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Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young People's Meeting Saturday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Children's Meeting Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Small Group Meeting Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference February 18-20, 2022

April ITERO April 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference May 27-30, 2022

July Semiannual TrainingJuly 4-9 2022

October ITERO October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training December 26-31, 2022

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Priests of God, Branches of Christ, And Slaves of The Lord

According to Revelation 1:5b-6 and Romans 15:16, all the believers are **God's priests**. Christ has died for us and redeemed us to God that we may be His priests. According to Old Testament typology, priests are persons who are professional. They do not do anything except serve God all day for their entire lives. Priests are the serving ones to offer offerings to God. The New Testament priests do not offer animal sacrifices but living persons to God. In Romans 15:16 Paul says, "That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit." Paul served God by ministering the gospel of God to the Gentiles to offer them to God for God's satisfaction.

The Lord also told us in John 15 that He is the vine and that all the believers are the branches of the vine. The branches of the vine tree are for the very expression, the very glorification, of the Triune God. To be a priest is to offer something to God for His satisfaction, but to be a branch of Christ, of the vine tree, is for the purpose of expressing God, of glorifying Him in what He is by bearing fruit.

Furthermore, the New Testament tells us that all the Lord's children are His servants and even His slaves. He is our Master, He has bought us, and we are His slaves, His servants. According to Matthew 25, the Lord has given us His talents (vv. 14-15). Talents signify spiritual gifts. In the parable of the talents in Matthew 25 the man who went into another country gave one of his slaves five talents, another two talents, and another one talent. The problem was with the last slave, who received only one talent (vv. 24-26).

We must be clear that all the believers are priests, offering people to God, branches of the organic Christ to express God for His glory, and the Lord's slaves to serve Him by making profit for His kingdom. The Lord told us that one day He will come back to settle accounts with us (v. 19). His settling accounts with us signifies His judgment at His judgment seat (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10) where the believers' life, conduct, and work will be judged for reward or punishment (1 Cor. 4:5; Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12; 1 Cor. 3:13-15). It would be good if there were a bumper sticker that said, "Christ will come to settle accounts with you." Are you ready to give Him an account? He is the believers' Master, and He has advised us to do business (Luke 19:13), to make profit, for Him. One day He will come to check with us about our account. How much is on the credit side and not on the debit side? This is something quite serious.

No one can make more profit than what the Lord gives. If you have received five talents, the most you can make is five. If you have received two talents, the most you can make is two. You cannot make more than the Lord gives you, but you have to make profit. Those who make profit will receive a reward to be the co-kings with Christ and to enjoy His joy in the coming kingdom (Matt. 25:21, 23). We have not enjoyed that kind of joy yet. We have had only a little taste.

We all have to rise up, but this does not mean that only the full-timers who give up their jobs are priests, branches, and slaves. All of us, even the smallest ones, are priests of God, branches of Christ, and slaves of the Lord. Therefore, we all have to rise up. When I ask you to rise up, I do not mean to rise up to be a missionary going to the mission field. We must come back to the pure Word, which tells us that we all are priests of God, branches of Christ, and slaves of the Lord. None of us can escape this fact. We have to rise up to do our duty; otherwise, we will be cut off, and we will suffer punishment.

~ Excerpts from The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move, Chapter 5

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, these days are the consummation of the age. Rekindle our love towards You. We want to move so You can move for the spreading of the truth in Your recovery. Strengthen us to rise up and take action.

- 2. By Your mercy and grace, make us those who serve You in the Body. Teach us to live by faith and serve in poverty. In any situation we're in, we want to know how to be abased and how to abound.
- 3. Lord we want to participate in the furtherance of the gospel. May we all function according to our measure. Keep the balance in the church life for here we have no excess, and here we have no lack.
- 4. Lord, we put everything at the "feet of the apostles" for Your disposal. Recover us in this matter. Bless us according to Your riches. Make us faithful in our giving and in our service.
- 5. Train us each week to give for the fellowship unto the gospel. Keep us faithful in our labour and bless us for the spreading of Your kingdom. You are our rich God who fills our every need according to your riches in glory.
- 6. Lord we need and seek Your leading regarding our offerings. We want to offer based on Your principles and not by regulation. Give us a heart to care for your workers who are labouring for propagation.

Europe/North America

1. Bible Distribution in Europe - 250,000 copies of the New Testament Recovery Version have been printed in five languages for distribution in Europe. Please pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for the 2022 church direction, especially our priestly service and our practical services. Grant each one of us a real searching of heart and a great resolution in heart.
- 2. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
- 3. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
- 4. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages.
- 5. Pray for Marlon and Mechelle Morco. We trust in Your sovereignty and pray that they will leave religion and see the reality of Christ and the church.

A Timely Speaking

How could you live Christ? You need to call upon Him by saying, "O Lord Jesus, I love You." Call on Him and say just this much to Him. Then right away He "jumps" within you, and this "jumping" Jesus becomes your faith. This "jumping" Jesus as the faith imparted into you links you with Him. Then you cannot help but live Him during the day. When you call on Him in this way, He becomes the faith imparted into you so that you spontaneously live Him by this faith.

~Excerpts from CS Study of the Epistle to the Romans, ch. 9

Local Announcements:

- 1. Love Feast on February 13.
- **2. Sisters' fellowship meeting** on February 13 at 2pm via Zoom.
- 3. International Chinese-Speaking Conference.

Msg 1 - Feb. 18, 7:30pm

Msg 2 - Feb. 19, 9:00am

Msg 3 - Feb. 19, 11:00am

Msg 4 - Feb. 19, 7:30pm

Msg 5 - Feb. 20, 2:00pm

4. **Church Pursuit** on February 22 at 4pm via Zoom.