

CHURCH IN REGINA

1 JOHN 2:20 AND YOU HAVE AN ANOINTING FROM THE HOLY ONE, AND ALL OF YOU KNOW.



Living In and With the Divine Trinity - Week 2

The Relationship Between the Anointing and the Purpose of Salvation

The **anointing** and the **purpose of God's salvation** are closely related. The central purpose of God's salvation is to work Himself into human beings and be mingled with them as one. Likewise, the function of the anointing is to anoint God into us so that we may be mingled with God as one. Therefore, **practically speaking**, the purpose of God's salvation is achieved through the anointing. If there is no anointing, the purpose of God's salvation can never be fulfilled. The anointing is thus a significant factor in the entire salvation of God. In order that we may be clearer concerning the relationship of the anointing to the purpose of God's salvation, we will study **three steps of God's work**..

His **first step** was that of the **Word becoming flesh**. The Word was God (John 1:1),...[and] the Word became flesh means that God became man and mingled Himself with man (v. 14). The incarnated Jesus of Nazareth is the first and master product in this universe of God being mingled with man, as well as the first accomplishment of God's purpose of salvation...

The **second step**...was the **death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus**. The Lord's death released Him from the flesh, and His resurrection transferred Him into the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus made it possible for Him to have another form, namely, the Holy Spirit...As the Father expressed Himself in the Son through the incarnation, so the Son expressed Himself as the Spirit through death and resurrection...This is the Triune God who mingles Himself with man through His salvation.

The **third step**...was the **entering of the Holy Spirit into man**. When the Holy Spirit enters into man, the Son enters into him, and the Father also enters into him. Therefore, the Holy Spirit entering into man is the same as the Triune God entering into man...**When the Triune God came into us in the Holy Spirit, He became mingled with us**. Thus, the purpose of His salvation—the mingling of God and man—is accomplished in us in a practical way. However, the work of God to mingle Himself with man is **not an instantaneous process**. Since we were regenerated and the Holy Spirit entered into us, **this mingling has been going on continuously**.

How does the Holy Spirit work this mingling into us? He does it by anointing us as the ointment. We have said that the moving of the Holy Spirit is the anointing. **He is not motionless within us but is ever moving and active**. This movement and action is a kind of anointing, which anoints more and more of God into us. Hence, **the more the Holy Spirit anoints us, the more God can mingle with us, and the more He can fulfill His purpose of salvation upon us**...

Many brothers and sisters **merely understand the teaching aspect** of the teaching of the anointing. They think that the purpose of the anointing is to teach us to know what God desires us to do or not to do. If we obey such a teaching, we have peace within; if we do not obey, we do not have peace within. This kind of understanding, however, is **not sufficient**. For example, when Moses applied the ointment to the tent and its utensils, was he thereby instructing them what to do or what not to do? Absolutely not. His intention was not for them to know what to do or what not to do, and even less did he intend for them to experience a peace regarding what was done. His purpose in applying the ointment was that they would wholly belong to God and be sanctified. Therefore, **the experience of the anointing in our spiritual life has more to do with the anointing itself than with the teaching**. **The main purpose of the anointing is that God Himself may be applied to us**. The teaching that comes with it is secondary.

Even in 1 John 2:27, where the teaching of the anointing is mentioned, no emphasis is placed on the matter of our having peace, but it states, "Even as it has taught you, abide in Him." Here, the abiding in Him is the mingling with the Lord and the union with Him as one. **Therefore, the emphasis of the Bible is on the matter of mingling**. I trust that we will change our former concept. (*Excerpts from The Experience of Life, Chapter 7*)

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

October ITERO

October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference

November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 26-31, 2022

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, You are the true Vine and we are Your branches. Teach us to practically live in You by abiding in You, and live with You by You abiding in us. We take You as our dwelling place, our home.
2. Lord You are the center of everything that the Father is and has. Thank You for coming to us as the Spirit that we may have this reality. All that You are is now wrought into us, Your Body, the church.
3. Apart from You, we are nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing. We are simply branches abiding in You as the Vine – living in You, expressing You, and receiving You in Your divine dispensing.
4. Lord, grant us a clear vision that we are branches in a vine. Let there be nothing between us that would separate us from Your rich supply. Maintain our constant fellowship with You.
5. Keep us abiding in You that we may experience the Divine Trinity in our daily living. Thank You for we are not orphans but sons participating in our Father's life. Thank You for Your life that enables us to believe in Christ and love the brothers.
6. Lord, teach us to live according to the teaching of the anointing. We come under the Head and live in the Body. We allow You to be the Lord in an absolute way and we allow the cross to deal with us in a thorough way.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the Church in Saskatoon. Strengthen the brothers to rise up and keep going on. Bring more saints through migration and encourage them to continue abiding in the true Vine.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a **lot property and meeting hall**. We pray for the Lord's leading in our viewing of two possible properties for purchase.
2. Pray for a **regular bible distribution** and the **continual preaching of 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.
5. Pray for **three new ones** who have been regularly attending the Young People's Meeting - **Jinger, Hao, and Luka**. We pray that they will continue to attend. Keep their hearts soft and spirits open. We pray that their families will also see the change in them and see Christ and the church.

A Timely Speaking

The believers in Christ, who have been called and justified by God, were **predestinated to be conformed** to the image of the first God-man, Jesus Christ (8:29-30). They become the many God-men as the many brothers (the mass reproduction) of the first God-man (the prototype).

Thus, Jesus Christ as the **only begotten Son of God** (John 1:18) becomes the **firstborn Son of God** (Rom. 8:29-30). **Without us He cannot be the Firstborn**. For someone to be the firstborn, he needs "twins." If he is the only son, he is not the firstborn. He is the only begotten. For Christ, the first God-man, to be the firstborn Son of God, He needs us, the "twins," to be conformed to His image.

- Excerpts from The Practical Way to Live a Life according to the High Peak of the Divine Revelation in the Holy Scriptures, Chapter 5

Announcements:

1. **Brothers' Pursuit Meeting** on March 27.
2. **YP Conference** on April 8 to 10.
3. **Viewing of Two Possible Properties for our Meeting Hall** (scheduled this week).