be the fullness of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14). The fullness of the Godhead dwells as a person in the incarnated Christ **bodily**, that is, in Christ **with a human body**. This means that the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ in a way that is both **real** and **practical**, in a way that is **visible**, **touchable**, and **receivable**. In Hebrews 10 Paul tells us that God doesn't delight in sacrifice and offerings, but He prepared a body for Christ. God prepared a body for Christ, and **in this body of Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells**.

This is unfathomable yet true, for in this little human body of Christ – which the Father prepared for Him – dwells all the fullness of the entire Godhead. In this body – which the Gnostics say is unclean and unholy – God in His mysterious design came to dwell in a full way. Hallelujah! In Christ we have God, an uplifted humanity, all the divine attributes, and all the human virtues. In Christ we have **life**; in Him we have **patience, love, joy, long-suffering**, and **everything that we need**, for all these are **included in the fullness**. How rich is the soil in which we have been rooted! All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him, and we have been rooted in Him. **We can enjoy the Lord and absorb Him by spending time with Him**.

Lord, grant us to see a vision of Christ as the mystery of God being the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily. Hallelujah, in Christ we see not only the riches of God but also the overflow of God's riches to become His full expression! Amen, Lord, may we be delivered from any realm of culture, religious seeking, ethics, and natural life, and may we be brought into the realm of Christ as the mystery of God so that we may be the church, the mystical Body of Christ, the fullness of the One who fills all and in all!

(Excerpt from spoken message, "Knowing And Experiencing The All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ As The Mystery of God"; The Subjective Experience of the Indwelling Christ, ch 1, p. 3)

Prayer Burden

1) Lord, as the mystery of God, **You declare God in full**. The God who dwelt in unapproachable light has been incarnated to be a man. We praise You Lord Jesus, and we want to know You as such a One!

2) Lord, **all the treasures** of knowledge and wisdom are hidden in You. We praise You for what You are, what You accomplished and what You spoke. Lord, be **our wisdom in our daily living** and in all things we do.

3) Lord, we exercise our whole being to contact You. We take You as our wisdom in imparting the Word **into the next generation** so that they may grow up **knowing God, fearing God**, having a **proper humanity with the breath of God!**

4) Lord, **we come to You** as we are, open to receive of Your fullness, **grace upon grace!** Lord, we open to You without any reservation. We want to enjoy **all the fullness** of what You are so that **we may also become** Your fullness.

5) Thank You Lord for making us **rich, complete and full** in You. We are strong, victorious and short of nothing! We come to You, Lord, and exercise our spirit of faith to partake of all Your riches in faith. .

6) Lord, grant us the grace to live one spirit with You today. Remind us, Lord **to stay rooted in You** and that we are one spirit with You; remind us to remain in the organic union today, absorbing all the riches of this all-inclusive, extensive Christ.

7) Please pray for:

ISRAEL

- Continue to pray for the **final steps** in these arrangements and production of the Arabic hymn recording

EUROPE

- Pray for the **three serving saints** who are scheduled to attend a conference in Germany. We pray for **all of them to arrive safely**. May the Lord gain for His recovery the many dear young saints who will be attending the conference in various countries

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.

- 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.

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

- 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"

The Man-child and the Rest of the Woman's Seed (Message 36)

We should not only be part of the woman, but also part of the man-child. In the Bible woman signifies the weaker one, and man signifies the stronger one. The man-child, the stronger part, is within the woman, the weaker part. Although the woman is bright and universal, she is not altogether strong. Only a part within her is strong. Although we all have come into the Lord's recovery, we should not say that everyone in the recovery will be an overcomer. We have no warrant for saying this. We can only say that those in the recovery have a greater possibility of being overcomers. **Whether or not you will be an overcomer depends upon you; it depends upon how much you share of God's grace.** How much you share of God's grace will determine whether or not you will be a strong one among God's people in the Lord's recovery. I thank the Lord that we all are part of the woman, but I dare not say that we all are also part of the man-child. **We must look to the Lord that we may be enriched, strengthened, and become more solid so that we might grow from the woman into her stronger part.** (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 36)

The Great Red Dragon and His Persecution (Message 37)

