

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
7:00 - 8:00 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

HWMR—Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy, Vol. 2 CHRIST — THE ONE CURSED AND HANGED ON A TREE, Week 8 Scripture Reading: Deut. 21:22-23; 1 Pet. 2:24; Gal 3:2,5, 13-14

Through this ordinance [in Deut. 21:22-23], one of the greatest truths in the whole New Testament is unveiled concerning the redemptive work of Christ accomplished on the cross for us... [T]he outcome of this aspect of Christ's death is that we are brought into the blessing of Abraham, the blessing of the Spirit. **There is a twofold burden in this message.** First, we need to have a deeper appreciation of the wonderful redemption that Christ accomplished for us by His becoming a curse. He not only bore our sins; He also took upon Himself the curse, even becoming a curse. This is something quite meaningful. Second, we must see that we have been released from the curse of the law so that we may enjoy the blessing of Abraham, which is the New Testament blessing of the all-inclusive Spirit as the reality of the good land. After Adam sinned, the earth brought forth thorns because of the curse, so thorns are a sign of being cursed. When Jesus was on the cross, He wore a crown of thorns. This means that He bore the curse of fallen man.

The **curse** is carried out through the **law**, for the law administers the curse. First, we have **sin as the origin**, and then **sin issues in the curse**. This curse **became official** by the law. Actually, the law carried out that curse. Without the law, the curse is not considered a curse, and sin is not even considered as sin. **It was the law that applied** the curse to the sinful man. The law administers the curse. Gal 3:10 shows us the connection not only between **sin and the curse** but also between the **curse and the law**.

The curse was not altogether official until the law was given.; **the law now declares that all the descendants of Adam are under the curse** (Rom. 5:13). The apostle Peter saw the type spoken of in Deut. 21 concerning the crucifixion of Christ, typified by the criminal hanging on the tree. Paul, however, went further, **applying** the curse that is associated with the criminal hanging on the tree **to the matter of the law**. The law made the curse official. This is the reason that Paul was so burdened to help the Galatian believers turn **from the law**. They were distracted by the law. They wanted to keep the law, to be perfected by the law. Now Paul seemed to be telling the Galatians, *"Why do you want to go back to the law? It is the law that applies the curse to you. Sin has brought in the curse, but the curse is not made official until the law comes in. Now you are going back to the law to keep the law; hence, you put yourself under the curse."* It is marvelous that Paul not only acknowledges the **crucifixion** of Christ on the tree, but he also skillfully applies the **curse**, because he who was hanged on a tree is accursed by God. Thus, the law administers that curse, making **the curse official**.

The curse, therefore, is related to the law of God and it is **the demand** of the righteousness of God upon sinners (Rom. 3:19). **The law represents God's righteousness**. It is related to **God's government**, and it exercises a demand upon sinners. By the law the curse was made official. If we try to keep the law, we will be in the flesh and automatically come under the curse. Why would we go back to the law? Why would we put ourselves back under the curse again. This is the point. Now we come to the crucial part, the heart of this message.

Christ has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our behalf; because it is written, *"Cursed is everyone hanging on a tree."* What does it mean to be redeemed out of the curse of the law? **Redemption** is a familiar truth accepted by Christians. However, from what we were redeemed? Some might answer, *"we were redeemed from our sins,"* but this is not correct. **We were not redeemed from our sins.** What does redemption mean? It means a *"purchase,"* a *"buying back"*. When man fell into sin, was sin something legitimate? No, Satan came in **illegally and unlawfully**; he robbed us, tricked us, and deceived us into sin. We became sinners, not in a legitimate way. Christ came, however, to redeem us. He did not redeem us from sin, because sin captured us illegally. We may illustrate it this way. Suppose someone steals my watch. Would I go to that thief and say, "I will pay you five dollars to give back my watch"? I would never do this, because he stole it from me. Why should I have to pay a price to buy it back from the thief in question? He is a robber and took my watch illegally. In the same way, sin captured man illegally, so Christ did not have to redeem us from sin. Christ did not even redeem us from Satan. Satan illegal. Thus, the question still remains, from what were we redeemed?

Paul, in Galatians 3:13, reveals the marvelous truth that Christ redeemed us out of the curse of the law. The law rightfully exercises a demand on man. God created man in His image and according to His likeness to be God's expression. Man should be God's representation. The law of God exercises a demand upon man that man express God; however, man fell short due to sin. This is why Romans 3:23 says, **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** Man was made to express God, but now due to sin, all mankind has come short of the glory of God; he can no longer express God.

