

CHURCH IN REGINA

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

HWMR Week 3—The Factor of the Church Being in the Triune God, the Local Churches Being Expressions of the Body of Christ, and the Believers Practicing the Church Life in the Consciousness of the Body

The Need to See the Body

We have seen that the **Lord's aspiration** is **for all His believers to be one** and that the Lord's pleasure is **to have a Body to express and serve Him**. This kind of concept is far beyond our natural human thought...

The Living in the Body—What God Desires Being the Body and Not Individuals

Now we must consider the matter of the living in the Body. On the one hand, the Body is **for the expression of Christ**; on the other hand, it is **for the corporate service to Christ**. For **expression**, its emphasis is on *life*, and **life requires a kind of living**. We have to see clearly that not only our service is a matter of the Body, but even **our living is a matter of the Body**. Practically speaking, however, we are not used to living a Body life. This matter depends on the degree of our understanding. Strictly speaking, according to the revelation of the New Testament, **a person who truly touches God's heart and is an overcomer in the eyes of God is one who is living in the Body and practicing the Body life**. He is not spiritual individually and is not overcoming individually. Rather, he understands clearly that he is a member in the Body.

No member can live apart from the Body, yet almost all of us live an abnormal life. We may think that as long as we do not love the world or lust after sin, we are all right. But in fact this is not enough. **The most important thing is whether or not we are living in the Body**. Is our loving of the Lord and being spiritual, sanctified, and overcoming something in ourselves or something in the Body? If it is in ourselves, it is not worth much. Humanly speaking, it is better to be spiritual than not to be spiritual, and it is better not to commit sin than to commit sin. But **from the view of God's eternal economy, unless we are in the Body, whether or not we are spiritual and whether or not we sin are not worth much**. God is not after a group of spiritual and sinless people. Rather, He is after a Body. **Only our being in the Body will have eternal value in the eyes of God**.

Living Corporately with the Members under the Head

To live in the Body is to live corporately with the members under the Head (Col. 1:18). To live the Body life, **first we must be under the Head** and take the Head as the life, the principal object, and the center (Eph. 4:15-16). Many people desire to be holy, spiritual, and overcoming. But these are their own desires. They are not under Christ the Head. Instead, they are their own head. This makes them unable to live the Body life. **To have the Body life, whatever we think or do has to be under the control of Christ the Head; we have to take Him as the center of our whole being**. Second, we have to **coordinate with all the members** to live a life that expresses the Head (Rom. 12:5). We have to **learn to live** in the Body and **submit** to the Head all the time, to *care for the feeling* of the Body, and to *live together with all the members*. We should not take our own spirituality, holiness, or victory as the center. This will make us particular and individualistic and will cause us to condemn others and make demands on them.

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:

October International

Training for Elders &

Responsible Ones

October 8-10, 2021

International Thanksgiving

Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

The Lord Jesus as a **grain of wheat** fell into the ground and died for the release of the divine life.

Neither should we try to keep some regulations and conform ourselves to others. Rather, we should [live in the Spirit](#) to express Christ in an organic and coordinated way.

Authority in the Body

In order to live in the Body, we also have to recognize the authority in the Body. In a body there is surely authority. Our human body is very orderly. In the same way [God has placed the members, each one of them, in the Body \(1 Cor. 12:18\) and has blended them together \(v. 24\)](#). Every member has his own place ordained by God, and everyone should be in order. This is a fact with which we have to come to terms. By doing so, we will neither overestimate ourselves nor despise others, and we will not have any complaints or feel mistreated. All the members are under the authority in the Body.

In the matter of the authority in the Body, first and foremost is the need for the **authority of the Head** flowing throughout the whole Body (Eph. 5:23-24). In addition, there is deputy authority. In the local churches there are the elders (1 Tim. 5:17a), and in the work there are the leading co-workers (1 Cor. 3:10a). All these are deputy authorities, carrying out the authority of the Head. Hence, in the Body of Christ there is also order in authority. On the one hand, all the members submit directly to the Head (Eph. 5:24a). On the other hand, they submit to the deputies of the Head (Heb. 13:17). When we feel that we are submitting directly to the Head, we must also care for the Body. **It is impossible for us to say that we are submitting to the authority of the Head without caring for the Body.** We have to take care of both aspects. We should **submit to Christ**, and we should also **submit to the church**. Only then is the submission proper. If we would submit only to Christ, without submitting to the Body, that kind of submission will cause problems. If no one cares for the Body, but everyone considers that he is submitting to the Head directly, division will result in the Body. **Only by our submitting to the Head on the one hand and to the Body on the other hand can the Head be pleased and the Body preserved.**

