

CHURCH IN REGINA

2 PET. 1:2 GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND OF JESUS OUR LORD.

NEW LANGUAGE

Christ is the
Firstborn Son of
God.

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 Grace of God in the Economy of God—Week 4

Peter speaks concerning the grace of God in five aspects.

The Grace That Multiplies

Peter speaks of the grace that multiplies in the believers' daily life in the full knowledge of God and of Jesus their Lord (1:2; 2 Pet. 1:2). In the full knowledge of God and the Lord, the onefold grace multiplies again and again. **When a believer becomes mature in the divine life, he will enjoy a multiplication manyfold.** Grace is unlimited just as God is unlimited. When we were regenerated, we received God into us, but we had only a small amount of God. Gradually, as God increases within us through the years, we will be weighty with the measure of God. This is because God as grace will be increased in us.

The Grace of Life

Peter also speaks of the grace of life that is the inheritance of all the believers, whether strong or weak (1 Pet. 3:7). Peter teaches the believing brothers to love and to sympathize with their wives because the wives as the weaker vessels are fellow heirs of the grace of life. The wives are weaker than the husbands, but both of them inherit the grace of life. **This life is the Triune God Himself as our life, living in us to be our inheritance.**

The Varied Grace of God

First Peter 4:10 speaks of the varied grace of God that indicates the **riches of the grace of God in its varieties ministered by the saints to one another.** You minister to me one variety of grace, and I minister to you another variety.

The All Grace

Peter speaks of the all grace by which God, who has called the believers into His eternal glory, perfects, establishes, strengthens, and grounds them through their sufferings (5:10). **The all grace is the perfecting grace, establishing grace, strengthening grace, and grounding grace.** God perfects, establishes, strengthens, and grounds us by grace through the channel of sufferings. Because of my weakness, nearly every day is a suffering day for me. **But God has perfected, established, strengthened, and grounded me through sufferings.**

The True Grace of God

Some kinds of so-called grace are untrue; they are false. In **1 Peter 5:12 there is the true grace of God that is the all grace of God in verse 10**, into which the believers should enter and in which they should stand.

The Grace by Which the Apostles Conducted Themselves in the World

In 2 Corinthians 1:12 Paul says, "Our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you." **We should not think that we need grace only to go to work. We need grace in the way that we conduct ourselves all the time.** People in the worldly society always play politics, but we cannot do this. We must conduct ourselves by singleness and sincerity. We must be so simple, so strict. When we say yes, we mean yes. When we say no, we mean no. Also, we do not conduct ourselves by man's fleshly wisdom. **In today's world people always do things by their wisdom. But the apostles conducted themselves not by human wisdom but by the grace of God.** (Excerpts from *Crystallization-Study of the Epistles to the Romans*, CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 1).

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank you, Lord, for the grace we received. May this grace of life continue to multiply in us, becoming the varied grace and eventually all grace. Abundantly supply us with grace in all our situation.
2. Lord, You are grace that we enjoy today – not only as our life and life supply but also as our salvation. We open ourselves to the preaching of the apostles so we can daily apply Your full salvation in us.
3. Lord, we set our hope completely on the grace brought to us at Your coming. Cause us to enter and enjoy You, as a foretaste today, so that we can experience You in full at Your coming.
4. We take You as our pattern, our model. Make us Your “xerox copies” as Your reproduction today. Teach us how to take, possess, use, and apply grace in the midst of unjust sufferings and live according to the divine life.
5. Thank You Lord for the grace of life being our inheritance. Keep our vessels open so we can experience varied grace in any situation and be able to minister grace to one another.
6. Lord, we gird ourselves with humility toward one another and reject our pride. Perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground us through Your loving and faithful care towards us. We cast all our anxieties on You.

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

THE GOD-MEN'S DIVINE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S DIVINITY

The phrase **participate in** means not only to partake of but to **partake of** for enjoyment. It indicates that we possess something and that we enjoy what we possess. **We, the God-men, have the divine right to participate not in heaven but in God's divinity.** We all need to realize that we can participate in God's divinity, that is, participate in God.

To participate in God's life—John 3:15 tells us that everyone who believes into the Lord Jesus will have eternal life. Eternal life is the divine life, the life of God.

To participate in God's nature—God intends to make us holy even as He is holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16). Having chosen us to be holy, God makes us holy by imparting Himself, the Holy One, into our being, so that our whole being may be saturated and permeated with His holy nature.

To participate in God's mind—Philippians 2:5 says, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” We need to let Christ's mind be our mind. In this way we may have Christ's mind.

To participate in God's being—In Ephesians 3:8 Paul speaks of the unsearchable riches of Christ, indicating that these riches have been dispensed into us.

To participate in God's image—In God's creation man was made in God's image in an outward way, but the image into which we are being transformed is something inward. To be transformed into the same image is to be conformed to the resurrected and glorified Christ, as the firstborn Son of God, to be made the same as He is (Rom. 8:29). (Excerpts from *Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification*, ch. 3)

Announcements:

1. **SST overflow/culmination meeting** is an open meeting for all the Saints on August 14, 2022 at 6pm
2. **Sisters' meeting** will be moved on August 20, 2022 at 2pm.
3. YP and College students' **blending/churching** with Church in Saskatoon on August 20.
4. **Brothers' Meeting** on August 28 at 6:30pm through Zoom.
5. **Children's Bible Camp** on August 25-28 (with Church in Winnipeg).