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# CHURCH IN REGINA

GAL. 5:24 BUT THEY WHO ARE OF CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND ITS LUSTS

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel—Week 6

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST died as a Serpent in form.

# **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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## Frustrations to the Fellowship of Life

We believe that the blood of the Lord Jesus has saved us. There is absolutely no question as far as our life is concerned; we are saved and are eternally forgiven. This part does not pose any problem to us.

But another matter may pose a problem. After we have believed in the Lord and are saved, our fellowship with God and with other children of God can be interrupted if we offend Him. What does it mean for our fellowship to be interrupted? Suppose a little girl goes to the kitchen secretly and steals the food her mother has prepared, or some fruit from the cabinet, or other things. Suppose she eats all the food while her mother is away. She may close the door of the kitchen properly, clean her face, and wipe the table, but a transgression has been committed! Before this she was very intimate with her mother every night. But on this night, she may not be as intimate as before because she has stolen something. When her mother calls her from upstairs, her heart may start bounding downstairs. She may think that her mother is going to spank her. Her mother may even offer her some food, but she will not have any taste for it. She will be in constant fear that her mother knows what she has done. She may try to hide herself from her mother. In this we see that the child's fellowship with her mother has been interrupted. After she steals the food, she does not cease to be her mother's daughter, she is still a daughter, but her fellowship with her mother has been interrupted. After you have sinned, you do not cease to be a child of God. You are still God's child, but your fellowship with Him has been interrupted. Sin cuts off fellowship immediately. You no longer have a conscience that is void of offense. You must have a pure conscience before you can enjoy a continuous fellowship with God. If your conscience is offended, you have no way to fellowship with God.

#### How to Restore Our Fellowship with God

A child of God does not lose his **status** as a child after he has sinned. However, he may lose his **fellowship** with God through his sin. There is a forgiveness, however, which we call forgiveness in fellowship. We call it forgiveness in fellowship because only when one turns back to God and confesses his sins can his fellowship with God be restored. Otherwise, he has no way to fellowship with God. He may not even be able to pray to God or say amen when others pray. He will suffer very much within himself.

What should one do? Take the earlier example of the little girl who stole from her mother. She must go to her mother and say, "I have stolen the biscuits you have prepared. I have eaten the fruit you placed on the table. I should not have done this." She has to stand on the ground of her mother and acknowledge her sin as sin. She must give sin the proper name. She must say, "Please forgive my sins!" In the same way, we must come to God and say, "I have sinned. I have sinned against You in this matter. Please forgive me!" If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Such a forgiveness has nothing to do with eternal forgiveness. It has to do with our fellowship with God. This is why we call it forgiveness in fellowship.

(Excerpts from Messages for Building Up New Believers, Vol. 3, chapter 40)

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# **Prayer Burdens:**

1. Lord, we only put our trust and our confidence in You. Arrange all our circumstances and environment according to Your sovereignty to prepare us for whatever You need.

- 2. Uplift our view of the church as Your kingdom where we are crucified with You and are living under Your divine, ordained order. Save us from any rebellion and fighting. Subdue our flesh so we can be men according to Your heart.
- 3. Strengthen us to bear the cross by the power of Your resurrection. We want to know and submit to Your authority. Have a way to deal with us that You may have a way to go on.
- 4. Lord, it is not what we want that matters but what You want. Teach us to stop ourselves from doing anything for You. Remind us that it is You who will initiate, and increase our willingness and cooperation with You.
- 5. Deliver us from the lust of our flesh. You are loving and merciful, but also just and fearsome. Make us people according to Your heart to give You the way to bring in the kingdom.
- 6. Lord, we want to have a proper relationship with You. Cause us to remain in You and participate in all Your riches. Have mercy on us so we would never be vomited out of the land. Thank You for calling us to bless others.

# **Europe/North America/Other Burdens**

- 1. Conflict in Ukraine
  - > Pray for the newly saved refugees. Please pray that they will be shepherded into the church life and become living members in the Body.
  - > Pray for the Ukrainian families who have been separated. Pray that they will eventually be reunited for God's economy.

# 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

Eating the tree of life, that is, enjoying Christ as our life supply, should be the primary matter in the church life.

The two trees in Genesis 2:9—the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—represent two principles—the principle of life and the principle of right and wrong.

The Lord's recovery is a recovery of loving the Lord Jesus with the first love, the best love, and of eating the Lord Jesus as the tree of life for the building up of the organic Body of Christ, which is the building up of the New Jerusalem as the goal of God's eternal economy.

As a reproduction of Christ as the tree of life, we, the believers in Christ and children of God, not only have eternal life and may experience eternal life, but we also can minister this life to other members of the Body of Christ.

(Key Statements for the 2022 Memorial Day Conference)

## Announcements:

- **1. Memorial Day Conference** on June 3 to 6 through Zoom.
- > Msq 4 June 5 at 2pm
- > Msg 5 June 5 at 7pm
- > Msg 6 June 6 at 7pm
- **2. Home Meeting** at Sis. Estela Miranda's residence on June 11 at 4pm.
- 3. Love Feast on June 12.
- 4. Sisters' Meeting on June 12 at 2:30pm.
- **5. Gospel Preaching** at University of Regina on June 24.