

CHURCH IN REGINA

TITUS 3:4-5 ...THE KINDNESS AND THE LOVE TO MAN OF OUR SAVIOR GOD APPEARED...

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel—Week 10

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST is
THE power and
THE wisdom.

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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The Riches of God's Grace in Kindness

Ephesians 2:7 also says that the riches of God's grace are displayed "*in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*" This verse does not say that the riches of God's grace are His kindness toward us. It says that **the riches of God's grace are given to us in His kindness.** Suppose that a brother who has fallen into desolation comes to see me. Although we are from the same hometown and our families have been friends for generations, I may not like him very much, knowing long ago that he would go astray. Nevertheless, as I consider his condition, I am moved with compassion to treat him generously and be kind to him. Thus, instead of reproaching and condemning him, I treat him leniently and graciously. This is the grace that I give him, and **this grace is given in my kindness** toward him.

We were once those who opposed God and walked according to the age of this world, according to Satan as the ruler of the authority of the air. Moreover, we also once conducted ourselves in the lusts of the flesh and were children of wrath before God. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, was **full of kindness toward us.** Although God is a strict and majestic God, He did not abandon us but rather had mercy on us. His mercy and His love **caused Him to be kind** toward us, that is, to be lenient, good, and benevolent to us. God's kindness toward us is according to His love and because of His mercy. In this kindness He gives us the riches of His grace.

Here we see **mercy, love, grace,** and **kindness.** God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, saved us so that **the riches of His grace would be displayed.** Furthermore, the riches of God's grace are displayed in His kindness. God's heart is love, but we were dead in our offenses and sins. Therefore, in His mercy He came down to us, even entering into us one day to be received by us as our enjoyment. This is grace being given and reaching us, and **it is in His kindness that He reaches and gives Himself as grace to us.**

God is a God of love, but the object of His love must be honorable in order to match and be worthy of His love. However, we, the object of God's love, **fell into a desolate and corrupt condition that made it impossible for God's love to come down to reach us.** Nevertheless, God, being rich in mercy, could reach us who had fallen to the lowest place and care for us as the most unlovable people... **Thus, in applying His love to man, God must exercise His mercy.** Actually, God so loved us and had such mercy on us that **He gave Himself to us.**

In eternity past God determined that He would give Himself to us to be our life and our enjoyment so that we would receive Him as our everything. This is the unique and greatest grace that God has given us. In the entire universe, apart from this grace, everything else is vanity and will pass away. Only this great grace is a priceless treasure.

However, when He was about to give us this grace, we had already fallen into a pitiful and desolate condition. If He had dealt with us according to His majesty, we would have been utterly consumed, but because of His great love with which He loved us, **He in His mercy showed kindness toward us. This kindness is not strict but full of forbearance.** Romans 2:4 links kindness and forbearance together; thus, kindness is goodness and leniency. God's love and mercy cause Him to deal with us in kindness and forbearance and give His grace to us in His kindness. Ephesians 2:7 shows also that this kindness is in Christ Jesus. Thus, everything that God gives us is not outside of Christ but in Christ.

(Excerpts from CWWL, 1953, Vol 2)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You, Lord for showing us Your kindness. You came not to condemn us but to receive us. Even though we had no ground to receive grace, You still love us and came for us.
2. Lord, a life without You can never satisfy us – it can never fill our hunger nor quench our thirst. Save us from Lo-debar. Thank You for seeking us and calling us by name.
3. Lord, cause us to know Your love for us that we would stop looking at ourselves and look at the cross. May we all know Your heart towards us.
4. Lord, we come to You just as we are. We do not want to look at our crippled feet, but we want to look at You. Keep us enjoying You at Your table with all Your unsearchable riches.
5. Lord, thank You for Your kindness that led us to repentance. It is by Your mercy that we receive grace. Thank You for bridging the wide gap between us, reaching us with mercy, love and kindness.
6. Thank You, Lord for displaying kindness to us. May we also be tenderhearted towards others, having the same heart for them as Your heart for each one of us.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich.
2. Pray for the July Semiannual Training on July 4-9, 2022. Speak afresh to the whole recovery.

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. Praise You, Lord for **Bro. Jayden and Sis. Kate Wang's baptism**. Continue to capture them with Your mercy, love and kindness. Shepherd them fully 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

The divine and mystical realm is the realm of the pneumatic Christ and the consummated spirit. God wanted us to be in Him. If He were merely the Triune God without Christ's humanity, death, and resurrection, and we could enter into Him, we would find the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, but nothing of humanity, death, and resurrection. However, when we enter into the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit and the pneumatic Christ, we have not only divinity but also the humanity of Christ, the death of Christ with its effectiveness, and the resurrection of Christ with its repelling power. Everything is here in this wonderful realm.

(Excerpts from The Divine and Mystical Realm, ch. 3)

Announcements:

1. **Video Training** on July 4 to 16. The schedule is sent by email.
2. **Love feast** on July 17
3. **Sisters' Meeting** on July 17
4. **College Training** on July 20 to 24.
5. **Church Camping and Family Day** and July 30 to August 1.