The Authority of the Spirit and the Body

Following this, we have to consider the authority of the Spirit and the Body. Second Corinthians 3:17 says that the Lord is the Spirit. Thus, we can see that the Spirit is Christ and is therefore the embodiment of the Head. Today He is living and moving in the members (Rom. 8:11, 13). Hence, if we are to live the Body life, we must submit to the Spirit and walk according to the Spirit. Otherwise, we are not living in the Body. [A person who lives in the Body must surely submit to the Spirit, for to submit to the Spirit is to accept the authority of the Head in the Body.](#)

The Members' Feeling for the Body

Since we are the members of the Body of Christ, we should have a feeling for the Body. First, we must take the *feeling of the Head* as our own feeling. In Philippians 1:8 Paul says, "I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus." This means that Paul took the inward parts of Christ Jesus as his own inward parts in caring for the church. This also means that he took care of the Body of Christ by taking Christ's feeling as his own feeling. Christ's feeling became his feeling for the Body. We all should be like Paul, taking the [feeling of the Head as our own feeling](#). This is most necessary for our living the Body life. Furthermore, we should not only take the feeling of the Head as our feeling but also do so in the principle of caring for the Body. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:25b-26 that "the members would have the same care for one another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it." In order for us to have the Body life, we must [care for our fellow members](#) and must be full of feeling for the Body.

If we as members have the feeling of the Head in everything and care for the Body, we will take the Body as the rule in our mind, thoughts, words, and actions. We should deny ourselves and should identify ourselves with the Body. By doing this, there will be no separation or disconnection from the Body. The life that we live will fully be the Body life, and the Lord will gain the expression of His Body.

(Excerpts from The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure, Chapter 3).

Announcements:

1. SST Open Meetings on August 8 at 6pm via Zoom.
2. Sisters' Meeting on August 8 at 2:30pm at Sister Cassy Zhang's place.
3. College Special Event on August 13 at 6:30pm.

Prayer Burdens:

1. We praise You for placing us in the Triune God, and even in the Father as the only Initiator and Originator. As those who share Your life, we also take Your purpose and plan as our own.
2. Lord, we declare that we are in Christ Jesus; everything negative has already been terminated. We are no longer in ourselves but in resurrection. We exercise our spirit to remain in You in a practical way day by day.
3. Thank You Lord for Your one, universal Body. In the midst of today's abnormal situation, we strongly affirm that Your Body is uniquely one. You are the Head and we are Your Body.
4. Lord remove any form of individualism in us. We are simply members of Your Body no matter where we are. Enlarge our view to see the universal church and its local expression.
5. Lord, we take Your feelings as our own. Teach us to care for Your Body in a genuine way. May we all have a proper consciousness and consideration for the Body.
6. Keep us all under one fellowship. We continue steadfastly in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles. Have mercy on us that we would see Your Body and participate in the unique fellowship with all the churches.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the Full time Training in Anaheim starting on August 8.
2. Pray for the Full time Training Extension in Boston starting on August 9.
3. Pray for the Full time Training in London starting on August 16.

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. Lord, we thank You for being the Angel of Jehovah, the One who was sent for us to be able to possess the good land. We declare that we are those who obey Your word today, that we can have the full enjoyment of You on earth.
3. Pray for our college students for this upcoming Fall Term. May they be channels of life and seeds of the gospel in their campuses—Brothers Vincent, Eric, Christian, Guytan and Sisters Priscilla, Gillian and Mika.
4. 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.
5. Pray for Sis. Estela Miranda's recovery from shoulder rotator cuff surgery. Grant her a full recovery as soon as possible.
6. Pray for Bro. Dindo Ballao's health and continuing recovery. Preserve the whole family as they settle here in Regina for Your testimony.
7. Pray for Bro. George Chua's recovery from 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.