

# Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST, IS THE ROOT & SEED OF DAVID  
(REV. 5:5; ROM. 1:3)

## Crystallization—Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 11

### Those on the Proper Ground Being the Church

Today the situation regarding the church is cloudy. But for us the sky is clear. We are members of the Body, and the Body is universal. **This universal Body has just one expression in a city.** Thus, there should be just **one church in a city.** It was this way in Jerusalem, in Antioch, and also in Ephesus. But it is not this way in our locality today. Therefore, we must **exercise our discernment** to discover who is meeting on the proper ground of oneness...We need to **be clear** that the **standing of the church** does not depend upon any terms or conditions but only upon the **ground of oneness.** The ground of oneness is the **ground of locality.** Wherever we Christians are, we should be the church in that place...We need to be clear about this so that wherever we are, we shall be nothing other than part of the church in that locality. Being the church is **not a matter of how many saints there are.** Even if there are just a small number coming together in a particular city, they are the church in that locality.

### No Special Name

The most striking feature of all denominations is their special names. Every denomination has a particular name, such as the Church of Christ, the Baptist Church, the Presbyterian Church, or the Lutheran Church. **Once a group assumes a special name, it has become a denomination,** for taking such a designation separates that group from all other groups...[T]he term local church is not a name. **We do not have a name.** When people ask you what kind of church we are, you should simply say, "We are just the church..."

### No Special Teaching or Practice

Every denomination also has a special teaching or practice. For example, the Southern Baptists practice baptism by immersion and insist that you be baptized by them...There are **no such terms for being accepted** into the churches. The **only condition** is that we **believe** in the Lord Jesus and are **saved by faith**...The church receives the saints whom God has received without imposing on them any particular terms. If you believe in the Lord Jesus and are saved, you are a saint...As long as you have been saved, justified, redeemed, and regenerated, you are a saint, a holy one. Because you are a saint already, the church receives you without requiring any special conditions or terms...

### No Special Fellowship

Every sect or denomination has a special fellowship. But we Christians should have just **one unique and common fellowship**—the **fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ** (1 Cor. 1:9). When we were saved, we were brought into the fellowship of the Lord. Therefore, as Christians we can have fellowship with one another.

### No Separate Administration

In a particular locality there may be a group of Christians who have no special name, special practice, special teaching, or special fellowship. However, they may still have an administration separate from the church in that city. If so, that group is a sect... This is like having two city halls in the same city. But there should be just one city hall in a city. If there is more than one, it is a sign of division. If a group of Christians has truly seen the ground of oneness, they will say, "We cannot have a separate administration. **We must have one administration with the church that is already in this city.**" As long as there is a city hall, it is impossible to have another one. If you insist upon a separate city hall, you are a division.

### Willing to Have Fellowship with All the Local Churches

...[A] local church is part of the Body, one among many other local churches. Thus, a **genuine local church** must be **open to the other churches.** If they isolate themselves from the other churches, they are a local sect.

### No Divisions Among Us

...[W]e all must be honest before the Lord. **We should not be a division,** and we should not have any divisions among us. We must chase away every shadow of division and dig out any seeds of division. The Lord's recovery is mainly a **recovery of the oneness.** If we are still a division or have divisions among us, we are no longer in the Lord's recovery. As long as we are involved in division, we cannot be in the Lord's recovery. Rather, we are part of the repetition of the history of Christianity. This is a serious matter. If we **lose our harmony,** our genuine oneness, we **lose the recovery.** (*The Spirit and the Body, chapter 20*)

### Announcements:

- ◆ Sisters' Mtg Feb. 12 @ 3pm
- ◆ Combined Small Grp Feb. 17
- ◆ ICSC Feb. 18 to 19 via Zoom  
Feb. 18 — 11am, 5pm, 8:30pm  
Feb. 19 — 5pm
- ◆ Church Pursuit Feb. 20 @ 4pm

### 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 don't want to be distracted and fall under apostasy. Our choice is not out of convenience but out of Your choice. Deliver us from any form of apostasy.
2. Save us from our selfishness and ambition. Make us clear about the situation of Christianity today. Have mercy on us that we would not practice the same. We are Your priests today, serving You according to Your ordination.
3. Lord, preserve us in oneness. We come to the unique place of Your choice. Remove any form of division among us. We uplift nothing else but You. You are the Head and You have the first place in all things.
4. You alone should be exalted for You are all and in all. Destroy everything that is not of You in our Christian life and church life. Deal with any places, idols, and names that causes division. Preserve the oneness in Your body.
5. Lord, make us diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit. Build up the local churches for the building up of Your Body. May our living be in the reality of the Spirit of oneness, expressing the unique oneness of Your Body on the unique ground of locality of the local churches.
6. Thank You Lord for recovering the genuine oneness. Enlarge our vision to see the all-inclusive, complete, comprehensive oneness that kills the germs of division and where we receive all positive things.

## 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 our contacts. Recover them back to the genuine ground of oneness. Remember the Sernat Family (Anthony, Orlando and Feby), Reema Vaidya & Family, Mugisha Family & Dadie Family.
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.

Children's Fun Day, Feb. 11, 2023



## 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