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CHURCH IN REGINA

COL. 2:9 FOR IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY.

NEW LANGUAGE
IN CHRIST, ALL THINGS
WERE CREATED IN
HIM. THROUGH HIM.

AND UNTO HIM

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 Training July 4-9 2022

July 1 7 2022

October ITERO

October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training December 26-31, 2022

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A Wonderful Person in Three Stages

If we would know Christ in these three stages, we need to consider the whole Bible. The Old Testament contains many types and prophecies concerning Christ, the Messiah, the coming One. In the New Testament we have the fulfillment of the types and prophecies regarding Christ in the Old Testament. The whole New Testament is concerned with one person—Christ. The New Testament clearly reveals that as the fulfillment of the types and prophecies in the Old Testament, Christ is a wonderful person in three stages. As the wonderful One, He is deep, mysterious, and very complicated.

The First Stage - Incarnation - the Stage of Christ in the Flesh

As the record of the four Gospels indicates, this stage lasted only thirty-three and a half years. This was the time in which the Lord Jesus accomplished God's redemption judicially. The four Gospels reveal Christ in the flesh as the One who lived a human life on earth and who was then crucified, dying for our sins in order to redeem us back to God. Strictly speaking, this is a matter not of salvation but of judicial redemption.

God's judicial redemption includes the *forgiveness* of sins (Luke 24:47), the *purification* of sins (Heb. 1:3), *justification* (Rom. 3:24-25), *reconciliation* to God (5:10a), and *positional sanctification* (1 Cor. 1:2; Heb. 13:12). In a judicial sense, one who has been forgiven, washed, justified by God, reconciled to God, and sanctified unto God is a saved person.

This judicial redemption is not God's full salvation. Rather, **judicial redemption** is simply the initial part, the foundational part, of God's full salvation; it is the base upon which God's complete, organic salvation is built.

The Second Stage - Inclusion - the Stage of Christ as the Life-giving Spirit

John 20:22 says, "He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit." This word indicates that Christ was there with the disciples not only in a physical way but also as the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b), as the pneumatic Christ. If He had been present only physically and not as the Spirit, His disciples could not have received Him as the holy pneuma, the holy breath. If the Lord had not come to them as the Spirit, they could have touched His physical body of flesh and bones and they could have embraced Him, but they could not have received Him by breathing Him in. In John 20 the resurrected Christ exhaled, breathing Himself out, and the disciples inhaled, breathing Him in. This indicates strongly that in resurrection He has become the pneumatic Christ, the Christ who is the life-giving Spirit.

In resurrection Christ as the last Adam in the flesh **became the life-giving Spirit**. This life-giving Spirit is not simple, for this Spirit includes divinity, humanity, death, and resurrection. The Christ who appeared to the disciples in John 20 had four elements as four factors and four qualifications. He was God with the element of divinity, and He was a man with the elements of humanity, death, and resurrection.

The Third Stage—Intensification—the Stage of Christ as the Sevenfold Intensified Spirit

Shortly after the church was produced, it began to become degraded. This is clearly seen in Acts...Eventually, the church degraded to such an extent that the Lord could no longer tolerate it, and He reacted by intensifying Himself sevenfold to become the sevenfold intensified Spirit (Rev. 1:4; 5:6). He became intensified sevenfold to deal with the degradation of the church...We have pointed out that in His second stage, the stage of His being the compound, all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit, Christ has produced the churches, but not much of the Body was produced and built up in an actual and practical way. For this reason Christ has become the sevenfold intensified Spirit to overcome the degradation of the church that the overcomers may be produced to bring forth the Body.

~ Excerpts from Incarnation, Inclusion and Intensification, Chapter 2

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, give us a glorious beginning. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know You especially in Your full ministry. We consider ourselves simply as slaves to serve all people. Thank You for putting us in Your recovery to be slaves of Your children.

- 2. Lord, we want to know You not just in a common way but in a particular way. Thank You for accomplishing redemption in Your humanity, so we can gain more of You today by experiencing Your organic salvation in Your divinity.
- 3. Thank You, Lord for bringing the infinite God into the finite man. Through Your incarnation, You united and mingled Yourself with us. May we experience more of Your rich attributes through Your aromatic virtues.
- 4. Lord, bring us out of our flesh that we may enter into resurrection. We want to live by the divine life in resurrection, which is in the divine and mystical realm. Cause us to progress further from Your judicial redemption to our organic salvation.
- 5. Thank You, Lord for making us Your saved and redeemed people. You forgave us, purified us, justified us, reconciled us back to God, and sanctified us positionally. May Your work of incarnation continue today as we also bring the gospel to others.
- 6. Lord, cause our work to be of three stages: the stage of producing redeemed people, stage of producing the church, and the stage of producing overcomers. May all of us improve and advance for the sake of Your economy.

Europe/North America

1. May the Lord exercise His sovereign authority and His wisdom to preserve and build up His testimony in both Ukraine and in Russia.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
- 2. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
- 3. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages.
- 4. 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

The Full Ministry of Christ

The full ministry of Christ Is carried out in three stages For the fulfillment of God's eternal economy.

In the first stage of incarnation:
To bring God into man,
To express God in humanity,
And to accomplish His judicial redemption.

In the second stage of inclusion: To be begotten as God's firstborn Son, To become the life-giving Spirit, and To regenerate the believers for His Body.

In the third stage of intensification:
To intensify His organic salvation,
To produce the overcomers, and
To consummate the New Jerusalem.

Announcements:

- **1. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting** on February 27 at 6pm via Zoom.
- 2. Love feast on March 13.
- 3. Sisters' Fellowship Meeting on March 13 at 2pm via Zoom.
- **4. ITERO** will be on April 1 to 3. The deadline for registration is March 18. The cost is \$50 USD.