

CHURCH IN REGINA

1 John 1:3 "...and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ"

HWMR Week 4—The Intrinsic Fellowship of the Churches for Their Organic Relationship

The Local Churches being the Procedure to Reach God's Goal

The one church is expressed in the local churches because of physical reasons. We believers are scattered on this earth, so we cannot be in one location. We have to be in many locations, so in a sense, we have to be separated by localities. But **we cannot forget that the churches are the Body of Christ**. Ephesians 4 says that there is one Body (v. 4). Paul says that though we are many, we are still one bread and one Body (1 Cor. 10:17).

The parts of our physical body cannot be autonomous. Is it possible that the shoulder is one autonomy, the nose is another autonomy, and the two feet are two other autonomies? If this is so, then our body becomes a divided carcass. In the same way, **Christ's Body is an organic unity, and no part of His Body can be autonomous.**

In Revelation 1 the Lord showed us seven lampstands, which are the signs of seven churches. These seven lampstands are all **identical** in **nature**, in **essence**, in **size**, in **type**, in **appearance**, in **color**, and in **function**. No one could discern which lampstand is which unless you put a label on each one of them. How could you say that these seven local churches are different? The Lord rebuked them for all their differences. Yes, the Lord did write epistles to each of them respectively. But He bound these epistles together to make a total epistle, an aggregate epistle.

In the whole book of Revelation the Lord showed us that the overcomers are not of different groups. **The overcomers always are one unique group**. The dead overcomers are signified by the man-child in Revelation 12, and the living overcomers are signified by the firstfruits, the one hundred forty-four thousand standing on Mount Zion, in Revelation 14. These are not different groups of overcomers but one unique group.

Not only so, eventually, the book of Revelation does have a consummation. In this consummation all the seven lampstands disappear. In the first chapter we see the seven lampstands. But in the last two chapters we see **only one city**. Eventually, the local churches will be over. **Only the Body will remain and remain forever, and this Body of Christ is the unique tabernacle as God's dwelling place on this earth, the unique bride of the Lamb** (21:2-3). We all have to see this.

Therefore, we must **pay much more attention** to the **Body of Christ** than to the local churches. This does not mean that I annul the teaching of the local churches. We still need it. As a person, we have a physical frame. That is our body. But a body by itself is a carcass. A physical body needs an inner life. Today the church is the same. On the one hand, it does have a frame, a body, but this frame is not the nature, the essence, or the element of the church. **Ephesians 4 tells us the church is the Body, and within this church is the Spirit, the Lord, and the Father** (vv. 4-6). The Father is the **source**, the Lord is the **element**, and the Spirit is the **essence** of the Body. These four entities are built together.

The Body of Christ is composed first of the redeemed ones, who were born by the Spirit to be the children of the Father. They are the God-men, and they are the very Body of Christ, the framework. Built within them are the Spirit, the Lord, and the Father. **All three of the Divine Trinity have been built into the redeemed, regenerated believers**. So there is such a building, such a structure, constituted with humanity and divinity in the Divine Trinity...

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Meeting

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

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples' Meeting

Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

July Semiannual Training

July 5-10, 2021

October International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

October 7-9, 2021

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

**Christ
nullified
death.**

Man, the Spirit, the Lord, and the Father are built together. This is not just three-in-one. This is four-in-one. God became a man so that we, His redeemed, might become God. With Him there is the Godhead. But regardless of how much divine life and divine nature we have to be the same as God, we do not have the Godhead.

The Ultimate Consummation

We need to see that there is something on this earth structured as a kind of **organic constitution**, which is called the Body of Christ, and **this Body of Christ is the organism of the unseen God**. Dear saints, this is the consummation of everything. Many things are mentioned in the Bible, but eventually, at the end of the Bible, there is only one consummation, and this consummation is the New Jerusalem. In this consummation we can see God (the Father, the Son, and the Spirit) and God's redeemed humanity. We can see Israel because the New Jerusalem bears the names of the twelve tribes representing saved Israel (Rev. 21:12). We can see the believers because the holy city bears the names of the twelve apostles representing all the New Testament believers (v. 14). **The New Jerusalem is the consummation of God and man. God has constituted Himself into our humanity, and our humanity also has been constructed into His divinity.** Now divinity and humanity are joined, united, mingled, and blended together.

Do we need to wait until the New Jerusalem comes before we blend? There is not such a thing. **The New Jerusalem comes into existence by the blending of God with His elect, His chosen people.** Even the Old Testament people such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, and all the prophets were blended together. They were not just individual saints. They were considered by God as a nation, a corporate entity, on this earth. This corporate entity was not only incorporated with men but also incorporated with God.

