

CHURCH IN REGINA

ROM 1:17B...BUT THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL HAVE
LIFE AND LIVE BY FAITH

God's Economy in Faith - Week 6

NEW LANGUAGE

Christ is the
Morning Star.

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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The Linking Faith

...[F]aith has different stages. In the first section of our crystallization-study on faith, we saw that faith comes from the **hearing of the word** (Rom. 10:17). That is the initial stage of faith. When we were sinners, one day under God's sovereignty we heard the preaching of the gospel, that is, the word of Christ. Through that hearing of the word, faith came into us. This faith brought us into a life union with Christ. This union is a kind of linking.

The electricity in a building is a very good illustration of linking. The installment of electricity into a building is **the first stage**. Then from that day, installed electricity continues in the building. In like manner, when we heard the gospel, we repented, and something happened to us. That was the installation of the Spirit. We had the Spirit installed into us through the hearing of the word. **We all received the Spirit in this way**. Now this Spirit, or this faith, which has been installed into us, **stays within us and grows**.

After electricity has been installed into a certain building, there is a current going on. You can either stop it or use it all the time. Also, when we were saved, the linking faith entered into us, and it remains in us. **The faith through which we were saved became a linking faith within us**. This is not just in the initial stage but also in the progressing stage. In a building in which electricity has been installed in the initial stage, there is a current of electricity going on in the progressing stage. We are like the building. We have the faith, the initial faith, produced in us. It remains in us and goes on all the time, unless we stop it.

Living in Faith, the Faith of the Son of God

The initial faith in the initial stage came to you through the hearing of the word of God. But **faith in the second stage**, the stage of living Christ, comes mostly not by hearing the word. Faith in this stage comes into you **by your contacting God in Christ**. So you have to contact the Triune God all the time. All the time you should contact the Son. Then you will also touch the Father and the Spirit. Faith in the second stage comes to us through our contacting the Triune God. **It is not just hearing the word**. In the second stage of faith, hearing the word does not work much.

In this stage, faith comes into you increasingly like the electrical current in a building. You can tell that a "current" in you is going on. **The more you say, "O Lord Jesus," the more the current is going on**. The more you pray, the more the current is going on. This is why we are told to pray unceasingly (1 Thes. 5:17). This current should not be stopped. This is the linking stage of faith. This faith within us is God Himself in Christ.

(Excerpts from The Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, ch. 10)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You, Lord, that faith comes through hearing Your word. We open to You as the living word of Christ, giving Yourself as life to us. Lord, cause us to gain you more and more so that You can become our faith.
2. Lord, cause us to have faith like a mustard seed and to see the effect of faith. We believe that nothing is impossible through faith. May we all come to a point that we can say, "Let me no longer live, but Thee."
3. Thank You, Lord that through this faith, we have a living union with You, the Triune God. We pray this would be our daily practice—calling on Your name and telling You, "O Lord Jesus, I love You." May our daily living always be in conversation with You moment by moment.
4. Lord, continually make us men of faith—contacting You as our Source, calling on You, praying to You, pray-reading Your word, and musing on Your word.
5. Lord, save us from self-deception and cause us to be sober-minded. We don't want to think highly of ourselves, rather, cause us to have the proper attitude that our faith in You might be enlarged.
6. Make us those who continue to have faith until Your triumphant return. Make us those who have joy in having nothing, being nothing, seeing nothing but a living Christ in glory, even careful for nothing but Your interests on earth.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Thanksgiving Conference on November 24 to 27 in Washington, DC. May the Lord speak freely and may all the saints in the Lord's Recovery be open to receive.
2. Please pray that the word of God reach all parts of Canada, esp. the remote areas through the churches hang a regular Bible distribution event in the coming year. Release the finances for the continuous printing of the New Testament and that a group of saints will be raised up to serve BFC in a full-time capacity.

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for a **habit** of reading the **Life-studies** for our spiritual nourishment and growth in Christ. May all of us endeavor to ready the 500 life-study messages consistently (www.500lifestudies.org).
2. Raise up **new ones** and strengthen us through our in-person **small group meetings**.
3. Pray for the **new students/contacts** (**Judith, Ola, Naomi, 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 All-Inclusive Christ - The Further Revelation of Christ Concerning His All-inclusiveness in the Gospel of John (2)

In His **perfect redemption** through His death *judicially* and in His complete salvation by His life *organically* for the carrying out of God's eternal economy, Christ is the **Feast of the Passover** (6:4; 1 Cor. 5:7-8). First Corinthians 5:7 says that Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Christ is not only the Passover lamb but also the entire Passover. Then verse 8 says that today we are keeping the reality of the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** as the continuation of the Passover (Exo. 12:15-20). The feast is a time for the enjoyment of the banquet. **The entire Christian life should be such a feast**, such an enjoyment of Christ as our banquet, the rich supply of life. The feast is a table for eating. The Lord's table is [such] a feast.

~Excerpts from The Crystallization of the Gospel of John, ch. 6

Announcements:

1. Thanksgiving Conference

Message 1: 7:30 PM Nov. 25
 Message 2: 10:00 AM Nov. 26
 Message 3: 7:30 PM Nov. 26
 Message 4: 10:00 AM Nov. 27
 Message 5: 7:30 PM Nov. 27
 Message 6: 7:30 PM Nov. 28

2. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting on Nov. 20 at 6:00 PM at Bro. Hendrick's place.