

CHURCH IN REGINA

HEB 11:1 NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANTIATION OF THINGS
HOPE FOR, THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

God's Economy in Faith - Week 4

NEW LANGUAGE

Christ is our
Paraclete and our
High Priest.

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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RUN THE RACE

As a saint in the Lord's recovery, **are you walking the way** or **running the race**? If we are walking the way, one day we shall walk out. If we are walking gently and slowly, we shall be distracted by some other way. But **if we run the race, taking no time to look around and keeping our eyes fixed on the goal**, we shall not be distracted...

God's intention is to **put us into Christ** and to **work Christ into our being**, making Christ our standard and all of us a reproduction of the standard. As we have seen, this will result in our perfection and glorification. When the book of Hebrews was written, many of the Hebrew believers were considering their background and were walking on the way or even standing still. They were in danger of being distracted by the temple, the priesthood, and the offerings. They were in danger of either being stranded or of shrinking back to Judaism and not coming forward to the Holy of Holies. This means that they were in **danger of turning from God's goal to something used by the enemy to distract** God's people from His way. Thus, after eleven chapters in which [Paul] presented the Hebrew believers a clear view of the way, [he] seemed to say, **"Let us run the race. Don't stand still, look back, or look around. Don't even walk—run."** We should not only refuse to leave Christ and go back to Judaism; we should not even stand still in Christ. Even walking in Christ is inadequate. We must run the race. Do not take the time to consider or look around, to stand still or walk slowly. You must run the race. By now **we should be clear** what the race is—it is **Christ Himself as our way**. But we should not take this way as a way; we must take it as a **race to run...**

...In Philippians 3 we see that Paul was a typical Hebrew believer running the race away from the old Jewish religion. In 2 Timothy 4:7 and 8, written shortly before his martyrdom, he told us that he had finished the race.

As Paul was running the race, he said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:27). Although **a saved person** can never perish, it is **quite possible** for him to **be a castaway**. To be a castaway is **to fail in the race, missing the opportunity** of reaching the goal. Paul feared that he might be a castaway. The Greek word rendered "castaway" also means a reprobate, one not qualified or approved. Paul seemed to be saying to the Hebrew believers, "Hebrew brothers, you must be careful. Although you have been saved, it is possible that you will be a castaway, one who is disapproved." This concept fits in with that of reaching the goal and winning the prize as a reward. But there is the possibility that a runner may be a castaway and not be approved for the reward. In Hebrews 12 Paul was warning the Hebrew brothers and encouraging them, giving them a great incentive to run the race. **We, like them, must not only walk the way but also run the race.**

(Excerpts from The Life-study of Hebrews, ch. 50)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, continue to make us people of faith, those who have Your presence and Your leading. Save us from all and any kind of entanglements, encumbrance and sin. We pray to be those who run with endurance the race You have set before us.
2. Lord, cause us to run the race to win the prize. Strip off every unnecessary weight and entangling sin. Keep us that we will never commit the willful sin of forsaking our assembling together. Direct our hearts toward You.
3. Praise You, Lord as the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Cause us to look away unto You with undivided attention. Make us see that You are the greatest attraction in the universe, even an immense magnet continually drawing us to You.
4. Lord, transfuse and infuse us with Yourself, even Your believing element, until Your very person becomes the believing element in our being. Grant us genuine faith that we may be those who exercise our spirit of faith. Permeate us to such an extent that we become Your fragrance.
5. Lord, make our lives a life of hope. We pray we would be those who "beyond hope believed in hope". We want to exercise our spirit of faith in order to walk by faith and not by what we see.
6. Lord, we exercise to continually contact You by calling, praying, and pray-reading Your word. We believe that You will finish and complete the faith that we need for the running of the heavenly race while we live the heavenly life on earth today.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the ongoing blending and gospel trip in Rome from October 31 to November 4. Pray for remaining fruits through the gospel for the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in Rome.
2. Raise up some real believers in **Moose Jaw** and in **Oxbow**. Grant us a burden for the Lord's testimony to be raised up in these localities.

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, Joseph, Patricia and Cherubim)** at the University of Regina. Pray that they will continue to attend the weekly college meeting on campus.

A Timely Speaking

The Processed Triune God

Many today do not see that God has been processed, because they are covered by their traditional veil. This is why Paul says that we have to **look unto Christ with an unveiled face** (2 Cor. 3:18). The entire New Testament unveils to us that God went through the process of *incarnation*, the process of *human living*, the process of an *all-inclusive death*, and the process of a *life-dispensing resurrection*. What a mercy that the Lord has shown us all these wonderful truths! These are not the initial truths but the **consummated truths**. The processed Triune God is a flowing God. His Trinity is for flowing. The Father as love is the fountain, the Son as grace is the spring, and the Spirit as the fellowship is the flowing river (13:14). The Triune God is flowing as love, grace, and fellowship into us, His elect. God's elect are the destination of His flowing.

~Excerpts from *The Crystallization of the Gospel of John*, ch. 4

Announcements:

1. December 2022 **Semiannual Training** registration now closed. Final Costs are:
> Live - \$300 CAD
> Video - \$180 CAD
2. **Brothers' Meeting** on October 30 at Bro. Hendrick's place at 6:00pm.
3. Canada Brother's Conference on November 12 via Zoom. There will be 4 sessions (whole day). Registration deadline is on October 30.
4. All-Canada Churches Blending on November 13 via Zoom at noon (Regina time).