

CHURCH IN REGINA

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

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

THE GOODNESS OF THE LAND — ITS FOOD

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:12; Exo. 3:8; Deut. 8:7-10; 26:9

If we look at the Old Testament, God called **Abraham** and gave him **the good land**, but then Abraham went to **Egypt**, and God had to bring him out of there. Then, **Abraham's descendants** ended up in Egypt again with **Moses**...From the day we were saved, our Christian life has been the life of **warfare**. **Israel**, when they ate the Passover lamb, [it is] from that moment that the **warfare** really began. They ate the Passover and Pharaoh chased them and Jehovah fought for them. They crossed the Red Sea and in Exodus 15, they sang the song of Moses. Moses sang, "*Jehovah is a man of war; Jehovah is His name*".

God had to rescue them and bring them up to **Canaan** from there. Many years later, the enemy came again and took the people in captivity in **Babylon** for seventy years, and God had to rescue them and bring them **back to the good land** to build the temple and the city of God. **God's work** is always to recover the land for His people's enjoyment, while the **enemy's work** is always to frustrate, spoil, and hinder the enjoyment of the land, and he always does something to bring the land into chaos.

When we come to the matter of the spiritual warfare, we need to realize that spiritual warfare is necessary not merely to fend off the problems, troubles, and attacks of the enemy, so that we can have a good and peaceful life on this earth. Rather, **spiritual warfare is needed for God to...make the all-inclusive Christ – as typified by the good land – be everything to us**, His people, so that we may enjoy Christ, take Christ as our everything, and build the church as the temple for God's expression and the city for His dominion. This is **the crux** of the spiritual warfare, that is, that God would bring His people into the full enjoyment of Christ as **the all-inclusive good land** so that they would build His temple and city for Him to have an expression and representation on earth.

The Good Land

To the children of Israel the good land provided everything they needed for their living and existence: water, wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive trees, animals, milk, honey, stones, iron, copper. All these items are types of Christ. Christ is the **water** that **springs from valleys and hills to water us**. Christ is the **wheat**, which signifies the **incarnated and crucified Christ**, and the **barley**, which signifies the **resurrected Christ**. The **vine** typifies Christ as **the sacrificing One who cheers God and man**; the **fig tree**, the **sweetness and satisfaction of Christ as our life supply**. The **pomegranate** typifies the **abundance and beauty of the life of Christ**. The **olive tree** typifies **Christ as the man filled with the Spirit** and anointed with the Spirit as the oil of exultant joy. The **animal life** typifies Christ with His **redeeming life**. **Milk and honey** typify Christ in His **richness and sweetness**. **The stones, the iron, and the copper**, typify Christ as the **materials for building and fighting**.

When we speak of the church as the new man, it's not about having saints of different races and backgrounds coming together and being one, but it's **about the all-inclusive Christ who is everything to us**. The land that God promised the children of Israel was one flowing with milk and honey, **but there were also some pagan tribes** who lived there, and Israel had to fight against them and defeat them. The measure to which Israel defeated and removed the pagan tribes was the measure to which they entered into the possession of the good land. **Similarly, in our spiritual experience, the measure to which we fight to possess Christ as the good land is the measure in which we enter into the enjoyment of the all-inclusiveness of Christ together with all the saints**.

Fighting for the Good Land

The good land is ours! We have already been transferred from the authority of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of God's love, and now we just need to enter into the possession and enjoyment of the good land, the all-inclusive Christ. Also, we need to fight for our enjoyment and fight for the enjoyment of the brothers and the sisters, so that together we may apprehend with all the saints what the universally vast dimensions of Christ are, and we may be filled with all the fulness of God to express Him and represent Him corporately on earth. (*Excerpt from Ministry of the Word, "The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man", vol. 24. No. 1, p. 117-142*)

Prayer Burden

1) Lord, You are our **allotted portion**. Bring us to the enjoyment of our divine inheritance. You are both **rich and sweet, a land flowing with milk and honey**. What a portion we have today.