After the man-child has been raptured to the throne of God, there will be war in the heavens. This indicates that the overcoming saints will exert a great influence upon the coming warfare in the heavens. This war will not begin until the overcoming saints have been resurrected and raptured. After this, there will be war between Satan and his angels and Michael, the archangel, and his angels. (Before Satan fell, he was also an archangel.) After the man-child has been raptured to the throne, there will no longer be any place there for the dragon. Rather, the dragon will be defeated and cast down to the earth. When he comes to earth, the great tribulation will begin. During this period of time, the dragon will do everything possible to damage the man created by God for His purpose. **Because up until now God has not yet gained the man-child, He has not had a way to cast Satan from heaven to earth. God needs a corporate man to accomplish this for Him.** But God will still be sovereign. On the one hand, He will swallow up Satan's armies by opening the earth. On the other hand, He will afford a way for His people to escape and He will nourish them in a special place. God will preserve His people. However, I do not want to enjoy that preservation. **I prefer to be taken away before the great tribulation.** How about you? Praise the Lord for this clear picture of the coming days. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 37)

War in Heaven (Message 38)

There will be war in heaven because of the man-child's rapture to heaven. We must be raptured to the heavens to fulfill God's need. We should not care that much for our own happiness. Religion is for human happiness, for having a good life in a merry land after we die. This thought is devilish. But, alas, this concept has infiltrated all of Christianity. Christians only care for their happiness, saying, "We like to have joy and a happy life. We want to go to heaven when we die, for we shall be happy there." In Christianity you probably never heard that God has an eternal purpose and that we must fulfill God's purpose. **We need to be raptured to heaven, not for our happiness, but for the fulfilling of God's purpose.** We must go there to execute God's judgment upon His enemy. God is waiting for this. The rapture of the man-child to heaven, the casting of Satan to earth, and the declaration in heaven signify that the man-child will bring the kingdom to earth. Although we have God's salvation today, we do not yet enjoy it in full, to the uttermost. **But when the kingdom of God comes, we shall enjoy God's salvation in full.** It is the same with the power of God and the authority of Christ. We have participated in God's power and Christ's authority today, but our full enjoyment of them will be in the kingdom age. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 38)

The Actuality and Practicality of the Bright Woman (Message 39)

It is not the Christians in the denominations, sects, and free groups who will bring forth the man-child. **To bring forth the man-child there is the need for at least a portion of God's people to come back to the proper standing of the woman.** Those who have this standing have God alone and nothing else. They are the woman on the proper ground to bring forth the man-child. **If we would be included practically in this chaste woman, we must forsake all things other than God and Christ and return to the unique ground to have Christ as our only husband.** We refuse to become impregnated by anything other than Christ. We will only be made pregnant of Christ, for He is our unique husband. In addition to Him, we have no one and nothing. Today, we have the standing of this woman... May the Lord have mercy on us. This is not a doctrine; it is very practical. We thank the Lord that He has opened His Word to us and that He has opened our eyes to see this vision. Now our need is to be faithful to this vision. "O Lord, we thank You for bringing us back to the proper standing of Your people. Thank You, Lord, that we are actually the woman who will bring forth the man-child. Lord, not only are we the woman, but we expect to eventually become the man-child." (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 39)

The Beast of the Sea (1) (Message 40)

The beast out of the sea in 13:1 is the last and crucial part of the fourth beast in Daniel. Both in Daniel and in Revelation the beast out of the sea refers not only to the Roman Empire but specifically to Antichrist... This beast is dreadful and terrible. In the past the Roman Empire did dreadful and terrible things. In the future Antichrist will also do terrible things to damage people. This beast devours the whole earth and breaks it into pieces. Along with all the other aspects of the description of the beast, this applies firstly to the ancient Roman Empire with its Caesars and then to the coming Antichrist. The fourth beast has a little horn—Antichrist—coming up among the ten horns... But praise the Lord that Daniel 7:26 says, "But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion." The dominion of the little horn, Antichrist, shall be taken away! Verse 26 also reveals that Antichrist will be consumed and destroyed "unto the end." Although Daniel does not specifically tell us how Antichrist will be destroyed, we know from other portions of the Word that **he will be destroyed by the lake of fire.** (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 40)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. We will have our **service meeting** after our love feast today, March 8, 2020
2. The **Winnipeg Conference** is on April 10-12, 2020. The deadline for registration is March 29, 2020
3. Our **church pursuit** on April 10, 2020 is at brother Hendrick's place at 6 P.M.