

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE PIERCED ONE, WHOSE BONES—NOT ONE WAS BROKEN (PSA 22:16; ZECH 12:10; PSA 34:20).

Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 9

The Need of Knowing the Position of Our Salvation

...[W]e...need to know the position of our salvation. We were saved from being under judgment into the forgiveness of sins and were made alive from the condition of death and obtained God's life; however, the forgiveness of sins and the obtaining of life cannot be considered as the position of our salvation. Ephesians 2:5-6 tells us that "when we were dead in offenses, [God] made us alive together with Christ...and raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies." This shows that **every man who is saved is not only one whose sins are forgiven, not only one who is made alive from death and has God's life, but also one who is seated in the heavenlies, a man of ascension.** When Christ saves us, He causes us to ascend with Him and sit with Him in the heavenlies. Therefore, **ascension** truly is the **final position of our salvation.**

The **position of ascension** that we have obtained rests not only on the fact of ascension that God has accomplished in Christ but also on the **life of ascension that we have obtained within us.** In Colossians 3:1-4 the apostle asks us to set our mind "on the things which are above." This is based on the fact that Christ is our life. Christ is sitting in the heavenlies at the right hand of God. Because we have Him as our life, we also are hidden with Him in God. This reveals that neither in His death nor in His resurrection but in His ascension Christ caused us to obtain life and became our life. This life has passed through death and resurrection, yet it is in the position of ascension that Christ gives this life to us. This life is ascended and heavenly and is given from heaven. **It is a life that reaches heaven.** Therefore, once we obtain this life, we have **fellowship with heaven** and are **joined to heaven.** According to outward conditions, we still live on earth, yet according to the inner life, we are already in heaven. The situation is just like the Lord's during His time on earth. He said then that though He "descended out of heaven," He was still "in heaven" (John 3:13). This was due to the fact that His life is heavenly and connected with heaven.

For example, an electric light bulb gives light because of the electric current within it. This electric current originates from the power plant and is connected with the power plant. Therefore, externally speaking, its light shines forth in this room. But, with respect to the electric current within the bulb, its position is at the power plant. Likewise, **we as saved ones can be manifested in this age as shining light** (Phil. 2:15; Matt. 5:14-16) because of the **ascended life that saves us and is now within us.** This life flows into us from heaven, and it is also connected with heaven. It flows into us from heaven, and it also brings us to heaven. With this life that is connected with heaven, we are also a people who are connected with heaven. Therefore, just as from Christ's standpoint ascension is the conclusion of His redemption, even so from our standpoint ascension is the position of our salvation.

The Experience of Ascension

We obtain the position of ascension the moment we are saved. But how can we experience ascension? Simply speaking, the experience of ascension is the **outcome of our experiencing resurrection through death.** Even as Christ ascended to the heavenlies through death and resurrection, so also we may experience ascension through death and resurrection...

...Once we pass through the death of the cross and enter into resurrection, we reach the realm of ascension. Thus, if we want to experience ascension, we must **first seek to experience death and resurrection.** We must severely put to death by the Lord's cross everything of **sins**, the **world**, the **temper**, the **flesh**, the **self**, and the **natural constitution**, and enter into the Lord's resurrection by the Holy Spirit. Then we can experience ascension and be a heavenly people in the realm of ascension (*Excerpts from The Experience of Life, ch. 16*).

Announcements:

- ◆ Bible Distribution—June 23
- ◆ Children's Fun Day—June 24
- ◆ Brothers' Meeting—June 25
- ◆ Call for Prayer—30 Days of Prayer for the NACT attached

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table & Prophesying, 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 simply trust in You in the matter of fighting the spiritual warfare. Prepare us not only to build but also to rise up and fight the enemy in every aspect of our church life and our daily living.
2. We are here to build and to fight. Guard us from all the stratagems of the enemy so that our building work can be carried out. We fight through fighting prayers and deny the lies of the enemy.
3. Lord, we declare Your victory. You defeated Satan and destroyed the works of the devil. Today, our fighting is to maintain and stand on Your victory.
4. Save us from our individualistic thoughts to fight in the body. Make us realize that our warfare is not against blood and flesh but against spiritual forces in the heavenlies. Empower us and subdue our will to put on the whole armour of God.
5. Lord, make us those who are fighting not with fleshly weapons, but those who are in the position of ascension, transcending above all, and using spiritual weapons. May all our activities be in the spirit, touching the feeling from within our spirit.
6. Teach us to pray prayers that are uttered from the heavens, touching Your throne. Strengthen us, renew us, fill us, and equip us to fight. We stand against the stratagems of the devil by fighting the battle in the Body with fighting prayers.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the students from Europe attending the North America College Training. Pray that there will be an unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit in this generation, and that these 230 students and serving ones will offer themselves willingly and hasten the Lord's return.
2. Pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the meeting hall purchase and our meeting with realtors. Give us the best place at the best price.
2. Lord, we pray for our new gospel contacts: Julie, Sandy, Lysa, Chiara, Katelyn and Su. 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.
3. 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—Being Equipped in the Truth and Growing in Life in Order to Feed the Lambs

