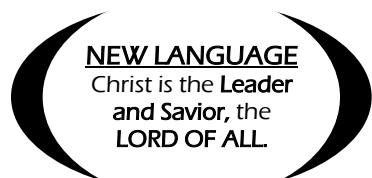


CHURCH IN REGINA

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



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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God's Economy in Faith - Week 1

The Source of Faith

Now we want to see the **source of faith**. Surely you and I are not the source. We do not have a bit of faith in ourselves. We have only unbelief. When we hear that the Lord Jesus will come again and that we will be raptured and glorified, there is a question mark within us. The first question mark was placed by the snake, the old serpent. When the serpent tempted Eve, probably he lifted up his head and was himself in the shape of a question mark as he asked, "Did God really say...?" (Gen. 3:1). The question mark is like a snake. When people read the promises in the Bible, the snake, the question mark, is within them to cause them to doubt God.

We need to exercise our faith to believe in the unseen things. Is the church something seen or something not seen? The church in its most basic definition is a gathering of the called ones. Whenever we, the called ones of God, come together, that is the church. It is seen. But the Bible says more. The church is also the house of God (Eph. 2:19; 1 Tim. 3:15). This is not seen. **We may have a gathering but not have the house of God.** There are many kinds of gatherings. Worldly people gather together in nightclubs and social clubs, but our gathering should be the house of God. The assembly is seen, but the house of God is not seen. We have to realize the house of God, not by sight but by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). **Everything that we regard is not seen, so we need to exercise our faith.**

Faith Comes out of the Hearing of the Word

According to Romans 10:17, faith comes out of the hearing of the word. Thus, the **source of faith is the word**, but we have to realize the crystallization of this point. There are three aspects of the word. First, there is the *written word* of God—the **Bible** (John 10:35). Then there is the *living word* of God—**Christ** (1:1). Finally, there is the *applied word* of God—the **Spirit** (Eph. 6:17; John 6:63).

The Bible is the written word, and Christ is the living word. Without the Spirit, however, the living word cannot be applied to us. The living word becomes the applied word through the Spirit. God has only one kind of word. First, He spoke, and what He spoke was written in a book. That is the Bible. There is only one book that is the word of God. The term Bible means "the book." The Bible is the book of books. What a mercy and what a wonder that in human history such a book has been produced—the word of God! The world today is a mess. So many bad things are reported in today's newspapers. Suppose the Bible were taken away from mankind. I do not think that mankind could exist without the word of God.

We have such a word, but **not many have really been benefited by this word.** This is why we have to either **read or hear the Bible**. Every week we gather together a number of times just to read, speak, and hear the word. When the word of the Bible is spoken to us and heard by us, right away the written word becomes the living word. That is Christ. When the living word is applied to us and received by us, it becomes the word of the Spirit. Then this word of the Spirit heard by us is the source of our faith. **Faith comes from the hearing of this applied word by the Spirit through the living Christ out of the written Bible.**

(Excerpts from The Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, ch. 8)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, bring us not only into a spiritual realm but in the realm of God's economy. Give us a heavenly vision that would govern, control, and direct us. Lord, make our vision strong and unshakeable.
2. Enlighten us to see what the economy of the mystery is. Thank You for all the processes You went through to become the Spirit and to dispense Yourself into us that we might be Your Body.
3. Lord, make us one with You in conquering the satanic chaos today. We take You as the hidden manna to overcome the degraded church. We buy for ourselves in this age so we can dine with You in the kingdom age.
4. Lord, increase our faith that we would be well pleasing to You. It is no longer "I" but You. You are and we are not. Enlarge our capacity to see and to believe the contents of the New Testament economy.
5. Thank You, Lord for justifying us not out of works of law but through faith in You. Lord, we simply believe that our Christian life is a life of union with You. You are in us and we are in You. Teach us to walk by faith not by sight.
6. Lord, it is You who lives in us, and now we live in faith. This faith is not ours, but it is of the Son of God. Continually infuse us with Your preciousness and increase our appreciation of You so You can spontaneously become our faith.

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.
3. Churches in Canada Prayer Burden: Eating the tree of life, that is enjoying Christ as our life supply, should be the primary matter in the church life.

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 strengthen us through our in-person small group meetings.
4. Pray for the new students/contacts (Judith, Ola, Jack, Robin, Lysa and Cherubim) at the University of Regina. Pray that they will continue to attend the weekly college meeting on campus.

A Timely Speaking

CHRIST AS THE WORD OF GOD DEFINING, EXPLAINING AND EXPRESSING THE INVISIBLE GOD

A) In His Creation - both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world" (Rom. 1:20).

B) In His Incarnation - In His incarnation Christ unveils that the Creator has become one of His creatures (Col. 1:15), bringing God into man, mingling divinity with humanity as one, and in His human living He expresses God in the divine attributes through His human virtues.

C) In His Becoming the Lamb - In His becoming the Lamb for the redemption of the lost world, Christ speaks to us how God accomplished His redemption judicially through His death as the procedure according to His righteousness.

D) In His Becoming the Life-Giving Spirit - In His becoming the Spirit for life-giving and transforming (1 Cor. 15:45), Christ speaks to us further how God carries out His economy organically by His divine life for His divine purpose according to His heart's desire.

E) In His Becoming the Heavenly Ladder - Christ, in His being the heavenly ladder at Bethel, also speaks to us how God desires to have a house on the earth constituted with His redeemed and transformed elect, that He may bring heaven to earth and join earth to heaven, to make the two as one for eternity.

~Excerpts from *The Crystallization of the Gospel of John*, ch. 1

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.
5. Brothers' Meeting on October 30 at Bro. Hendrick's place at 6:00pm.