

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS A ROOT OUT OF A DRY GROUND
HAVING NO FORM NOR COMELINESS (ISA. 53:2).

Loving the Lord and Loving One Another
for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ—Week 2

FOUR CONDITIONS IN WHICH CHRIST IS ENJOYED BY US

The *death, resurrection, ascension*, and *Spirit of Christ* are not merely objective, having nothing to do with us. Actually, all of these are Christ Himself. Death, resurrection, ascension, and the Spirit are the **four conditions** in which Christ is enjoyed by us.

To die with Christ is to enjoy Christ in His death. To experience the death of Christ is one thing, but to experience Christ in His sweet death is another thing. If you have Christ, you have His sweet death. He and His sweet death are one. He is always in His sweet death for our enjoyment. Most Christians know that Christ died for us objectively on the cross, but who realizes that **we have to die with Christ subjectively** in order to enjoy Him? Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). This is to enjoy the crucified Christ.

To be resurrected with Him is to enjoy the **resurrected life-giving Christ**. To live in ascension is to enjoy Christ in the condition of ascension. We need to live in ascension as God's new creation in resurrection. If we enjoy Christ in ascension, we also enjoy Him in resurrection as God's new creation. Ascension, God's new creation, and resurrection are one. Christ is not only in the conditions of His death, resurrection, and ascension but also in the condition of the life-giving Spirit. He is the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit of Jesus Christ to us. Where the Spirit is, Christ is, and **it is in this Spirit** that we enjoy Christ.

DETERMINING TO STAY IN CHRIST'S SWEET DEATH AND FRAGRANT RESURRECTION

After the lover of Christ has experienced Christ in His sweet death and His fragrant resurrection, **she determines to stay** in the sweet death of Christ (the mountain of myrrh) and His fragrant resurrection (the hill of frankincense) until her Beloved comes back when the day dawns and the shadows flee away (S.S. 4:6). If we have Christ, we have His sweet death because He and His death are one. If we determine to stay in Christ, He is in His sweet death and in His fragrant resurrection. This is to enjoy Christ, to experience Christ. But we cannot experience Christ's death and resurrection as something separate and apart from Christ. God in His economy does not want us to experience something of Christ. Instead, He determined that we have to **enjoy Christ Himself in many things**. The lover in Song of Songs did not care whether her Beloved was with her or not, as long as she remained on the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense. However, **if we are in Christ, if we have Christ with us, we will be in His death, resurrection, and ascension**.

THE CALL TO LIVE IN ASCENSION—To Look from His Ascension

Song of Songs 4:8 says, "Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; / With me from Lebanon come. / Look from the top of Amana, / From the top of Senir and Hermon, / From the lions' dens, / From the leopards' mountains." **Lebanon** signifies ascension. In Christ's ascension there are the positive peaks of reality, victory, and the destruction of the enemy. **Amana** means "truth, reality." This is the truth, the reality, of the consummated Triune God; the all-inclusive Christ with His complete redemption; and the all-inclusive, compound, life-giving, sevenfold intensified Spirit. These realities are the three of the Triune God. **Senir** means "soft armor," signifying that the war is over and victory has been gained. We do not need to wear the hard armor to fight. Satan is the defeated foe. We do not need to fight, because he has been defeated already (Heb. 2:14; Col. 2:15). We are now wearing the soft armor to enjoy our victory in Christ. **Hermon** means "destruction." In ascension the enemy is destroyed.

To Look from the Heavens, Signified by the Lions' Dens and the Leopards' Mountains

With Christ Satan is a **defeated foe**, but **with us** he is still **a troublesome one**. Therefore, Ephesians 6 says that we need to wrestle with the evil one. Christ calls us to look from the heavens (v. 12), signified by the lions' dens and the leopards' mountains (S.S. 4:8b). Here are Satan and his subordinates (Eph. 6:12; 2:2). Here the believers fight with Satan and his power of darkness (6:12) by **being empowered** in the Lord and in the might of His strength (v. 10), by **putting on the whole armor of God** (vv. 11a, 13a), by **standing against the stratagems of the devil** (v. 11b), by **receiving the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit**, the word of God (v. 17), and by **praying always in spirit** (v. 18a) for the building up of the Body of Christ and the spreading of the gospel (vv. 18b-20). This is the reality of living in the ascension of Christ. (*Excerpts from CS of Song of Songs, ch.8*)

Announcements:

- ◆ Love Feast—Mar. 12
- ◆ Sisters' Meeting—Mar. 12 at 4pm
- ◆ Bible Distribution at University of Regina—Mar. 24

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 Jesus, I love You. Draw me, we will run after You. Thank You for becoming a man, for taking the personal and affectionate way to reach us. Visit us in our spirit privately that we may have a personal, affectionate relationship with You.
2. Lord, save us from our introspection and lead us to know Your mountain-leaping and hill-skipping presence. Give us the experiences we need to pass through death and enter into Your resurrection.
3. Bring us on to live in ascension, those who are continually in spirit. Transform us to be Your palanquin built with the humanity of Jesus, the redemption of Christ, and the divine nature of God. Make us those who are useful for Your move today.
4. Lord, transform us further to be Your Shulammite. We are just feeble ones who can become Your army because the fighting is in Your hands. We want to shine forth like the sun and live within the veil in oneness with You.
5. Grant us the maturity we need to “go forth into the fields and lodge in villages and look at all the gardens”. Save us from doing any sectarian work; instead, broaden our vision to see the work in the Body.
6. Lord, we rely on Your strength and Your love. Set us permanently as a seal upon Your heart and as indelibly as a seal upon Your arm. Our lives depend on Your words, and our work depends on Your commands. Find us leaning on our Beloved.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the Spring University Conference in De Hoof, Someren, The Netherlands on March 17 to 19. May the Lord gain a group of people (400 open and consecrated vessels) to register this week.
2. Pray for Sister Karen and Brother David’s decision to move to Regina. Lead them and use this arrangement to pave the way for Brother David and their family to enter the church life.
3. Pray for Brother Isaac and Marie Hiebert who plan to move to Foam Lake at the beginning of April. May this move be one with the Lord’s move for raising up a lampstand in that town.

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for a regular station for a Bible distribution. Arrange a place for us where we can regularly set up a table, meet Your people, and preach the highest gospel.
2. Please pray for the arrival of Morco family. May they be able to settle in Regina and be gained to see Christ and the church.

Lovers of Christ in His Ascension

Lovers of Christ in His ascension—
 Enjoy the riches of His life.
 She becomes His **private garden**
 With its fountain, fruit, and spice.
 Christ is hers and she is Christ’s dear love.

She is as beautiful as Tirzah
 As lovely as Jerusalem.
 Through her living in Christ’s ascension
 Her dear heart is now His home.
 She’s become the **sanctuary of God**.

Who is this woman I am seeing?
 Shining forth as the moon and sun.
 She is absolutely **heavenly**,
 From the old creation free;
 Overcoming all to live within the veil.

An **army** terrible with banners
 Christ’s lovers overcome to be.
 Those attracted by His beauty,
 Fully trusting in His power.
 Her romance is now the dances of two camps.

The **Shulammite**, His duplication,
 His counterpart has now become.
 She’s the same in life and nature,
 His expression to the full;
 Consummated as the New Jerusalem.

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