In John 14:6 the Lord put life and truth together. Then in chapter 15 the Lord spoke of the matter of fruit-bearing. This indicates that fruit-bearing has a great deal to do with life and truth. Experientially, our barrenness exposes our shortage in life. Why are we barren? It is because we are not rich in life. If we have an abundance of life, we will spontaneously bear fruit. If we would pay attention to fruit-bearing, we surely must pay attention to the growth in life. If we would pay attention to the growth in life, we must also pay attention to pursuing the truth. Once we have the truth, we will be led into the experience of Christ. In this way we will be able to shepherd our lambs. Otherwise, we will have nothing to feed our lambs with and no way to take care of them. Without knowing the truth or growing in life, we may still be able to lead people to be saved and baptized; however, if we lack the knowledge of the truth and the experience of Christ, we will not be able to properly fulfill the responsibility of feeding.

The Lord has already opened the entire New Testament to us in the Life-study messages. If someone does not understand the Gospel of John, he should read the Life-study of John, where all the truths are opened. Once he reads the Life-study messages, he will be able to understand the intrinsic significance of the book. (Excerpts from CWWL, 1984, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," ch. 7, pp. 432-433)

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

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE NORTH AMERICA COLLEGE TRAINING

This list is intended for the saints in the churches in the Lord's recovery to pray, petition, and intercede for the Lord to move during the North America College Training. The duration of prayer is 30 days beginning June 17 and concluding July 16, the first day of the NACT.

Date	Prayer item
June 17	Let's pray for safe travel - This summer close to 2,900 college students and serving ones will gather in Champaign, Illinois for the 2023 North America College Training. They'll come from campuses and towns across the United States and from 39 countries around the globe. Please pray for their safe travel, including all flights, shuttle rides, and cross-country drives, and that the Lord will keep their going out and their coming in (Psalm 121:7-8).
June 18	Let's pray for hospitality - Many students traveling to the NACT, especially those coming from great distances, choose to extend their trips prior to or following the training in Champaign. This creates a marvelous opportunity for blending with churches, especially through the practical provision of hospitality. Pray for multiplied grace to all the local saints for hosting students before and after the college training on their way to and from the NACT (Romans 12:13).
June 19	Let's pray for each one's health - The North America College Training schedule is rigorous, starting at 6:30am every morning and ending at 11:00pm every night. Please pray for the speaking brothers to be healthy as they prepare in the Lord, for the serving ones to be in good health as they coordinate and labor together, and that each attendee would be able to fully participate and would remain healthy for the entire time with no spread of sickness (1 Thes 5:23).
June 20	Let's pray for on-time arrival - The first day of the North America College Training is July 16th. As everyone is arriving, please pray that the weather would be clear around the country so that all the planes would arrive on time. Many will be traveling by car or shuttle bus from the airports to Champaign, and all need to arrive safely and on time. Pray that not one attendee would be delayed in their coming to the training (Matthew 8:26-27).
June 21	Let's pray for the weather - The NACT is being held on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. There will be many opportunities for blending and fellowship as the trainees walk between the various locations. Please pray that the weather during the college training would be conducive to fellowship, convenient for getting from place to place, and allow for outdoor recreational activities (Mark 1:35).
June 22	Let's pray for the practical services - A gathering as large as the NACT requires a smooth coordination of various practical services including ushering, registration, and audio-visual. Please pray that there would be no interruption to the ministry of the word and that each service would be carried out in a smooth and harmonious way (Romans 15:5-6).

