

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE ONE BETRAYED BY HIS FRIENDS AND OUR SMITTEN SHEPHERD (ZECH.11:12; 13:7).

Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 2

Two Lines

In the Bible there are two lines: the **line of life** and the **line of death**. These two lines come from the two sources that exist in the universe. One of these sources is God, and the other is the devil, Satan. Furthermore, each of these lines will have a particular issue, result. The line of **life** begins with the tree of life and **ends with the New Jerusalem**. The line of **death** begins from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and, passing through the great Babylon, **ends with the lake of fire**. **Oneness** is on the line of life, **originates with God**, and issues in the New Jerusalem. **Division**, on the contrary, is on the line of death, **originates with Satan**, and issues in the great Babylon and, ultimately, the lake of fire. If we would see the great truth of oneness in the Bible, we need to be clear about these two sources, lines, and results. Then we will know where oneness and division belong.

Many Christians are careless about division because they do not see the seriousness of these two lines. **Never regard division as an insignificant matter**. Division is extremely serious, **a matter of life or death**. To be in oneness is to be in life, but to be in division is to be in death...

No More Division

God's four great acts are related to *creation, selection, the new creation, and the New Jerusalem* in the new heaven and new earth. Apart from God—the only proper source in the universe—there is another source, Satan, with another element and issue. By the time of the New Jerusalem, this source, element, and issue will all be cast into the lake of fire. Therefore, in the new heaven and new earth God will be the unique source, and only His element and issue will remain. For this reason, **in the new universe there will be no division. There will be no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain, and no more darkness**. We can go on to say that in the new heaven and new earth there will be no more sin, worldliness, flesh, self, or Satan. There will be no negative things whatever. This means that there will be no more division.

Division is all-inclusive. It comprises such negative things as Satan, sin, worldliness, the flesh, the self, the old man, and evil temper. If we are enlightened concerning the nature of division, we will see that it includes every negative thing. Do not think that division stands by itself and that it is not related to such things as the flesh, the self, and worldliness. Division is not only related to all negative things; **it includes all negative things**.

Just as division is all-inclusive, so, in the same principle, **oneness is all-inclusive**. It includes God, Christ, and the Spirit. Ephesians 4:3-6 indicates this. In the oneness revealed in these verses, we have God the Father, Christ the Lord, and the Spirit as the Giver of life. This oneness includes such positive things as our regenerated spirit and our transformed and renewed mind. **Everything positive is included in the proper oneness**.

The Seriousness of Division

When we turned to the way of the Lord's recovery and came into the church life, the negative things associated with division were spontaneously set aside. However, as we have pointed out, those who **forsake the proper oneness** automatically become subject to the very evil things that once were put away from them. This should cause us to see that division is an extremely serious matter. **Nothing is more dreadful than division**. Satan knows that even the thought of division is sufficient to undermine our Christian life. It is like a termite that eats away at the very structure of a house. Therefore, **even the thought of division must be repudiated**.

When we are in the oneness, we are in life, and we enjoy every positive virtue and attribute. Furthermore, our spiritual condition gradually improves. However, simply by accepting a divisive thought, the way is opened for evil to enter in once again.

We should never think that the church ground is not a matter of life. The **ground of the church** is the **very base of our experience of life**. To remain in oneness is to remain in life. Apart from the ground of the church, it is vain to talk about holiness or spirituality. Such things are directly related to oneness. It is marvelous to stay in the oneness, but it is terrible to be involved in division. Many of today's Christians have lost the Lord's blessing and grace simply because of division. This must be a warning to us in the Lord's recovery. Let us not repeat the history of the divisiveness of Christianity. May we all look to the Lord that He may preserve us in His oneness. We need to loathe even the thought of divisiveness. Praise the Lord for the oneness! May the Lord keep us in His presence by keeping us in this oneness. (Excerpts from The Genuine Ground of Oneness, Chapter 3).

Announcements:

- ◆ Brothers' Mtg—April 30 at 6pm
- ◆ Summer Training Registration Deadline—May 1
- ◆ Churching/Blending Conference with Church in Edmonton—May 5 to 7

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. Thank You, Lord for bringing us out of captivity and back to the genuine ground of oneness to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ. Lord, cause us to absorb Christ and assimilate Christ so that You may have Your increase in us and fulfil Your economy.
2. Lord Jesus, we want to enjoy You, experience You, and worship You as Jehovah, the One who is self-existing and ever-existing, and even the One who is intimate with us. Lord Jesus, cause us to know and experience You as the great "I am" in a deeper way.
3. Lord, impress us more and reveal to us the three crucial elements of the church ground. May we see the unique oneness of the universal Body of Christ, the oneness of the Spirit. Preserve us to remain in the unique ground of locality where You placed us. Keep us in the reality of the Spirit of oneness, the reality of the Divine Trinity.
4. Lord Jesus, regardless of how good we may be, we are still sinful. Thank You for coming to die for us. You are the reality of the she-goat, our sin offering and also our peace offering.
5. Lord, we want to cooperate with You fully through our prayers. Reveal Your will and Your will within us. May our prayers not be useless and empty. Rather, may it echo Your desire and Your aspiration. May it be according to Your heart's desire that it may have a spiritual value in Your eyes.
6. We praise You, Lord. Cause us to fight the spiritual warfare and win by offering You our highest praises. Even though we go through trials and testing, teach us to set our eyes on You, lift up our heads and declare that Lord, You are above everything!

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the Lord's continual increase in this province, specifically the raising up of a district in Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. We praise You, Lord for bringing Bro. Isaac and Sis. Marie's family here. We pray for their entire family's household salvation. Gain the whole Hiebert household: Jake & Anna, Jake & Rachel. Bring Bro. Abe's family, Nancy and Susana's family.

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for our new gospel contacts: Mike, Shanshan, Su, Tianyung, Mark, Ola, Caitlyn and Lysa. Strengthen their faith and recover them fully. Attract them with Yourself and open them to see the unique ground of oneness to leave degraded Christianity.
2. Pray for the upcoming National College Training in Champaign, Illinois. We pray for our college students to be fully opened to the Lord that He may have a free way to speak and work in them.

Being Constituted with the Truth

Bearing the Truth—Learning and Practicing the Truth

In 1 Timothy 3:15 Paul refers to "the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth." We are each a living member of the church with the living God in us. The church being the pillar and base of the truth implies that every member of the church should know the truth. We need to make a decision to learn the truth. If the young saints do not make such a decision, the church has no future. For the sake of the spreading of the church to new localities, there is a need of leading ones, some who can bear responsibility. We are short of such ones because in the daily church life we do not learn or practice the truth. If we learn the truth and practice the truth in the daily church life, every member will be able to bear some responsibility. Then wherever we spread, there will be no problems; every local church will be strong.

In summary, in order to know how to conduct ourselves in the church life as the house of God, we need to be careful to always do two things: never insult the headship of Christ and always learn, guard, and bear the truth. The headship of Christ and the truth are two basic factors that direct, control, and safeguard the church life. We need to honor, respect, and not insult the headship of Christ, not overstepping in any matter related to Christ's headship. We also need to learn and practice the truth. If we do these two things, we will be clear regarding how to conduct ourselves in the house of God. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 2, "Crucial Principles for the Christian Life and the Church Life," ch. 7, pp. 618-621)

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, Manila, Philippines

Thanksgiving Conference

November 23-26, 2023, Dallas, TX USA

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 25-30, 2023, Anaheim CA USA