

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST, IS THE SEED OF THE WOMAN (GAL. 4:4)

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 8

THE DISPENSING OF THE DIVINE TRINITY

The Father's Rich Mercy and Great Love

Because God loved His chosen people with a noble, high, and great love, He would not give them up. Within His love there are the riches of His mercy. Love may maintain a high standard, but there is **no need of any standard for mercy**. **Mercy can reach you in any situation**. Love does not reach as far as mercy does. You do not love a pitiful person; you love a person who matches you. But within your love there may be mercy that reaches farther to people's pitiful condition to bring love to them...God, in His great love, came to make us alive (v. 5). Have you noticed that Ephesians 2 is different from the first section of Romans? In the first section of Romans it was sin and sins that were taken care of in order that we could be justified. But death is taken care of in Ephesians 2. According to Ephesians 2, we were **not merely sinners**—we were **dead people**. Dead people need more than justification; they **need to be enlivened**. Therefore, in His great love God first enlivened us. When He resurrected Christ from the dead, He enlivened us... all at the same time in the resurrection of Christ.

The Son's Accomplishment

On the cross Christ did a marvelous job. His death was **all-inclusive**. Through the cross He **took away sin and sins**, He **destroyed Satan**, He **judged the world**, and He **abolished all the ritual laws** contained in the ordinances. Finally, He **released His divine life** into God's chosen people and **created them into one new man** as an organism constituted of the divine element by the dispensing of the divine life...After Christ accomplished all this by His all-inclusive death, He **came to announce the gospel**. How could He announce the gospel to us after He was crucified and buried? The answer is that He was resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit to indwell us.

The Spirit's Access

When Christ announces such a gospel by Himself as the life-giving Spirit, and when we hear and accept such a gospel, what do we receive? The main thing that we **receive** is **the life-giving Spirit**... Do not think when we receive the gospel we mainly receive forgiveness of sins or justification. The **main thing** that **we receive** by accepting such a gospel is **the Spirit**...Therefore, Ephesians 2:18 speaks concerning the Spirit: "Through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father." Now we have the Spirit and are in the Spirit, and the Spirit brings us to the Father, the source.

THE ISSUE OF THE DIVINE DISPENSING

The first issue of the divine dispensing is that we are **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the household of God (Eph. 2:19). Also, the Gentile believers are **being built together** with the Jewish believers upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as the cornerstone (v. 20). Such a building has the wonderful Christ as the joining cornerstone. This building is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, a holy dwelling place of God (v. 21). This indicates that **the holy temple is a living building**, for a physical building does not grow... **The church grows by life dispensing**. The threefold God—God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Spirit—is dispensing Himself into us as life and as our life supply. As long as He is dispensing Himself into us, we are nourished, and we grow. He dispenses, and we grow. This is the building of the church into a temple. (Excerpts from *The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity* CWWL, 1983, vol. 2)

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, we want to enjoy experientially what we possess positionally. Keep us in our spirit, where we can enjoy the threefold dispensing of the Triune God – through the Son in the Spirit unto the Father.
2. Lord, continue to build us upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Although You were rejected, You are still the cornerstone that joins us together. Thank You for making us living stones for the building up of Your house. Continue to transform us to be Your dwelling place.
3. Thank You, Lord for Your rich supply, causing us to grow with the growth of God that we may be built up into Your spiritual house. Only You can give us growth. We simply come to You to spend adequate time to absorb You.
4. Lord, we want to be the same as You are in life and nature – make us holy even as You are holy. Day by day separate us, saturate us, and make us one with You. Soak us with Your element whether we are willing or not.
5. Build us into Your holy temple, Your sanctuary. Make us the living compositions of the New Jerusalem, the holy city which is You Yourself as the mutual dwelling place for both God and man.
6. Build us into Your dwelling place where You can find rest. We want to be in the church life – living in our spirit and joined to You in one spirit. May all our building work be for the building of the church.

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 for all the saints in the Lord's recovery to enter in and to be constituted with the truth (HWMR, the life studies, and high peak truths).

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 Prairie College Conference in Calgary on Feb. 18 and 19. Release all our college students especially the newly baptized ones so that they can see Christ and enter in practice of the church life.

Misaiming concerning the Father's House (Who concerning the Truth have misaimed—2 Tim. 2:18)

Misaiming: "When a believer dies, we say that a person has gone to heaven. The person's spirit is with Christ in a place prepared for them by the Lord Jesus himself. 'I am going,' Jesus said, 'to prepare a place for you' (John 14:2). That 'place' Jesus called 'my Father's house'—a place of glory and blessing. Jesus has been preparing his Father's house for two thousand years, and it's already teeming with activity" (Douglas Connelly, *After Life: What the Bible Really Says*, p. 93).

Truth: To say that the Father's house in John 14:2 is heaven is not what the Bible really says. In order to know the Father's house in this verse, we need to consider the previous mentioning of the Father's house in John 2. When the Lord Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the temple, He said, "Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise" (v. 16). At that time the Father's house was the physical temple in Jerusalem. The Jews asked for a sign and Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (v. 19). Here the temple to which the Lord was referring was "the temple of His [physical] body" (v. 21), because He is the embodiment of God (Col. 2:9). The Lord Jesus was indicating that the temple, the Father's house, was now no longer a physical place—it was a person. God the Father dwelt within Him (John 14:10), in His physical body. The Lord's physical body was destroyed on the cross, and in resurrection—"in three days"—His corporate and mystical Body, the Body of Christ, was produced. Now the temple of God, the Father's house, is the Body of Christ. Recognizing this, Paul tells us that the church is the house of the living God (1 Tim. 3:15) and that corporately the believers are the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16), and Peter says that the believers in Christ are living stones of this spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5).
(Excerpts from *Knowing the Triune God*, Vol. No. 1, Jan. 1996)

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