Then in the New Testament we also see a marvelous blending. The Lord Jesus blended all the seven churches in Asia together by sending them one aggregate epistle. Paul blended the churches in Colossae and Laodicea by writing one epistle to each of the two churches respectively and asking them to read the two epistles reciprocally (Col. 4:16). This indicates that in the eyes of Paul those two churches were one. They both should know the same thing.

Eventually, the coming out of the divine revelation is a city, the New Jerusalem. That is the consummation of God, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Peter, John, Paul, Darby, Watchman Nee, you, and me. **The New Jerusalem is the ultimate consummation of God's eternal economy...**

What is the significance of our **blending**? It is **not an organization of any nature**. The first stanza of Hymns, #541 says, "Not the law of letters, / But the Christ of life." Then stanza 4 says, "Not religion, even / Christianity, / Can fulfill God's purpose / Or economy." **Our blending has nothing to do with the dead letter, any religion, or anything of Christianity.** The **significance of our blending** is the **reality of the Body of Christ**. This reality is nothing but the group of God's redeemed who have all been made God, the God-men, by God. **They live a life not by themselves but by another life, which is within them.** This other life is the Triune God processed and consummated to enter into them and to take them as His abode, His dwelling place.

Rejecting Our Natural Life and Living by the Divine Life Within Us

Now that you realize this, what should you do? **Every day remember that you are a God-man.** You have God living in you, making His home in you. You and He, He and you, are mingled together as one. You should not live a life by your natural life, your natural man. You and I, the old man, the natural man, have been terminated on the cross, crucified by the Lord in His death (Gal. 2:20a). **We must leave our natural man on the cross.** This is what it means to bear the cross. By leaving your old man on the cross, you will be conformed to the death of Christ (Phil. 3:10).

The death of Christ means that when Christ lived on this earth, He was always rejecting Himself. He told us that He never did anything by Himself, but He did everything by the Father. He had a very holy, pure human life, but He did not live that life. He put that life aside, put that life to death, and lived by the Father's life. That was a model to us. **We should be the mass production of that model, the God-men who have both the human life uplifted in Christ's resurrection and the divine life.** Even our human life has been uplifted in Christ's resurrection, but we should not live by that, by ourselves...When you do not live by your natural life but live by the divine life within you, you are in resurrection. **The issue of this is the Body of Christ.** The reality of the divine life within us is the resurrection, which is the pneumatic Christ, the all-inclusive Spirit, and the processed and consummated Triune God (The Practical Points Concerning Blending, Msg. 3).

Announcements:

1. College Training via Zoom on July 21 to 25, 2021. Please refer to collegetraining.org for more details.
2. Summer School of Truth via Zoom on July 30 to August 8, 2021. Deadline of registration is today, July 11, 2021. Serving ones' meeting on July 25, 2021 at 3pm.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You Lord for the sweet flow of life. In this flow of life, we have a common participation of Your divine life. We share with one another the things we have seen and heard to testify concerning You.
2. Lord, always keep us in the fellowship of the apostles' teaching. Here we participate in all that You have accomplished. We put aside all our private interests and join You for carrying out Your eternal purpose.
3. Cause us to enter into the experience of the divine fellowship in its two aspects. Strengthen our fellowship with You so we can be brought into fellowship with others. Teach us how to have proper fellowship with one another.
4. Lord, give us a proper understanding of the local churches and the one unique universal church. May we see and realize that our fellowship is not only with one another but also among all the churches. May we all participate in the organic fellowship according to the divine life.
5. Lord, blend all the churches together as one. Teach us to stop our doing and learn to fellowship. We want to be in one accord locally, and in oneness universally.
6. Lord, have mercy on us. We want to see and participate in the reality of Body of Christ. Cause us to be body-conscious in one accord and body-centered in oneness. Bring all the saints into the blending life of Your body.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the Nordic-Baltic Conference on July 23 to 26, 2021.
2. Pray for the upcoming Western Canada Summer School of Truth—July 30 to August 8, 2021.

Church in Regina:

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021. Synchronized prayer for our contacts every day.
2. Strengthen and preserve our families. We thank You for being everything to us. Thank You for being the manna and the living water. Thank You for giving us Your Word that we may be those who live according to Your law. May we all continually muse upon Your Word that we may receive Your light and life.
3. Pray for Aitong Liu's immigration application. Select them in Your time that they may also come here, be saved, see the church and be Your testimony.
4. Pray for Sister Estela Miranda's recovery from shoulder rotator cuff surgery. Grant her a full recovery as soon as possible.
5. Pray for Bro. Dindo Ballao's health and continuing recovery. Preserve the whole family as they settle here in Regina for Your testimony.
6. Pray for Bro. George Chua's bypass surgery. Remember him, Lord. May his sickness be Your way to reveal Yourself to him. Grant him repentance and full recovery. Strengthen Sister Venus and their whole family during this time.