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June 23	Let's pray for safety and security - There will be many brothers serving as ushers for the entire week, as well as a number of privately hired security officers to make sure the training is secure and distraction-free. We need to pray for the safety and security of all of the trainees for the entire duration of the college training (Deut 32:10b).
June 24	Let's pray for the facilities - Please pray for the smooth and seamless service of the university staff in areas like food preparation, dorm management, and climate control.
June 25	Let's pray for the hearts - Pray that the heart of each trainee would be prepared for the training. May each one's heart be the good earth to hear and understand the word and bear fruit (Matt 13:32).
June 26	Let's pray for the oneness and one accord - The 950 coming to serve in the training represent 320 churches throughout the globe! Pray that each serving one would enjoy the anointing of the Spirit and the supply of grace to be kept in absolute oneness and the one accord so that there would be a way for the Lord to command His blessing (Psa 133:1-3).
June 27	Let's pray for the speaking brothers - There will be many brothers, including some senior co-workers who will be ministering the Word during this week. Please pray for the rich anointing and outpoured Spirit of power upon each of the brothers (Acts 2:4).
June 28	Let's pray for the blending among all the students - Each trainee will be placed in a small group and cohort and this is a unique opportunity for students from all different cultures, nationalities, and backgrounds to be brought together to enjoy the Lord and His rich speaking and experience blending for the building up of His Body. (Col 3:10-11).
June 29	Let's pray for the high school graduates - There are 341 incoming freshmen registered to attend the college training. Pray that they would genuinely and personally touch the Lord and consecrate their college years to the Lord. (Psa 110:3)
June 30	Let's pray for the small groups - An integral part of the college training is the time in the small groups each day. Each small group is comprised of 6-8 students, 2 serving ones, and 1-2 FTTA trainees. Pray that each small group would be full of mutuality, overflowing and shepherding. (1 Cor. 14:26)
July 1	Pray that the students would allow the word of God to dwell in them richly, being constituted with the word through memorizing many verses, redeeming the time. (Col. 3:16)
July 2	Pray that the Spirit would be fully released and flow in all of the singing in every session, and although the singing will mostly take place all together, the trainees would all touch the Lord personally as well as corporately through the release of their spirit. (Eph. 5:18-19)

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July 3	A high percentage of students are going to be attending their first college training and not all are clear concerning the uniqueness of this ministry. Pray that all the trainees would be open to the truth ministered to them and would take in this healthy teaching of the ministry, receiving the love of the truth (2 Thess. 2: 10).
July 4	Pray that each trainee would be open to and respond to the Lord's personal speaking during their time in the training. Pray that every trainee would experience dealing with the Lord, issuing in a memorial in their hidden life with the Lord. (Rev. 2:29)
July 5	Pray that the students would use the morning time to deepen their hidden walk with the Lord, even continually confessing their sins to maintain freshness throughout the training. (1 John 1:9)
July 6	Pray that each trainee would experience touching the Lord and opening to Him to be brought on in their knowledge and experience. May the Lord use all the speaking to bring out much fellowship, both in the groups and in 1-on-1 shepherding with older serving ones, so that they would experience the light of life in their daily walk. (Phil. 3:12-14)
July 7	Pray that the Lord Jesus would appear to each one, His appearing would give them a vision, and they would enjoy the Spirit daily, increasing day by day. (Acts 26:19)
July 8	Pray that the students would use this week to be soaked and saturated with the holy Word, memorizing verses and picking up the habit of being in the Word daily, even building up a lifelong habit to be safeguarded against the decline. (Matt. 4:4)
July 9	The students would consecrate their lives and futures to the Lord absolutely for His purpose and glory. (Rom. 12:1)
July 10	The students would practice the things that they have seen and heard at the college training beginning immediately after they return home. (1 Tim. 4:15)
July 11	The Lord would call many students to give their futures to the Lord and vow to attend FTTA to be made useful to Him. (Psa. 110:3)
July 12	Pray that all the students and the serving ones with their families would have the Lord's covering against any attacks from the evil one and no portion of the training, including the return time would give any ground for his attacks. (Matt. 6:13)
July 13	Pray that Satan would have no ground in the atmosphere on campus or in the beings of all those attending the college training. (Matt. 12:29)

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July 14	Pray that the enemy would have no way to prevent these young ones from seeing a heavenly vision and any questions any might have would be covered in the fellowship with older ones so that all doubts and concerns in matters of the truth would be cast aside. (Acts 26:18)
July 15	Pray for the students to be free from all anxiety in their personal situations, as well as all of Satan's attacks and distractions, and they would be able to lie down in green pastures and rest in His presence. (Psa. 23:1-2)
July 16	Pray that every student would be reminded of their consecration to Him during this week and would keep this consecration fresh by opening to the Lord everything in their life and future so that they would live a Christian life in the divine romance for His goal, to have His bride so that He could come back. (Lev. 6:12-13)