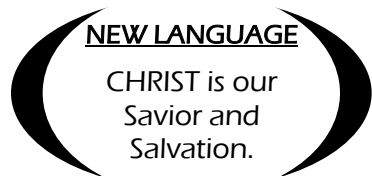


CHURCH IN REGINA

HEB. 2:11...FOR WHICH CAUSE HE IS NOT
ASHAMED TO CALL THEM BROTHERS.



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 8

The Diamond in the Box

If we read the Bible without paying attention to this crucial point, then, in a very real sense, the Bible is to us an empty book. This means that although the Bible is real in itself, in our understanding of it the Bible is empty. As an illustration, let us suppose that a certain box, which is quite attractive, contains a large diamond. A child may be interested in the box but not in the diamond. An adult, however, would focus his attention on the diamond contained in the box. Today, many Christians care for the Bible as the "box," but they have not seen and do not appreciate the "diamond" which is the content of this box, and they may even condemn those who have a proper appreciation of the "diamond" in the "box." The "diamond" in the "box" of the Bible is the **revelation that in Christ God has become man in order that man might become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.**

The Son of David Being Designated the Son of God

The Bible reveals a wonderful, marvelous person—Jesus Christ, the God-man. This One is **both** the **Son of God** and the **Son of man**. On one occasion when the Pharisees were gathered together, the Lord Jesus questioned them, saying, "What do you think concerning the Christ? Whose son is He?" (Matt. 22:41-42a). When they said to him "David's," He went on to say to them, "How then does David in spirit call Him Lord..? If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?" (vv. 43, 45). The Pharisees could not understand this, and they were not able to answer Him. Here the Lord Jesus was indicating that He, the son of David, was the Son of God—the very matter revealed in 2 Samuel 7:12-14a.

What is revealed in 2 Samuel 7 is expounded by Paul in Romans 1:3-4, where he tells us that Christ, a descendant of David, has been designated the Son of God. These verses say, "Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh, who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord." Christ is a descendant of David, yet He has been designated to be the Son of God. **This is the mystery** of God becoming man to make man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. The two, God and man, are thus built together, constituted into each other. **In Christ God has been constituted into man, man has been constituted into God, and God and man have been mingled together to be one entity, which is called the God-man.**

God Building Himself in Christ into Man

In these messages on 2 Samuel 7, we have emphasized the matter of God's building Himself in Christ into man. God is building Himself not in Himself but in man, and not only in man but also into man. This building is God's constituting of Himself in Christ into man.

God in Christ is constituting Himself into man, making Himself the element of man. Thus, **we human beings are constituted with a divine element.** This means that a divine element is built into our human element, and the two elements are mingled with each other. Not only is God's divine element constituted into us—the human element is constituted into God. As the divine element is constituted into our humanity, we become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. As the human element is constituted into God, God becomes man. This is the building revealed in the New Testament (Excerpts from LS of 1 & 2 Samuel, ch. 31).

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, we cannot exhaust Your person. You are both divine and human. You are God Himself, the divine One, becoming the seed of David. Make known to us, by our spirit, through Your revelation, Your entire person.
2. Lord, You are the Root and the Offspring of David. Not only were You born as the Son of Man, but in resurrection, You became the Firstborn Son of God, making us Your many brothers in resurrection.
3. Thank You, Lord for passing through incarnation, death, and resurrection. You came to uplift humanity and bring in divinity. Thank You for raising us up to be begotten of God together with You in resurrection. Continue to conform us to Your image.
4. Lord, cause us to know You and to know the power of Your resurrection. Through Your resurrection, You brought us into God and put divinity into humanity that we may participate in the divine sonship.
5. Have mercy on us that we would choose to live according to our spirit. In the flesh, we cannot be designated sons of God, but according to the Spirit of holiness, we became Your mass production.
6. Lord, keep saturating our entire being. Mingle Yourself more into us day by day until we become more like You in life and nature – possessing both humanity and divinity.

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**.
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 **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.
5. Pray for our **college students** who are going to join the College Training in July. Enlarge their vision, capture them completely, prepare their tripartite being to know You, love You and serve You.

A Timely Speaking

We all need to have a clear view of the central revelation of God. The **central revelation of God** is God becoming flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming intensified sevenfold to build up the church to issue in the Body of Christ and to consummate the New Jerusalem. **We need to see that the Triune God became flesh, that the flesh became the life-giving Spirit, and that the life-giving Spirit became the sevenfold intensified Spirit.** This Spirit is to build up the church, which becomes the Body of Christ consummating the New Jerusalem as the final goal of God's economy.

(Excerpts from The Divine and Mystical Realm, ch. 1)

Announcements:

1. **Gospel Preaching** at University of Regina on June 24 at 6pm.
2. **Brothers' Pursuit Meeting** on June 26 at 6pm.
3. **Church Pursuit** on July 1 at 4pm.