The law has a rightful, legal demand on us. Thus, Christ had to come to redeem us from the law. Since that law had expectations of and placed demands upon sinful man, man's fall into sin brought man under a curse. Hence, there is a curse related to the law, a curse having been activated and formalized by it. **Thus, the law makes a legal demand on fallen man.** Therefore, when Christ came to accomplish the work of redemption, He redeemed us neither from sin nor from Satan's power but from the curse of the law. We can say that we are saved from sin and delivered from Satan's power, **but actually, we are redeemed from the curse of the law.** (Excerpt from *Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-study of Deuteronomy, vol. 24. No. 1, pp. 226-246*)

Prayer Burden

1) Lord Jesus, how we love You. Thank You for **redeeming us out of the curse of the law**. You became our Substitute and You bore our sins on the cross. Give us a fresh appreciation of our salvation.

2) Lord, continue to **expose our condition**. Save us from trying to fulfill the law. Teach us to exercise our faith and apply the cross in our situations.

3) Thank You for becoming our all-inclusive Offering. You bore all our sins on the cross and was made sin for us. You suffered **men's unrighteous treatment** and **God's righteous judgment** on our behalf. Praise You as the only God-man qualified to take our place.

4) Praise You Lord for becoming THE Spirit. Now, we have full access to the **grace of God** as members of the corporate Christ. Continually make us one spirit with You.

5) Father, You are the Source of blessing, embodied in the Son and realized as the Spirit. Strengthen our faith to receive **THE Spirit as the blessing of the gospel**

6) Lord as THE Spirit, You are everything to us. We open to Your dispensing so You can make us the corporate seed of Abraham. We give ourselves for this dispensing to **enjoy the blessing of Abraham all our lives**.

EUROPE AND AROUND THE GLOBE

- Lord, protect all Your interests on earth, including the churches and the saints. We pray that the speaking of the ministry will continue in the **seven feasts** and in all the **conferences**. May all the saints continue to meet and minister Christ to build up the Body. Open the hearts of men to receive the gospel of the kingdom.
- Virtual European YP Conference, Summer starting May 16 2020. May the Lord preserve the young people.

ISRAEL

- Praise You, Lord for Your work in producing some **Arabic hymns**. May the recordings lead many more to You, not only through the hymns but also **through the ministry of the age**

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

- Lord, purify us so that we can live according to the principle of life, realizing that everything in the Christian life depends on **Your speaking**. We pray for the **strengthening** of the Lord's Table Meeting in the three homes.
- Lord, we give **sister Estela** to you. We pray for her full recovery and no permanent disability. Grant her Your all-sufficiency and remove all anxieties from her and her children. Lord, heal her body, saturate her soul and strengthen her spirit.
- Lord, continually protect the saints working in **essential services**: Sis Venus, Marilyn & Evangeline, Bros Joseph, Aldo
- Lord, enrich us through the **readings of the Life-Study messages** and the **daily personal pursuing of the truth**. May each endeavor to labor on Your word and redeem the time to turn this age.

LIFE-STUDY OF LUKE

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

The Preparation of the Man-Savior in His Humanity with His Divinity (4) (Message 6)

Luke 2 gives us an excellent record concerning certain aspects of the Man-Savior's human life. In this chapter we see **the Man-Savior's human growth according to the law of human life, so that He might be a perfect Man to express God for the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan**. The record in this chapter concerning the Savior's birth and youth is completely different from that in Matthew 2. Luke's record of the same birth and the same youth is of another category, that of events which offer strong proof of Jesus' genuine humanity. The birth of the Man-Savior was announced to the shepherds by an angel as the good news of great joy to all the people. According to verse 14, the coming of the Savior rendered glory to God in the heavens and brought peace to men on earth. The praise of the heavenly army has two aspects: glory in the highest places to God and peace among men on earth. The salvation of the Man-Savior has accomplished these two matters. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 6)

The Preparation of the Man-Savior in His Humanity with His Divinity (5) (Message 7)

The inauguration of the Man-Savior mainly involves His being baptized by John the Baptist and His being anointed by the Father. John did something on man's side, and the Father did something on God's side. In 3:21 and 22 we have the baptism and anointing of the Man-Savior. The Lord Jesus was baptized not only to fulfill righteousness according to God's ordination, but also to allow Himself to be put into death and resurrection that He might minister not in a natural way, but in the way of resurrection. **By being baptized He lived and ministered in resurrection even before His actual death and resurrection**. The Lord's being baptized to fulfill God's righteousness and to be put into death and resurrection brought Him the open heaven, the descending of the Spirit of God, and the speaking of the Father. This should be the same with us today in our experience. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 7)

The Preparation of the Man-Savior In His Humanity with His Divinity (6) (Message 8)