2) You are the infinite God who became **wheat**. We want You to become our wheat in our **limiting and pressing situations**. Draw us to love You more each day, to be in such an extent that You become our prison to enjoy You to the uttermost.

3) Lord, You can never be limited in Your resurrection as the **barley**. What we have is nothing less than this **resurrected Christ**. Even in our limited situation, we have You as the unlimited One in us. Cause us to apply Christ as the barley in all our limiting situations.

4) Thank You for being our **new wine**. Energize and strengthen us day by day. In our pressing situation, we drink of You to experience Your **sacrificing life** that cheers both God and man.

5) Supply us Lord. We want to realize Your sweetness and Your satisfaction. Through supplying us, we can be **channels of supply to others**. Grant us the abundance of life to impart to others. May our fruit be Christ lived out, magnified and ministered.

6) Praise You as the man **anointed with the Holy Spirit**. Bring us on to experience all these items and be **full of the Spirit**. We are here to honour God and man not with our natural self but by the **olive oil**. Fill us with oil day by day.

7) Please pray for:

EUROPE AND AROUND THE GLOBE

- Please pray that the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe and on the whole earth will be **fully under the ruling of the throne** in heaven; that the Lord will protect all His interests, including the churches and the saints; that the speaking of the ministry will continue in the conferences and trainings; that the saints will continue to meet and minister Christ to build up the Body; and that the white horse of the gospel will ride on victoriously.
- In this time of anxiety, fear and distress, pray for all the dear saints, will be **comforted** by the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, by **casting all their anxiety on Him** through prayer and petition with thanksgiving.
- For the **control of the pandemic**, the **reduction** of fatalities, and a **cure** for the disease, to preserve many lives – and for all men to be saved – that men would heed the warning from God and **repent** and turn to Him.
- Thank you Lord that Sister Chui (church in Saskatoon) is getting better. We continue to pray for her sister who is currently in isolation due to the virus. Strengthen our sisters in Your grace.
- 8) Please pray for the church in **Regina**
 - The saints enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ as the good land with all His aspects
 - Health of the saints: Sis Marilyn Miranda
 - May the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and may our **spirit**, and **soul**, and **body** be preserved complete without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Saints working in riskier jobs: Sis Venus, Marilyn & Evangeline, Bros Joseph, Aldo
 - The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth

The Millennial Kingdom (Message 56)

According to the prophecies of the Bible, the millennial kingdom is in two sections: the upper, heavenly, section and the lower, earthly, section. The upper section of the millennium is called the kingdom of the Father, and the lower section is called the kingdom of the Son of Man. The kingdom of the Messiah, or the Messianic kingdom, is another name for the lower section of the millennium. In the millennial kingdom there will be three peoples. The first are the **overcoming saints**, including the overcoming saints of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. These overcoming saints will be **co-kings of Christ**. Christ is the highest King, and we shall be His sub-kings. The second group, found in the lower section, is the **preserved and proper Jews**, who will be saved at the time of the Lord's coming back. These saved Jews will enter into the millennium as **priests and will teach the nations to seek God and to know Him**. The third group of people in the millennial kingdom will be the "sheep" of Matthew 25. We have seen that these "sheep" will be transferred into the millennial kingdom to become the **citizens** there. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 56)

The Last Rebellion of Mankind and the Judgment at the Great White Throne (Message 57)

Many Christians hold the mistaken concept that the dispensation of the millennium will be absolutely perfect. We must strongly declare that this concept is inaccurate. **The millennium, the thousand years, will be the last dispensation**. In this dispensation certain imperfections will still need to be dealt with. For this reason, the new heaven and the new earth will come after the millennium, not before it. Thus, **the millennium will be also a dispensation used by God to perfect His immature people**. It is difficult to believe that after the pleasant, thousand-year period, so many among the nations will rebel against God and go to war against Him. Nevertheless, it will be so. This war will be the last war on earth, the last rebellion of mankind. Although mankind will be restored for one thousand years, his rebellious nature will still remain. It will be exposed by Satan's last instigation and it will be purged away by the Lord's final judgment on mankind. Praise the Lord, He will easily defeat this attack! (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 57)

