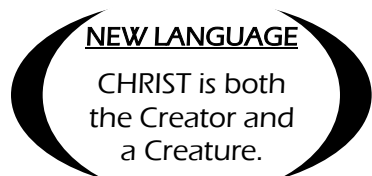


CHURCH IN REGINA

GAL. 5:16 BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT AND YOU SHALL BY NO MEANS FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.



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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Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel—Week 5

It is very difficult to define adequately what the flesh is. In this message I would like to set forth a particular **definition of the flesh**: the flesh denotes **anything that does not work by grace**. **Grace is the Triune God becoming everything to us and doing everything for us**. The New Testament reveals that grace **does not refer to material blessings**. According to the New Testament, **grace is God Himself** not only being our enjoyment, but also doing everything for us. Whatever we do is of the flesh, but whatever God does for us is grace. If I speak in myself without depending on God, my speaking is of the flesh, even if the subject is the Bible or spiritual doctrine. This indicates that even in speaking about spiritual things or scriptural things, we may be of the flesh. Whatever we do, good or evil, apart from grace is the flesh. For example, if a brother loves his wife by the self rather than by grace, his love is of the flesh.

In a sense the so-called **good flesh** is **more hateful** to God than the evil flesh. In 1 Samuel 15 we see that God hated the good aspects of Amalek. Therefore, whatever we do without depending on God and trusting in Him is of the flesh, no matter how good that thing may be. Anything that is not done by God is of the flesh. If I visit you in myself and not by God, that is of the flesh. If I pray for others without depending on God, but instead pray in the self, that prayer is of the flesh. Do not think that the flesh refers only to evil matters or to lust. It is obvious that such things are of the flesh. The flesh also includes good things. Notice the words "best" and "choice" in 1 Samuel 15. Saul spared the best cattle and the choice spoil. Related to the flesh are things which are the "best" and which are "choice." Therefore, we say once again that **whatever we do without the Spirit, without depending on God and trusting Him, no matter how good it may seem, is of the flesh...**

Man's flesh is versus God's grace. This means that whatever man does apart from God Himself is a frustration to God's purpose. This is a serious matter. We must admit that we still do many things through the exercise of our flesh. Some, however, may deny that they exercise the flesh. Yet they do not depend on the Lord either. **As long as we fail to rely on the Lord, we are in the flesh and are exercising the flesh**. Simply by not trusting in the Lord, we are spontaneously living in the flesh...

It is crucial for us to see what the flesh is and how the flesh is versus grace and God's kingship. If we are careless in dealing with the flesh, we, like Saul, shall lose our kingship. Then we shall spontaneously join ourselves to the power of darkness. Apparently we are God's people, but actually we shall be worshipping the idol of vanity. How serious this is! Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as the idol of vanity. May the Lord have mercy on us that we **learn what the flesh is** and how to **deal with it utterly**.

Many of today's Christians spare the best aspects of the flesh and offer them to God. Believers are even encouraged to offer the best of the natural life to God. In presenting such offerings, God's redeemed people do not reject the flesh and they do not depend on God. On the contrary, among many Christians today, the activities of the flesh are encouraged...Under the light of God's Word, we must learn that in serving God we need to be in fear and trembling lest we fail to trust in God or to depend on His grace. We should be fearful of doing even the best things in ourselves or according to our own will. We need to **trust in the Lord and depend on His grace**. (Excerpts from LS of Exodus, chapter 48).

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, make us fitting vessels. Cause us to be those who absolutely reject the flesh, even including what is good and honourable in man's sight. May we learn the lesson of utterly destroy everything that is despised and worthless in Your eyes.
2. Thank You, Lord, that by Your mercy and grace we in the recovery can deal with the flesh. Though the flesh remains a problem, we dare not let our flesh be unrestrained. Lord, deliver us from the body of this death.
3. Lord, deal with any rebellion in us. We do not want to be against You or Your throne. We pray that in our practical Christian experience, the flesh is put to death, the world cannot hold us, sin cannot operate in us, and Satan is powerless to work upon us.
4. Thank You, Lord, for showing us how to fight against Amalek. Praise You as the interceding Christ in the heavens and as the Spirit in our spirit. We cooperate with You by praying with a fighting Spirit to respond to Your prayers.
5. Lord, cause us to destroy even the good aspects of our flesh and our natural life. May we never treasure any good aspects of our flesh but utterly destroy them. Lord, we don't want to act on our own will. We just want to take You as our King and Head.
6. Lord, we stand with You and not make any excuses for our flesh. May we all follow Your word to utterly destroy the flesh, have the kingship and be in Your kingdom.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. The International Memorial Day Blending Conference will take place in Anaheim on May 27 to 30. Pray for the release of the Lord's present speaking to His recovery and for the blending of the entire recovery in that speaking.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a **lot property and meeting hall**. We pray for the Lord's leading in our seeking of our mortgage approval from the Banks.
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 **Bro. Jayden** and **Sis. Kate Wang**. Pray for them to be have a spiritual hunger, be nourished spiritually and be captured by the Lord to enter in the enjoyment of the church life.

A Timely Speaking

...[T]he New Jerusalem's transformed and built up **wall** functions in four main ways.

> First, it **sanctifies** all the things belonging to God. God would not let any of His things be mixed up with the things that are not of Him, so there is the need of separation.

> Second, the wall **protects**. In ancient times the cities had walls around them for protection. The wall of the holy city protects the interest of the riches of God's divinity and the attainments of Christ's consummation.

> The third function of the wall is to **express** God. God's appearance is like jasper, and the light of the New Jerusalem is like jasper, so the whole city will express God...The base of gold is something within, but the wall can be seen. This wall is in the color of the stone that signifies God, that is, jasper. Revelation 21:11 reveals that the city's glory is like the glory of jasper. That is God's appearance. Today the function of the Body of Christ, which consummates in the New Jerusalem, is to express Christ.

> The fourth function of the wall with its foundations is to **guarantee** **God's unfailing faithfulness** for eternal security. The New Jerusalem standing upon the twelve layers of its foundations in the colors of the rainbow guarantees God's faithfulness.

(Excerpts from The Application of the Interpretation of the New Jerusalem to the Seeking Believers, Chapter 3)

Announcements:

1. **Brothers' Meeting** on May 29 at 6pm through Zoom.

2. **Memorial Day Conference** on June 3 to 6 through Zoom.

- > Msg 1 - June 3 at 7pm
- > Msg 2 - June 4 at 10am
- > Msg 3 - June 4 at 7pm
- > Msg 4 - June 5 at 2pm
- > Msg 5 - June 5 at 7pm
- > Msg 6 - June 6 at 7pm

3. **College Training Registration Deadline** on June 1.