CHURCH IN REGINA

EPH. 3:2 IF INDEED YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU.



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

December 26-31, 2022

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The Grace of God in the Economy of God—Week 3

May the Lord be merciful to us. Where are we? What is grace to us? To the apostle Paul, all things were like refuse, and grace was God in Christ. It was by grace, the Lord whom he experienced, that he labored for the Lord more abundantly than all the apostles. Like Paul, we should take the processed and consummated Triune God as grace in our living and work today. Our total living should be like this, not just doing some proper things or good things. In such a total living, it is altogether not a matter of being right or wrong or of doing good or evil; it is altogether in the sphere of the processed Triune God. In such a living we take only life as the principle. Whatever is of life, that is what God wants; whatever is not of life, that is what God rejects. This life is the rich grace with God the Father as the substance, God the Son as the element, and God the Spirit as the essence; this life is God coming to be our grace. This is the living that we should have. (Excerpts from The Law and Grace of God in His Economy, CWWL, 1991-1992, vol. 2)

The Stewardship of Grace

The Greek word for economy, oikonomia, is translated as "stewardship" in Ephesians 3:2... A stewardship is an economy because a stewardship is an arrangement to carry out an administration...A stewardship is a service. It is not a common service but **a particular service**. The stewardship is God's divine arrangement to carry out His New Testament administration. We may also say that the stewardship of grace is the economy of grace to carry out God's New Testament economy. God's New Testament economy is His plan, and the stewardship is a service arranged by God to carry out His administration, that is, to carry out His eternal economy...

We need to be brought into a high realization of our Christian meeting. Our meeting today is a stewardship, a service, to carry out God's economy. We carry out our stewardship by meeting...Whenever we meet, we serve. Whenever we meet, we are taking care of our stewardship to carry out God's New Testament economy. This means that **our meeting dispenses all the riches of Christ** into the attendants, who are God's chosen people.

Our meeting must come up to this standard. Because I have seen a vision of all these things, I cannot go along with fallen Christianity. I must point out the degradation of today's Christianity so that we can be brought out of it. We must admit that in the Lord's recovery there are still things that belong to this degradation. At present nearly all the churches are below the standard. Thus, we must endeavor to build up a meeting that dispenses the riches of Christ to all the attendants. Then our meeting will be uplifted to the standard of the genuine stewardship to carry out God's economy. The Lord has not recovered this meeting life to such a standard in the nearly two thousand years of church history. We do not want to continue to disappoint Him. We must endeavor to build up the meeting life until every meeting is the stewardship of God's economy to dispense all the riches of Christ into His chosen people. One day He will fully recover this matter, and this will be a real glory to the Triune God. Each of us has received the stewardship of grace, and in our localities we must accomplish our stewardship. The economy of God has become our stewardship, and our stewardship is to carry out God's economy in a corporate way by meeting. We must count on the meetings for the carrying out of our stewardship (Excerpts from The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, CWWL, 1987, vol. 3).

Prayer Burdens:

- 1. Lord, we want to have a total living of experiencing You, the processed Triune God as grace. Thank You for the compound Spirit, moving within us daily as the anointing that we may enjoy grace.
- Lord, thank You that we have received grace as our base and that we are standing upon grace. We
 do not stand upon our attributes, virtues, or excellencies. Thank You for qualifying us by grace to
 receive grace upon grace.
- 3. Lord, cause us to live a kind of living that only takes life as the principle. Save us from doing just what is right. Be merciful to us and bless us that we may live such a life so that eventually we can experience the consummation of the grace of God.
- 4. Lord, build us up in a proper way. May we exercise to speak words of grace and may no corrupt word proceed out of our mouth. May our speaking be words that build up others and always minister grace to the hearers.
- 5. Lord, increase our enjoyment so that we can exercise our stewardship of grace. May each one be infused to such an extent that we can also infuse Christ into others for the accomplishment of Your economy.
- 6. Grant us all to see Christ as the mystery of God and the church as the mystery of Christ. May our ministry be a ministry that not only saves sinners but ultimately for the fulfillment of Your eternal purpose.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

- 1. Please pray for Bro. Benson Phillips who is in intensive care. We pray that Your interest be fulfilled for Christ and the church even in this critical situation. Sustain their family to continually praise You for all Your sovereignty.
- 2. Please pray that the Lord will use the shepherding gospel trips in key cities in Europe to bring the chosen ones among the Ukrainian refugees to believe into Christ and enter into the church life.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel.
- 2. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages.

A Timely Speaking

Three Crucial Items:

1. God Himself should be our unique goal, our unique aim. Apart from Him we should not have any other goal. We should not seek anything other than God. Our goal is the Triune God processed, completed, and consummated to be our full enjoyment.

2. We all need to **respect God's completed work**, the work that God has accomplished for our interest and for our rest. God's work has been accomplished, and it has been accomplished for our rest.

3. Based upon the fact of having God as our unique goal and regarding His completed work, we **obey God**. To obey God simply means to go along with God. To obey God is to agree with all that He is and with all that He has accomplished. When we obey God, we agree with God and with His work. We also agree with the result of God's work, which is His enlargement. When we agree with God and go along with Him, we spontaneously obey Him, and by obeying Him we receive His rich blessing (LS of Leviticus, ch. 64).

Announcements:

1. Love Feast on August 14.

2. **Sisters' Meeting** on August 14 at 2:30pm through Zoom.

3. YP and College students' **blending/ churching** with Church in Saskatoon on August 20.

4. Children's Bible Camp on August 25-27 (with Church in Winnipeg).

5. Brothers' Meeting on August 28 at 6:30pm through Zoom.