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Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE ONE ON WHOM JEHOVAH LAID OUR INIQUITY & WHO BORE OUR INIQUITIES & WAS MADE SIN FOR US (ISA 53:6, 11-12).

Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 5

The Recovery of the Truth in Our Knowledge and Experience

As the children of God, we need to know, realize, apprehend, experience, hold on to, and practice the truth. Many Christians have the wrong concept that they need to learn many doctrines. The New Testament stresses not doctrines but truth. The word truth is used again and again in the two Epistles to Timothy. First Timothy 3:15 says that the church is the pillar and base of the truth. The "full knowledge of the truth" is mentioned four times (2:4; 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7). Second Timothy 2:15 says, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth." Verse 8 of chapter 3 says, "These also oppose the truth." Verse 4 of chapter 4 says, "They will turn away their ear from the truth." The truth is mentioned repeatedly throughout the two Epistles to Timothy because these letters were written at a time when the church was in degradation. The church had degraded from the truth and reality to forms, empty doctrines, and vain teachings. Paul wrote these two Epistles to recover the church to truth and reality. The same kind of recovery is needed today. The Lord has a recovery in order to recover Christ. Because Christ is the truth, the reality, the recovery of Christ is the recovery of the truth.

Needing to Know and Practice the Truth

The young brothers and sisters in the Lord's recovery need to learn the truth. The United States has become a strong nation because it has a strong constitution. Even the president must follow the Constitution. The church should be like this. We care for the truth. The truth is the "constitution" of the church...

The young brothers and sisters must spend time to study the Word of God in order to know the truth. First Timothy 4:3 mentions "those who believe and have full knowledge of the truth." We need not only to believe in the Lord Jesus but also to know the truth. Therefore, we all need to study the Bible to know the truth, not merely the doctrines. In 3:15 Paul says that the church is the pillar and base of the truth. The church includes every believer. God's truth today rests upon the church, including the young people. Everyone in the church should bear the truth. We are the pillar and base of God's truth.

The Truth Leading to Godliness

The **truth leads to godliness**. First Timothy 3:15b-16a says, "The church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth. And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh." Christ first ascended to the heavens and then was preached among the nations. However, in verse 16 taken up in glory is listed after preached among the nations. Therefore, taken up in glory refers also to the church's rapture. This indicates that **the manifestation of God in the flesh mentioned in this verse refers not only to Christ but also to the church**. It is logical to say that the manifestation of God in the flesh is both Christ and the church, for Christ is the Head and the church is His Body. If the Head, Christ, is the manifestation of God in the flesh, surely the church, His Body, also is the manifestation of God in the flesh

The mystery of godliness is God manifested in the flesh. Godliness is simply to manifest God....Whenever we practice the truth, the result will be the manifestation of God in the flesh.

We should not argue about doctrinal points. If we argue, we will become disoriented. We only need to know and practice the truth. Truth leads to godliness, which is the manifestation of God in the flesh. We should care for reality, which leads to godliness. We are the witnesses of the Lord Jesus, and our living should be a testimony of Jesus. Whatever we do and say and the way we act should cause others to see God manifested in us. This is the truth leading to godliness. We care for this truth, this reality, which is Christ as the embodiment of our Triune God. This is the proper way to practice the church life (Excerpts from The Healthy Word, ch. 2).

Announcements:

- ♦ Brothers' Mtg—May 21
- ◆ Memorial Day Conference via Zoom—May 26 to 28
- ◆ SST Registration Deadline—May 28
- ♦ Winnipeg Conference—June 10-11

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, make us the priestly scribes of today, those who are filled with God and constituted with the Word of God. Give us a heart to contact you constantly and instantly so that we can be daily saturated with You and mingled with You.

- 2. Lord, we open our whole bring to You. Reconstitute us with the word of God so that we may be Your testimony. Lord, cause your Word to shine, penetrate, and subdue us.
- 3. Lord, we want to come to the full knowledge of the truth. Educate us with the Word and save us from living and behaving in the same old way. Cause us to speak the language of Judah and live a culture that expresses God.
- 4. Lord Jesus, encourage us to spend time with You in Your word so that we may walk in the light and be filled with the divine light. Lord, bring us into the light so that we can also bring others.
- 5. Lord, make us priestly teachers who are filled with the Word of God to bring others to the truth. Fill our meetings with much speaking of the truth. Uplift our meetings through our being perfected to prophesy the Word of God.
- 6. Train us, Lord to be constituted with the truth. Enhance our understanding through a clear mentality, that the truth not only remains in our memory. May the truth be a constant and long-term nourishment to us.

North America/Other Burdens

- 1. Pray for the release of Your up-to-date speaking this upcoming Memorial Day Conference on May 26 to 29. May Your rich speaking be released without any hindrances. Shame Your enemy by bringing Your entire recovery together for this rich feast.
- 2. Pray for the meeting hall purchase in Munich, Germany. Please pray that the Lord will provide the needed finances through the Body.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Lord, we pray for our new gospel contacts: Julie, 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.

Using the Life-Studies

The Main Revelation in the Bible

In the Bible mainly life is revealed. Life is the focus of the whole Bible. But what is life, or who is life? The answer is in the word of the Lord Jesus. He says, "I am life," and "I am come that you may have life." The Bible is a revelation of Christ as life. Whenever we come to the Bible, we must realize that we are coming to contact Christ as our life...The whole Bible is a book of life, and this life is nothing less than the divine and living Person of Christ Jesus Himself, who is our portion. When we come to the Bible, we must come to contact Him. We should not repeat the pitiful history of the Jewish people who researched the Scriptures because they thought there was life in them, yet would not come to the Lord Jesus (John 5:39-40). We should not contact the Bible without contacting the Lord. Whenever we open the Bible we have to say, "Lord Jesus, You have to be here." This is not merely a book, this is Your revelation. I don't like to read this book without contacting You. Idon't like to hear something from this book without hearing You. I don't like to read this book without seeing You. I like to see Your face. I like to see what You are from the printed page. O Lord Jesus, enlighten Your Word and anoint every line that I may touch You." We need such a spirit to contact this living Word (Excerpts from The Life-Study of Genesis, pp. 3-4).

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