The New Heaven and New Earth (Message 58)

The coming of the new heaven and the new earth in 21:1 indicates that God's dispensations have been completed. According to the Bible, there are four dispensations: the dispensation of the patriarchs, from Adam to Moses; the dispensation of law, from Moses to Christ; the dispensation of grace, from Christ's first coming until "the restitution of all things" at Christ's second coming; and the dispensation of the kingdom, from Christ's second coming to the end of the millennium. **All four dispensations belong to the old heaven and old earth. After these dispensations, the perfection of God's people will be wholly accomplished, and God will have a perfect and complete universal woman, the New Jerusalem**. God will have no further use for the old heaven and the old earth. At that time, the old creation will be over. The old heaven and the old earth actually will be burned to become the new heaven and the new earth. By being burned, the old heaven and old earth will be renewed. Just as we have been renewed, so will the heaven and the earth be renewed. **The new heaven and the new earth will remain before the eternal God, that is, remain for eternity**. Praise the Lord! (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 58)

The New Jerusalem (1) (Message 59)

In order to see anything we need the right standing with the correct angle, and we need the ability to see. **If you want to see the vision of the church, the vision of the judgment upon the world, the vision of Babylon the Great, and the vision of New Jerusalem, you must be in spirit!** Do not exercise your mind to think about the situation. Rather, turn to the spirit and stay there. If you exercise your mind instead of remaining in your spirit, these four visions will disappear from view. If we stay in our mind, we may not think that the world situation is that bad. But if we turn to our spirit and remain there, calling on the name of the Lord Jesus, we shall clearly see the seven lampstands and the fact that the whole world is under God's judgment. We need to be in the spirit and to get to a high mountain. This is the way to see the vision of the New Jerusalem. We also need to know what the New Jerusalem is. **The New Jerusalem is the ultimate consummation of God's building work throughout the centuries**. The issue of this work will be the New Jerusalem, God's eternal habitation. This New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven to earth, is the holy city, the Bride of Christ, the tabernacle of God, and the paradise of God! (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 59)

The New Jerusalem (2) (Message 60)

The New Jerusalem is also an all-inclusive sign. In order to understand this sign, our mind must be completely renewed and enlightened. We must not understand the New Jerusalem according to our natural concept. Some argue that New Jerusalem is actually a square, material city. If we have this kind of natural concept, we shall not be able to understand the New Jerusalem as a sign. **The New Jerusalem is a sign signifying God's eternal building as His dwelling place**. To be sure, **God's eternal building is not a physical place; rather it is something living**. Instead of being a material city, it is an entity constituted with His divine life. This is so mysterious, deep, and profound that human language cannot adequately describe it. Therefore, in His wisdom, God uses a picture, a sign, to reveal it to us. The New Jerusalem is not only composed of the Old Testament saints, but also the New Testament saints. Hence, the entire city of New Jerusalem is God's building, the living composition of all God's redeemed, regenerated, and transformed saints. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 60)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our church pursuit on April 10, 2020 will be online at 6 PM. Zoom links to follow.
2. Upcoming Activities on Western Canada combined college meeting: April Pursuit, Tues & Thurs: 2 PM to 6 PM, Bible study with BFC, singing & Podcast. Zoom link will be sent via email after signing on the google form. Fellowship with sister Berly if you can join.

March 26, 2020

To all the dear saints in all the churches in the Lord's recovery:

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?...
But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.
— Romans 8:35, 37*

Grace and peace be multiplied to you all. May this message find you going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. In these difficult days all the churches and the saints across the earth are being carried in our hearts and are borne on our shoulders before the throne of grace. We write to share with you a word of assurance, comfort, and encouragement as we face the pandemic that is ravaging large parts of the globe and upending many of our lives in an unprecedented way. We are petitioning on your behalf that the Father would strengthen you with power so that you may be firmly established and unshaken in Him. We are interceding with you that the Lord's testimony in His recovery would be upheld as we pass through this extraordinary time together.

