

CHURCH IN REGINA

JER 15:16 YOUR WORDS WERE FOUND AND I ATE THEM, AND YOUR WORD BECAME TO ME THE GLADNESS AND JOY OF MY HEART.



NEW LANGUAGE

Christ is the **One enthroned and the Ruler** of the kings.

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 6

Many of you young brothers and sisters love the Lord, but be assured that the way you are taking is the way of suffering. Since you love the Lord so much, **you are on the way of sufferings all the time**. Praise the Lord for the enjoyment of Christ that comes through the sufferings. **Without the sufferings, it is hard to have the rich enjoyment of Christ**. You can have only a superficial enjoyment. The deep enjoyment of Christ comes through suffering...Step by step and year after year, He knows what you need. He knows what kind of suffering is needed to form a ministry in you.

The Ministry of Life for the Building Up of the Church

Throughout its history the church has always been **divided by gifts**. But it can never be divided by the ministry. If we focus our attention on the gifts, we will be divided within a short time. But if we **forget about the gifts** and **pay our full attention to the ministry of life**, we will always **be kept in oneness**. This is why we stress again and again that the gifts cannot build up a local church, but the ministry can.

If you are a Christian worker and you are always trying to argue with others, this proves that you merely have a gift. People with the ministry of life will never argue. Argument goes along with gifts and doctrinal teachings. If we pay our attention to gifts and teachings, we will argue. But if we focus our attention on the ministry of life, we will not have anything to argue about. Gifts and teachings with doctrinal debates and arguments tear down the local church. **The local church can be built up only by the ministry of life**. Some may not like noisy meetings, whereas others do. We should not debate about this. What we need is the life of Christ, not a certain kind of meeting. The ministry of life does not come out of the doctrinal study and teaching of the Bible. It comes out of sufferings. If you are really in the hand of the Lord, the Lord will form a ministry with you through all kinds of sufferings.

It is so strange and wonderful that there is nothing mentioned about the gifts in 2 Corinthians. Instead, there is a list of Paul's sufferings in chapter 1, chapter 4, chapter 6, and chapter 11. Then in chapter 12 he told us of such a subjective suffering—a thorn in the flesh. He asked the Lord particularly to take this away, but the Lord refused. There would be no miracle, no divine healing. Instead, there would be suffering. **Through the suffering, Paul experienced the Lord as the sufficient grace**, which was the perfect power in his weakness. Eventually, Paul learned to say, "I will rather boast in my weaknesses" (12:9). He also said, "I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful" (v. 10). This is the way to have the growth in life so that a ministry might be produced for the building up of the Body of Christ.

(Excerpts from The Experience of Christ as Life for the Building Up of the Church, ch. 15)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, cause us to eventually become a small tree of life, a reproduction of Christ as the tree of life, a God-man. Lord, dispense more of Your riches into us. We want to experience You day by day.
2. Thank You, Lord, that with Your life in us, we have the ministry of life to dispense to other members of the Body of Christ. Lord, we don't want to be short in life. Make us those who have a surplus of life, to be able to minister this supply to others.
3. Lord, we just look to You that we may become an outlet for Your life. Make our service a life-ministering service to supply others with the divine life. Cause us to be joined to You and abide in You. We give You the ground to fill us so that Your life, nature, likes, and inclination become the same as Yours.
4. Lord, break and deal with our outer man. May we learn to be subdued in our soul and let our spirit dominate and rule over every matter. We pray for a pure flow of the divine life.
5. Lord, we want to be one with You as the smitten rock. Save us from serving by words and mere outward works. May our service be such that death operates in us, but life in others.
6. We praise You, Lord as the One who overcame death. Praise You that the gates of Hades cannot prevail against the builded church. Overcome in us. Overcome the death in all the members of Your Body.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the European Brothers Training and International Blending Conference in Baarlo, The Netherlands on October 25 to 30. Pray for the Lord's rich speaking for the advancement of His move in Europe.
2. Raise up some real believers in Moose Jaw. Pray for the Lord's move in this nearby locality. Grant us a burden for the Lord's testimony in this city.

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Bible and the Life-study messages.
2. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel.
3. Raise up new ones and bring more families to Regina through our continual preaching of the gospel or through immigration.
4. Pray for the new students/contacts (Judith, Ola, Jack, Miseung and Cherubim) at the University of Regina. Pray that they will continue to attend the weekly college meeting on campus.

A Timely Speaking

THE SECRET OF THE INTENSIFIED WORK OF GOD'S ORGANIC SALVATION

Christ as the life-giving Spirit was intensified to be the seven Spirits, the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit...to save the believers from:

> The formal church life, the loss of the first love to the Lord, the shining capacity of the lampstand, and the enjoyment of Christ as life in the church in Ephesus.

> The defeat that leads to the taste of the second death in the church in Smyrna.

> The worldliness in union with the world as a marriage and the teaching of Balaam and the Nicolaitans in the church in Pergamos.

> Fornication, idolatry, demonic teaching, and satanic depths in Catholicism, signified by the church in Thyatira.

> The spiritual death—dead and dying—in Protestantism, signified by the church in Sardis.

> The losing of the crown, which has been gained already in Brethrenism, signified by the church in Philadelphia.

> The lukewarmness and the Christlessness in degraded Brethrenism, signified by the church in Laodicea.

~Excerpts from *The Secret of God's Organic Salvation*—"the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit", ch. 6

Announcements:

1. Love Feast on October 9.
2. Sisters' Fellowship Meeting on October 9 at 2:30pm.
3. Thanksgiving Holiday Pursuit on October 10 at 4:00pm.
4. December 2022 Semiannual Training registration due on October 23.