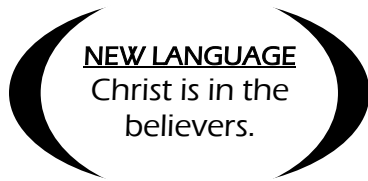


CHURCH IN REGINA

ROM. 8:6 FOR THE MIND SET ON THE FLESH IS DEATH,
BUT THE MIND SET ON THE SPIRIT IS LIFE AND PEACE.



NEW LANGUAGE
Christ is in the
believers.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table

Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

YP & College Meeting

Friday, 6:45 - 8:30 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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Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life—Week 3

...The **basic requirement** for having the church life is our **love** toward the Lord. There is no problem, of course, with the Lord's love toward us. He has loved us and He continues to love us. The problem is with our love toward Him. Although we have loved Him in the past and may love Him now, **there is the danger that our love for the Lord Jesus might fade**. The epistle to the church at Ephesus warns us of this. This letter also gives us a clear revelation of the **source of the degradation of the church life**—the fading of the first love. As we shall see, love gives us the position, the ground, the right, and the privilege to eat of the tree of life. Love gives us the supply of life. If we love the Lord, we shall have the full right to enjoy Him as the tree of life, as our life supply. Light always follows life, issuing out of the abundant supply of life. Life gives us light. In the tabernacle the lampstand comes after the showbread table, indicating that when we enjoy Christ as our life supply, we shall have the light of life. It is vitally important that we love the Lord. **If we have love, then we shall have the life symbolized by the tree of life and the light signified by the lampstand.**

In brief, the problem with the church at Ephesus was the fading of the first love toward the Lord. Because of this, the Lord came in to deal thoroughly with this church, warning her that if she did not repent, she was in danger of having her lampstand removed. Anyone among them who would repent and return to his first love would be considered by the Lord to be an overcomer. The Lord promised the overcomer the right to enjoy Him as the tree of life. Of course, the lampstand will always remain among those who have overcome. However, **if we would not repent of our fading love toward the Lord, we will miss the right to eat of the tree of life and the lampstand will be removed from us.** If this were the case, we would be without love, and light. What a pitiful condition this would be!...

We in the local churches today must **be warned** of the **possibility of losing our first love** for the Lord. We may work and labor for the Lord and we may be pure doctrinally and correct scripturally, yet not have the first love for the Lord. Perhaps in the coming years we shall not love Him as much as we do now. Beware of this. It is better to lose some of our work than to fail in our love for the Lord. **Our love for Him must be the first love.** We all must say, "Lord, I love You. I do not love the works I do for You, and I do not appreciate the labor I spend for You. Lord, I love You. If my labor for You frustrates me from loving You, I will cease laboring." Do not allow anything to separate you from the love of the Lord. We must take care of the first love and constantly love the Lord...

We must **constantly** say, "Lord Jesus, I still love You." Once we have fallen from our first love, our degradation has begun. We may remain the same in everything else—in work, labor, and in other things—but we are degraded because we have left our first love...Today, we all must say that we want **more love and less work**. If we would do any work, it must be out of our love for the Lord. **Love should motivate everything we do for the Lord** (*Excerpts from The Life Study of Revelation, chapter 10*).

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord Jesus, we love You. Keep us in this ministry where our love for You is stirred up. Save us from the subtleness of the enemy that distracts us away from loving You and deprives us from enjoying You.
2. Lord, help us love You not according to our preference but according to Your heart's desire and plan. May our Christian walk be in the divine love with which we love others and love You in incorruptibility.
3. Lord, we love because You are love Yourself. We love You and give You the preeminence in big things and in small things. Recover our first and best love towards You.
4. Strengthen us to overcome the leaving of our first love that we may enjoy You as the tree of life and shine forth the divine light as the lampstand. Spare us from having the lampstand removed from us so we can continue to be Your testimony today.
5. Lord, be merciful to us. We don't want anything else but Your loving self. Show us Your love that we might be constrained, captured, and attracted. Draw me, we will run after You.
6. Lord, we love You. Day after day, increase our love for You. We want to keep going up the "stairway" and be on the "top floor" enjoying Your presence. Manifest Yourself to us.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland on October 10 to 23. Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans and Swiss as remaining fruit, and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in all the cities through the gospel trips.

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 **Bible** and the **Life-study messages**.
3. Lord, we pray for each family in Regina. Strengthen each one to **go on in the church life**.
4. Raise up **new ones** and bring **more families** to Regina through our continual preaching of the gospel or through immigration.
5. Pray for the **new school year**. Preserve our **next generation** from the evil and perverted age.
6. Pray for the **24 souls** who attended our welcome dinner at the University of Regina. Pray that they will come to the college meeting starting this Friday, September 16.

A Timely Speaking

THE SECRET OF RENEWING AND TRANSFORMATION

Renewing takes place **through the consuming** by the believers' environmental suffering (2 Cor. 4:16). This suffering kills the believers' outer man and renews their inner man day by day. **Human life is more a life of suffering than a life of enjoyment**. Much of the believers' environmental suffering is related to their family life, to their daily life with their spouse, children, and relatives. **Our environment is according to God's sovereign arrangement, and we cannot escape it**. God arranges our environment so that little by little and day by day our outer man will be consumed and our inner man will be renewed...

Transformation is by renewing; it is the **issue of renewing**. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind." This indicates that transformation is the issue of renewing.

~Excerpts from The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—
"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", ch. 3

Announcements:

1. **Love Feast** on September 11.
2. **Sisters' Fellowship** on September 11 at 3:00pm via Zoom.
3. **All Canada Churches Special Fellowship** on September 18 at 11:00am via Zoom (Note: **Lord's Table Meeting will be at 9:30am** to accommodate this special fellowship)
3. **Brothers' Meeting** on September 25 at 6:00pm via Zoom.