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CHURCH IN REGINA

ROM 5:17 THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE ABUNDANCE OF GRACE AND OF THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL REIGN IN LIFE THROUGH THE ONE, JESUS CHRIST

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 3

NEW LANGUAGE Christ, in eternity is the Lamb & the Husband.

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 ITEROApril 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference May 27-30, 2022

July Semiannual TrainingJuly 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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One Spirit with the Lord

In his Epistles Paul charges us not to walk by a particular doctrine or instruction, but to walk by the Spirit. Recently the Lord has shown that He does not want us simply to live in His presence, but to live Christ by being one spirit with the Lord. Many years ago I was helped by the well-known book by Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God. When I was young, I loved that book very much. However, I have come to see that the practice of the presence of God is actually an Old Testament matter. In the New Testament there is not a word about practicing God's presence. Instead, in the New Testament it is revealed that we should live Christ by being one spirit with Him. In Genesis 17 we read that Abraham walked before God, that is, in the presence of God. But in the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians 6:17 Paul says, "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." This is more than simply walking in God's presence; it is to walk in oneness with Him. Paul's word about being one spirit with the Lord is not an illustration; it is a statement of fact. Furthermore, Paul did not say, "To me to walk is to be in the presence of the Lord." Rather, he said, "To me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). There is a tremendous difference between walking in the presence of God and living Christ!..

To walk by the Spirit simply means to be one spirit with the Lord. The first kind of walk by the Spirit, that mentioned by Paul in Galatians 5:16, is the walk in which we are one spirit with the Lord. From my experience I have learned that it is much easier to live in the presence of the Lord than to live one spirit with Him. Often in speaking with others I am in the Lord's presence; however, I may have the sense that I am not one spirit with Him. Therefore, I need to pray, "Lord, forgive me. My speaking is before You, but it is not by You. It is simply my speaking carried out with a good intention. But I am the one speaking, Lord, not You."

Walking in the presence of God easily fits in with our natural concept. However, it is not according to man's natural concept that believers would be one spirit with the Lord. It is easy to understand the word in Exodus about the Lord's presence going with the children of Israel. We may apply this word to ourselves and realize that as we go to a particular place, the Lord's presence will go with us. However, it is not according to our natural concept to think that we should live one spirit with the Lord. Some Christians have gone so far as to say that it is blasphemy to claim that we can be one spirit with the Lord. According to them, it is simply not possible for sinners ever to become one spirit with the Lord. Nevertheless, the Bible says clearly, "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." Although we may read this word, we may have no response to it, because we are veiled by religious, natural, and traditional concepts. We may not even have any concern about such a vital matter. But recently the Lord has brought us to the point where we simply must pay attention to the New Testament requirement to be one spirit with Him. Yes, according to the Old Testament practice, Abraham could walk in the presence of the Lord. But we are in the New Testament. According to God's New Testament economy, the Lord desires to come into us, to become one with us, and to make us one with Him. He wants us to be one spirit with Him. His economy today is that we walk in this one spirit with the Lord.

(Excerpts from The Life-Study of Galatians, ch. 38)

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, You are our real Elisha – our sweet and pleasant prophet doing miracles of grace in life. Thank You for coming to us as grace, not only so we can receive the divine life, but for us to reign in life.

- 2. Save us from any "poisonous gourds" and bring us back to the truth. Thank You for not only purging out leaven from us, but also for showing compassion to us.
- 3. Lord, supply us with more grace in life. In the decline of the church, make us like Elisha who can enliven those around us and like Paul who exercised his inner life in time of sufferings.
- 4. We praise You for Your sovereignty and we thank You for Your mercy. Make us those who properly serve You those who represent You and are sent by You. May we be desperate to spend more time with You and to know You.
- 5. Lord, keep us in Your ascendancy and enable us to live a life without anxiety. Like Paul, may we be those who are fully dignified with the highest standard of human virtues expressing the most excellent divine attributes.
- 6. Lord, we want to be one with You according to the principle of incarnation. Thank You for attaching us to You and for sealing us with the Spirit. As Your chosen people who are one with You, may we all function as acting God today.

North America/Other Burdens

- 1. Please pray for the Churches in Canada: The growing ranks of young working saints (ages 20-40) in the churches, both the job-dropping and the job-keeping saints, including the graduates of the full-time training, to be strong in the spirit to overcome in order to live Christ for the church and to be normal functioning members in the service of the Body to bear the primary burden in the practical church life.
- 2. The full-time training (FTTA, FTTA-XB, FTTA-MA, FTTA,MX, FTTL) all around the world, including the trainees, the trainers, and the serving ones (2 Thes 3:9; Heb. 13:7; 1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 4:6, 3:10).

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 upcoming semester. May the new students, particularly those who got recently baptized (Lysa and Ola), continue to be cherished and be nourished in Your life. Bring more students to our weekly campus meetings and gain our current students to pursue more, love You more, and come to the full knowledge of the truth.

A Timely Speaking

The Organism of the Processed and Consummated Triune God and the Believers' Oneness Incorporated with the Oneness of the Triune God

...God's desire and intention was to be united, mingled, and incorporated into one corporate New Jerusalem (Rev. 21). The New Jerusalem is the conclusion of the entire sixty-six books of the Bible. All the revelations and visions of the Scriptures consummate in the holy city. The New Jerusalem is the processed and consummated Triune God incorporated into one with His regenerated, transformed, and glorified elect. It is also a couple with the Husband and the bride, the wife. The Husband is the wife, and the wife is the Husband because they coinhere. This is God's eternal economy to incorporate Himself with His elect, to be one universal, divine, mystical incorporation, which is the New Jerusalem.

~Excerpts from The Crystallization of the Gospel of John, ch. 11

Announcements:

- 1. Churching/Blending with the saints in Church in Saskatoon on December 18.
- 2. Semi-Annual Training, December 28-January 7.