For the Lord Jesus to be baptized means that He put Himself aside. He allowed Himself to be put into death so that He might minister not in a natural way, but in the way of resurrection. Therefore, as a Man it was necessary for the Lord Jesus to put Himself aside in order that He might live God. The Lord Jesus was baptized in order that He might live a human life expressing God's attributes. If we see this, we shall realize that **not only does fallen man need to be set aside, but even the man created by God in His image needs to be set aside so that he may live a life that expresses God**. Therefore, no matter what kind of person we may be, if we would live a life to express God, **we need to be put aside**. Immediately after the Lord Jesus was baptized, He was anointed by God. Hence, the Spirit of God descended upon a terminated and buried Man to inaugurate Him into His living ministry for God. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 8)

The Preparation of the Man-Savior In His Humanity with His Divinity (7) (Message 9)

The genealogy of Luke's Gospel, the Gospel of the Man-Savior, begins from man and traces back to God. This Gospel emphasizes His humanity to affirm His human-divine status. We may say that the Lord's genealogy and status are also ours. We were created by God, we became fallen in Adam, we received the promise in Abraham, and we have been saved in Jesus, who is Christ. The Lord was in God, in Adam, and in Abraham. We also were in God, Adam, and Abraham, and now we are in Jesus, our Man-Savior. In 4:1-13 we have the test of the Man-Savior. **The Lord Jesus is the only One who can stand the temptation of God's enemy**. When He was on earth, He was perfect and strong. Therefore, the Holy Spirit, who is God reaching man, led this perfect Man into temptation in order to defeat God's enemy. Through the testing of the Man-Savior, God was able to show His enemy, Satan, the Devil, that there is a Man who can withstand temptation. **Praise the Lord that we are in such a person!** (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 9)

The Preparation of the Man-Savior In His Humanity with His Divinity (8) (Message 10)

In the word spoken by the archangel Gabriel, Elizabeth, Zachariah, the angel who announced the Lord's birth, Simeon, and Anna we have seventeen matters related to the Man-Savior: Jesus, the Son of the Most High, the descendant of David, the holy thing, the fruit of the womb, the Lord, the horn of salvation, the rising sun, the Savior, Christ, the consolation of Israel, God's salvation, a light for the Gentiles, the glory of Israel, a test to Israel, a sign spoken against, and the redemption of God's people. When we consider all these aspects of the Man-Savior, we see that **He is not only both God and man, but everything God intended to give to His people and do for them**. In the Gospel of Luke we see the kind of man God intended to have in Genesis 1 and 2. This means that **God's intention was to have a God-man**. Hallelujah! (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. European Young People's Conference (EYPC); (May 13, 16, June 20, July 31-Aug 3, Aug 29)
2. 2020 Memorial Day conference, May 22-25, 2020. The Lord's Table Meeting will be in the afternoon at 2 PM.

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To the churches and the saints in the Lord's recovery:

Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Living Stream Ministry has decided to modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Memorial Day Blending Conference. The conference will no longer be held in Atlanta, GA. Instead, Living Stream Ministry will host this conference completely online. We also hope that through the help of the churches there could be online prophesying times by localities after each streamed message. In this letter we wish to offer details about LSM's first global online ministry conference. Everyone who receives this letter should feel free to distribute it to other saints in the churches.

Description

All the messages of the 2020 Memorial Day Conference will be streamed beginning at the following times *in each locality's time zone*:

- Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020
- Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
- Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
- Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
- Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
- Message 6: 10:00 a.m. Monday, 25 May 2020 (U.S. only)
7:00 p.m. Monday, 25 May 2020 (outside the U.S.)

By streaming the meetings by time zones we hope that the messages of this conference will be received by many, many more saints than what would be possible in live meetings in one location.

Messages will be streamed in English, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Portuguese.

We wish to encourage all the churches to host online prophesying sessions following each message meeting. Suggestions for doing so will be sent separately to the responsible ones in the churches.

Details

The website for streaming the conference messages is conf.lsmwebcast.com. This site does not require an account and is open to all the saints and churches during the following times:

- Beginning: 6:55 p.m., Friday, 22 May 2020, in each time zone
- Ending: Midnight, Monday, 25 May 2020, in each time zone.

The site will interactively guide each saint to the correct language and to the correct time zone for his or her locality.

The messages will be streamed promptly in each time zone according to the above schedule. Hence, if someone goes to the site late and opens the video stream, they will be joining the meeting in progress. For example, if someone joins the Friday night meeting at 7:20 p.m. in his or her time zone, the stream will commence 20 minutes into the meeting, not from the beginning.