In the recent feasts we have seen Christ in His all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness as our God-allotted portion. He is the all-sufficient One who is able to meet our every need in every situation. Such a Christ was enjoyed and ministered by the apostle Paul while he was in prison. Paul's pattern should be most meaningful to us in our situation today. The more restricted we are outwardly, the more we should spend time with the Lord to absorb His riches and enjoy His provisions. May we redeem this opportunity by drawing closer to Christ, by opening to Him and to His Word, so that we might be infused with Him and be one with Him. Then we can live Him in His all-fitting life with joy and contentment, free from anxiety, fear, and turmoil.

During this time of seclusion in our homes, we should exercise to stay connected to each other, considering one another and inciting one another. All the saints need the supply of the Body. Even though we may be unable to gather physically, we must not forsake our assembling together but rather meet often with the help of modern technology. Let us reach out to one another to enjoy mutual fellowship and prayer by twos and threes or in small groups. Do not forget to care for the older and weaker ones among us or neglect to shepherd those who are young or needy. As we care for each other as members in these ways, we will find that our hearts are being enlarged and that we are being knit together in love. In these days the church life ought not to be suspended at all but rather be thriving and growing.

These are days to be sober unto prayers. We should first pray ourselves into God to receive His supply and then, following the inner anointing, stand with the Lord for His interests in intercessory prayer. We can pray for God's economy to be carried out, for His will to be accomplished, for Christ to administrate the world situation, for those in authority to have wisdom, for people to be saved, for the lukewarm to turn back to God, for all the saints' spiritual life to be uplifted and their material needs to be met, and for the recovery to prosper. If we devote adequate time to petition and supplication, this list is endless. Moreover, we should realize that behind this tumultuous outward environment, there is a spiritual war taking place in the heavenlies in which Satan is trying to frustrate God's move and wear down His saints. As the Body of Christ, let us put on the whole armor of God to stand and withstand, that the enemy would be bound and defeated.

Our Savior God desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth. These days we should be full of burden for the unsaved around us. While we have Christ as our shelter in times of trials, the unbelievers who do not know Christ have no such refuge and easily become distressed and gripped by fear and despair. They desperately need to hear the gospel of peace and receive the God who is peace. Now is an opportune time for a fresh spread of the gospel to our relatives, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. In season and out of season, we should rise up and preach the Word, boldly testifying of Christ and the great salvation we have in Him.

We are a people with a great hope, a hope that is not in this age or in the things of this age. Our hope is in our dear Lord Jesus and in His coming back. We seek to hasten His return because we love His appearing. Thus, we cooperate with His transforming work in us to be prepared as His Bride, we co-labor with Him to carry out His divine enterprise in the midst of this satanic chaos, and we watch and pray for His coming back. This worldwide calamity is part of the birth pangs that anticipate greater tribulation at the end of this age. Now is the time for us believers to awake from our sleep and to heed the prophetic word of the Scriptures as a lamp that guides us to the dawning of the day when the King returns.

Dear saints, this is not a time to shrink back but to come forward. We are assured in the Lord that after passing through the current upheaval with endurance, the Lord's recovery will emerge stronger and more prevailing than ever. Even in the midst of the present environment, the Lord has afforded us a marvelous way to advance with Him, particularly through our practice of the God-ordained way in the home-based and vital group church life assisted by technology. History tells us that when the church undergoes suffering and persecution, Christ has a way to advance His move even more. Let us be energized by His inward operation to sail on!

*The God of all grace, He who has called us into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.
To Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.*

— 1 Peter 5:10-11

Our love in Christ Jesus be with you all,

The co-workers in the Lord's recovery

WESTERN CANADA APRIL PURSUIT

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

1-5pm BC / 2-6pm AB+SK / 3-7pm MB

Take a study break! Come, pursue & enjoy!

1:00 PM Life-Study of Philippians

2:00 PM Bible Study with BfC

3:00 PM Singing – Make a Joyful Noise!

4:00 PM Podcast: Redeeming the Time

(EACH SESSION IS 45 MINS.)

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL
SIGN UP ON GOOGLE FORM:
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