

# Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST, IN ETERNITY, IS THE SON OF MAN AND THE SHEPHERD. (JOHN 1:51; REV. 7:17)

## Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 7

### The Response to the Building of the Church

God's eternal intention is to build for Himself a glorious dwelling place, a glorious church, among His saved ones through the life of His Son. Therefore, *all the work that God is doing upon us who have been saved is for us to be built together* to become a spiritual house in which He can live...

On the day of Pentecost when the Spirit of God descended and when the church was first begun on the earth, the condition of the church was truly glorious, like the condition of the temple at its beginning after the people of Israel had built it. Not long afterward, however, this glorious church was damaged by the enemy and became desolate, like what happened in the tragedy of the captivity of the Israelites in the Old Testament. Since then, those *who belong to God, who love God with a pure heart, and who sympathize with God's desire* have been sighing, saying, "Alas, the days of glory have passed! The glorious church has been torn down!" They have been expectantly waiting to see the glorious church rebuilt.

If we read church history, we will see that *the goal of God's work on the earth is to recover His church*. Apparently, He is recovering portions of the truth and light or portions of grace and glory. Actually, however, if you look at the whole picture, you will see that His ultimate goal is to recover His glorious church. If you have been paying attention to the matter of the church, particularly during the last thirty to forty years, you have seen that what God has been doing among His children is *recovering in a strong way* the matter of the church, not only in its *spiritual aspect* but also in its *practical aspect*...

I hope that you would not misunderstand. We absolutely do not intend to speak only about the church and neglect other spiritual matters. We will still actively preach the gospel and thoroughly present the truth, and we will also lead many to pursue spirituality. However, we feel that within us is a heavier burden. Whenever we have the opportunity to thoroughly speak on matters concerning the church—such as the **content** of the church, the **riches** of the church, the **measure** of the stature of the church, the **way** of the church, the **ground** of the church, the **expression** of the church, and the **building** of the church—our spirit leaps and feels satisfied, the burden within us is discharged, and our whole being feels light. This is an amazing thing!

...[M]any have seen what the center of God's glorious vision is, what the meaning of human life is, and what God's eternal purpose and the goal of the living and service of God's children are. Furthermore, many saints have been praying and looking to the Lord behind the scenes. Therefore, I would like to ask you *what our response should be* and *what action we should take*. We need consecration! **Consecration should be our response** to God's building and the action that we take for God's building. We should commit ourselves into God's hand **without any reservation**.

*(Excerpts from The Vision of the Building of the Church, CWNL, 1961-1962, vol. 1)*

### Announcements:

- ◆ National College Training Early Registration Deadline Jan. 31.  
USD \$405
- ◆ Prairie College Conference, Calgary  
Registration deadline Feb. 5.

### Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table, Lord's Day, 10:00-12:00PM
- ◆ Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00PM
- ◆ YP & College Meetings, Fridays, 6:45-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group, Fridays & Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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## Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, cause us to experience You in Your death, Your resurrection, and the Spirit in order that we may become materials for Your building. Lord, build Yourself into us so that we may have the fullest enjoyment and be good stewards of Your varied grace for the building up of the church.
2. Lord, may we express You to such an extent that all may see Your victory and Your glory "carved" in us wherever we go. Thank You for the power of resurrection operating within us.
3. Thank You, Lord, for the facts—that as your branches, we have been grafted into You, the cultivated olive tree. May we practice and continually exercise our spirit calling on You and saying Amen to every word.
4. Lord, we need You as the root and we also need the church, the other branches. We want to enter into the practice of pray-reading to enjoy You as the fatness, and be properly and adequately coordinated with other branches. Open us up to see the Body life for Your purpose.
5. Lord, in our flesh, we are only good for death. Judge every part of our being that does not match You so that we can be useful to Your building.
6. Lord, transform us to become buildable stones in the church. Deal with each one and accomplish Your cutting work upon us. We want to grow in life inwardly and be worked upon outwardly until we are stable enough to coordinate and serve with others, to fight the battle, and to bear the Ark with others.

## North America/Other Burdens

1. 2023 FTTA gospel Trips (January 26 to February 9) - 16 FTTA and FTTA-XB gospel trip teams will go out to 21 countries in Europe to join with the local saints for the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom. Please pray that fruit, even remaining fruit, will be borne in each place visited, and the Lord will add to the churches as His testimony in each of these nations
2. Please pray the kingdom prayer to loose the leading in the Lord's recovery and cooperation of the saints and churches with the Lord's move in the current world situation and crisis.

## Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for the new immigrants—Dimarucot Family (Vicky, Michael, Vaughn, Mikhaela and Mikay) and Morco Family (Marlon and Mechelle).
2. 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 through attending the weekly meetings on campus.

### Misaiming concerning Regeneration

*(Who concerning the Truth have misaimed—2 Tim. 2:18)*

**Misaiming:** "Is regeneration deification?...Is any child of God conscious that he ceases to be human and becomes divine when he undergoes regeneration?...The regenerated child of God is either human or divine. If he continues to be human, then he was not really begotten....If he becomes divine in regeneration, then conversion is the annihilation of identity..."

*(Robert Alexander Webb, The Reformed Doctrine of Adoption, pp. 184).*

**Truth:** Ignoring God's economy and being devoid of the truth concerning regeneration, Webb writes as one of those who "understand neither the things that they say, nor concerning what they confidently affirm" (1 Tim. 1:7). Yes, **regeneration is deification**—in the sense of **becoming divine in life and in nature but not in the Godhead** nor as an object of worship. Just as a human child has the life and nature (but not the status or fatherhood) of his human father, so a child of God has the life and nature (but not the Godhead or the Fatherhood) of the divine Father. A child of man is human because, through generation, he has the human life and the human nature. A child of God is divine because, through regeneration, he has the divine life and the divine nature. In this sense we become divine through regeneration. However, we do not cease to be human when we undergo regeneration. On the contrary, we remain human, but now we have the divine life in addition to our human life, and in this way we are divine as well as human. Whereas Webb, posing a false antithesis, says that the "regenerated child of God is either human or divine," the truth is that a regenerated child of God is both human and divine. We have been begotten of God, yet we remain human and maintain our personal human identity. Regeneration does not entail the annihilation of one's identity as a human being. A child of God is one who has been begotten of God to have the life and nature of God. Such a God-begotten child is divine as well as human, for he has become a divinely human being—a God-man,...

### Events, Conferences & Trainings:

**Chinese-Speaking Conference**  
February 17-19, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

**March ITERO**  
March 24-26, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

**Memorial Day Conference**  
May 26-29, 2023, Chicago, IL USA

**July Semiannual Training**  
July 3-8 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

**October ITERO**  
October 5-7, 2023, TBD

**Thanksgiving Conference**  
November 23-26, 2023, Dallas, TX USA

**Dec. Semiannual Training**  
December 25-30, 2023, Anaheim CA USA