

CHURCH IN REGINA

MATT. 16:25...WHOEVER LOSES HIS SOUL-LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT.

God's Economy in Faith - Week 7

NEW LANGUAGE

Christ is the
Bridegroom to the
Church.

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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Reasons for Faith Being Tested

In Order for Us to Grow

God tests our faith in order that we may grow. No Christian can grow without first having his faith tested. **Every Christian who is growing has his faith tested.** I can say without reservation that all Christian faith must be tested. The **only way** for faith to grow is by testing. The only way that God helps us grow is by testing our faith. We come to God and receive all of His grace by faith. When our faith is tested, we spontaneously grow.

In Order to Satisfy God

God tests our faith not only for our growth but also to satisfy Himself. No one who has believed in the Lord and received God's grace can avoid the testing of faith. The testing of faith proves that we have genuine faith. **It is genuine faith that satisfies God.** A faith that is approved is a **glory to God's name.** God's name is glorified in this world through an approved faith. When we pass through tribulations, persecutions, obstacles, and darkness, and we still believe after these tests and still stand fast after these trials, this faith will glorify God's name.

In Order to Shut Up the Mouth of Satan

God tests our faith not only for the purpose of our growth and God's satisfaction. Our approved faith will shut up the mouth of Satan. Satan will not easily concede that we have believed, and he will not allow us to say that we have obtained what we have believed in. He will always come to deceive and bother us. **By testing our faith, God will take away any excuse from Satan.** When he realizes that we are **uncompromising**, he will retreat. As long as he can deceive us, he will stop us and not allow us to go in peace. If it is possible, he will take God's blessing away from us. He will not let us go until he has exhausted all means. In order to stop the mouth of Satan, God has to test our faith.

In Order for Us to Help Others

Another reason that God tests our faith is so we can render help to others. **An untested faith cannot help others.** Others receive our help only when our faith has been tested. If a man has believed, but his faith has not been tested, his faith is not trustworthy. Satan can do nothing about a faith that genuinely has been tested; he cannot overturn such faith. Only this kind of faith will help the church. Brothers and sisters, faith that has been tested is much more precious than gold which perishes though it is proved by fire.

...Brothers and sisters, when the tests come and we proclaim that **God's Word is trustworthy**, declaring that the Word of Jehovah the Lord of hosts stands, that whatever He has said counts, and that His Word is settled in heaven forever, we will stand. The question now is whose word we will believe.

(Excerpts from The Overcoming Life, ch. 8)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, equip us with truth to gird our loins, righteousness to cover our conscience, peace as the standing for our feet, and faith to shield our entire being. We shut off the enemy, giving him no ground in us by taking up the shield of faith.
2. Thank You Lord for Your good heart towards us. We put our full faith in You, in Your faithfulness, ability, word, will, and sovereignty. We believe that You are able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think.
3. Lord, we want to satisfy You. Cause us to grow by the proving of our faith. Regardless of our situation, may our faith be tested and proven to be true and genuine.
4. Lord, make us willing to lose our soul-life today that at the end of our faith, we can attain the salvation of our souls. Make us faithful during the progressing stage of our salvation. We want to give You the praise, honor, and glory.
5. Lord Jesus, we love You. We exult with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. We are not those who shrink back but those who have faith. We lose our soul-life now, that we may gain it at Your coming.
6. Lord, we eagerly await our full salvation. Guard us from all the attacks of the enemy. Keep us in the right position to enjoy our heavenly inheritance. Transform us, sanctify us, and build us today.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Thanksgiving Conference on November 24 to 27 in Washington, DC. May the Lord release His up-to-date speaking and take care of the health of the co-workers & blending brothers.
2. Please pray for the saints in Langley, BC. Pray for visitations of all the saints through the gospel trip of 9 trainees and the full-time local teams. Pray for gospel preaching and the perfecting of the saints for the Lord's strong testimony in that city.

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 open to You and the church.

A Timely Speaking

The All-Inclusive Christ - The Further Revelation of Christ Concerning His All-inclusiveness in the Gospel of John (3)

Christ is the one grain of wheat (12:24) for death resulting in resurrection. This refers to Himself as the divine seed to produce many grains (the people who receive Him) to become His many members who constitute His organic Body, which consummates in the New Jerusalem. If one grain of wheat remains whole, it is only one grain. But when it falls into the earth and dies, it will grow and bring forth many grains in resurrection. These many grains are to be ground and blended into flour to make a loaf, which signifies the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17). Although we are the many grains, we do not like to be ground in order to be blended. But we need to be broken. Then we can be blended with others. We should not remain as whole grains. We have to be broken and ground into fine flour so that we can be blended with others for making a loaf. This loaf is the Body of Christ, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.

~Excerpts from *The Crystallization of the Gospel of John*, ch. 7

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.