

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST, IS THE LION OF JUDAH (REV. 5:5)

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 10

The church life is **the right place** for you to be an overcomer. But this does not mean that as long as you are in the church life, you are an overcomer. It is one thing to be in the church life. It is another thing to be an overcomer in the church life.

These **overcomers in the church life** are **today's Zion** in **today's Jerusalem**. In the Old Testament there was the city of Jerusalem with Zion as the center. Jerusalem was built on a mountain range. Mount Zion was one of the mountains on which Jerusalem was built. Zion is the center, and Jerusalem is the circumference. The **church life** is **today's Jerusalem**; within the church life there must be a group of overcomers, and these overcomers are today's Zion. According to Revelation 14, the overcomers are standing on Mount Zion with the Lord (vv. 1-5). Actually, in typology the overcomers are today's Zion. Then in the last two chapters of Revelation, there is the New Jerusalem. **Without Zion (the overcomers), Jerusalem (the church life) cannot be kept and maintained.**

Zion is the **high peak**, the **center**, the **uplifting**, the **strengthening**, the **enriching**, and the **reality** of the church, the holy city. If there are no overcomers in a local church, that church is like Jerusalem without Zion. There are some churches like this today, so they are weak churches. A local church must have some overcomers, and these overcomers are the peak and the center of that local church. They are the uplifting, the strengthening, the enriching, and the reality of that local church. If you take away these overcomers from that local church, that local church becomes like a flat tire. The full-time training is for the producing of the overcomers. Once a church has some full-time workers as overcomers, that church is like Jerusalem with the peak of Zion. The overcomers as Zion are the highlight, the center, and the reality of the church.

The **overcomers** as today's Zion are **for the consummation of the holy city** (the church). They are to consummate, to finish, the building up of the local church and to bring in the consummated New Jerusalem in eternity (21:1-2). In order to complete the building up of the Body, **the Lord needs the overcomers**, and the building up of the Body consummates in the New Jerusalem. This is why at the end of the Bible, in the last book, there is the calling for the overcomers. Today **the way to become vitalized** is to answer the Lord's call to **be an overcomer**.

There are **two ways** before us today. We can either choose to be vitalized or choose not to be vitalized. I am presenting these two ways before us. Which way will we take? Are we going to be vitalized or not? We have to **make a resolution**. In Judges 5:15 Deborah said, "Among the divisions of Reuben / There were great resolutions in heart." We have to make a resolution to **be the overcomers, the vitalized ones**. An overcomer overcomes anything that replaces Christ or that is against Christ. In the Bible there is the age of the overcomers, and there is the calling for the overcomers. Furthermore, there is a way for us to be vitalized so that we can be the overcomers. (Excerpts from The Training and the Practice of the Vital Groups, CWL, 1993, Vol. 2)

Announcements:

- ◆ Combined Prayer Meeting Feb. 7
- ◆ Combined Small Grp Feb. 10 & 17
- ◆ Children's Fun Day Feb. 11
- ◆ Love Feast Feb. 12
- ◆ College Conference Feb. 17 to 19

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 aspire to be the overcomers, the Zion of today. Vitalize us to be a group that overcomes this world to live in the reality of the Body of Christ. Gain the center, the high peak, and uplift the church through us. Lord, cause us to advance until we reach the high peak of Zion.
2. Lord, make us the Zion in Jerusalem today for You to gain what You are after. Make us willing to let ourselves be defeated so that You can be the Victor. Lord, make us willing to cooperate with you corporately.
3. Lord, we open to You the doors of our hearts. Lord, cause us to be like Paul who desperately prayed at any cost and even paid the price. We open to You and we allow You to work in us and around us so that we may be part of the group of overcomers who bring You back.
4. Lord, we choose to turn to You and live in the mingled spirit. Lord, keep us coming to You in Your word that we may continually be sanctified and cleansed by the washing of the water in the word. We desire to be holy and without blemish for Your coming back.
5. Lord, Thank you, Lord that even though we pass through difficulties, trials, and persecution, we have the highways to Zion in our hearts. Lord, we turn to You so that this valley would become a spring. Fill us with the Spirit and bless us with the Spirit.
6. Thank You, Lord for the blessings in the church life—resting, dwelling, food, clothing, the victorious horn, the enlightening lamp, and the shining crown. May we be those who live the church living, the highest living, a living with brothers dwelling in unity.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for migration and strengthening of the saints in these localities: Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Guelph, Charlottetown, PEI, Halifax, Red Deer, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Quebec City
2. Please pray for the raising up of new churches in Airdrie, Chatham/Kent, Oakville, St. John and Langley
3. Please pray for a lampstand in Oxbow. Strengthen Sister Karen for Your testimony in this village.

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. Touch Judith, Ola, Naomi and Lysa to see not only Christ but also the church. Blend them with others and sanctify this time.

Misaiming Concerning the Kingdom

Misaiming: “The Bible does not teach that there will be a definite 1,000-year period of time during which Christ will reign on earth visibly. Christ Himself said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world’ (John 18:36); furthermore, the Bible clearly teaches that we Christians are looking for ‘a new heaven and a new earth’ (2 Pet. 3:13)”

(AL. Barry, Pres., the Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, “What about...The New Millennium,” 1998, pp. 2-3).

Truth: This statement presents a half-truth regarding the coming age. The Bible assures us regarding the coming of “a new heaven and a new earth” in eternity, but just as explicitly assures us of Christ’s coming millennial kingdom on the earth. Rev. 20:4...says that the **overcomers “lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years”**. The Bible also presents as **a matter of fact** the kingdom of Christ as being on earth. Rev. 5:10 is unmistakably clear: “And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and **they will reign on the earth**”. This verse is consistent with the Lord’s promise to the overcomers that they will be given “authority over the nations” (2:26; 12:5), which are on earth, not in heaven. The Bible definitely teaches us that there will be a millennial kingdom and that this reign of Christ will take place on earth. The eventual new heaven and new earth will come into existence only after this thousand-year earthly reign of Christ.

This misaiming also misapplies John 18:36 in an attempt to disprove the existence of Christ’s kingdom on earth. When the Lord said that His kingdom was not of this world, He was speaking of **its nature, not its eventual manifestation**. The kingdom of Christ is heavenly in nature, not worldly. It is not of this world, but of the heavens. The Lord Jesus Himself taught us to pray that His kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10). The Bible charges us not only to look for a new heaven and earth in eternity but, even more imminently and practically, to pray for its coming on earth.

(God’s Economy and the Principle of Recovery, Vol. V, No. 1 Jan. 2000, p.59)

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