

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS SHILOH, THE PACIFICATOR
(GEN 49:10; EPH 2:14-16)

The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy—Week 4

EATING JESUS

...[W]e are vessels to contain the Lord, and the Lord is the content. The vessels need to be filled up with this content. We are filled with the Lord as our content **by eating** and **drinking** Him. This is an organic infilling, which causes the growth in life and the transformation in life. When we receive the proper drink and food, something organic gets into us to cause us to grow and be transformed.

To put water into a cup is simply to fill it up. This is not organic. But when we take something into our stomach by eating and drinking, we are not merely being filled up. By digestion, what we eat is assimilated into our being. Thus, after eating we need the digestion and assimilation. By digesting and assimilating what we eat and drink, we absorb all the nourishment into our blood. This nourishment, after getting into our blood, becomes our cells. Then after a certain time all the cells become our organic tissues, our very being.

If I put water into a cup, it is just filled up. There is no digestion, assimilation, growth, or transformation. The water can never become the very element and essence of the cup. It is different with us human beings. How can a turkey be put into a human vessel? The only way is for this person to eat the turkey. Then the turkey becomes this person's essence and element. Jesus said, **"He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me"** (John 6:57b). A person is full of energy because of what he has eaten. We live by what we eat. We eat Jesus, so we live by Jesus.

What we eat obviously gets inside of us to become our content. Then it is digested by us. By being digested, the nourishment and the riches of what we eat are assimilated into our system to become our cells. Then the cells grow into our organic tissues to become us. Thus, we are what we eat. A man lives by what he eats, and eventually he is what he eats. If we eat Jesus, eventually we will become Jesus. This is why Paul said, "It is no longer I...but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20a), "for to me, to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21a). If you eat turkey all the time, you could say, "For to me, to live is turkey." You eat turkey, so you live by turkey, and for you to live is turkey. **When we eat Jesus, we live by Jesus and we are Jesus. For us to live is Jesus!**

THE NEED FOR A PROPER SPIRITUAL DIGESTION

We need to eat Jesus by calling on the name of the Lord. But after we eat, we also need **a good digestion**. We do not want to have indigestion. Indigestion first causes stomach trouble, and then it may cause a stomach ulcer. This could even lead to stomach cancer, issuing in death. Eating without a good digestion will cause trouble. **When we eat Christ, we also need to spiritually digest Him in a proper way.** If you have a proper digestion, the food you eat can get into every part of your physical being. There is the **thoroughfare** for the food to get through. Indigestion means that there is no thoroughfare for the food. The food cannot get through, so you will have problems.

Now we need to consider how this applies to us in a spiritual sense. Some dear saints may enjoy calling on the Lord and pray-reading the Word at first. But after a certain time, they lose their taste and appetite for this. This is because after taking in the Lord Jesus, something happened within them. There was indigestion. There was no thoroughfare for the Lord Jesus to get through. After calling on the Lord Jesus and pray-reading His Word, we have to say, **"Lord, be merciful to me. Keep my whole being with all my inward parts open to You."**

...[T]hat is very practical to us in our Christian life. After you call on the Lord, ...He gets into you. But the problem is this—after your calling on the name of the Lord, after the Lord gets into you, you probably would not be so open to Him. **You may be open to Him in a little part of your being, but most of your being is closed to Him.**

The Lord Jesus is real, living, and practical. **When you call**, "Lord Jesus," He gets into you and fills you up. While you are calling "Lord Jesus," this practical and living Jesus will touch your natural being. But many of you would say, "No, Lord. Don't touch me here. Stay where You are. You are my guest, and You must stay in the living room. Don't get into my private bedroom. That's for me, not for You." This means indigestion. There is no way for the Lord as the spiritual food to get through in you. There is no free course for the food to get into your inward parts, so you have indigestion.

Today's Christianity has many teachings, but **we do not need these doctrinal teachings**. We need to **eat the Lord** and **enjoy the Lord**. Suppose I invited you to a dinner, and instead of allowing you to eat and enjoy the food, I taught you about the food. This would be terrible. **We do not need the teaching; we need the real nourishment.** We need the riches of Christ to get into our being. We can get the riches of Christ into our being simply by calling on Him—"O Lord Jesus." But after calling on Him, the Lord works and moves within us to touch us in our inward being (*Excerpts from The Living and Practical Way to Enjoy Christ, CWWL, 1972 vol.1*).

Announcements:

- ◆ Love Feast/Sisters' Mtg—Aug 13
- ◆ SST in Langley—Aug 14 to 18
- ◆ Children's Bible Camp in Winnipeg—Aug 24 to 27
- ◆ Brothers' Meeting—Aug 27

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, You are the processed, consummated Triune God that meets our every need. Everything is in the Spirit, the very breath that fills us and lives the Christian life in us.
2. We praise You as the Lamb-tree, fulfilling redemption for us, and imparting life to us. As You breathe out, we breathe in for our living is our breathing. Thank You for providing the simplest way to breathe – that is, to call on Your name continually.
3. Lord, we testify that the more we drink of the water of life, the more we experience Your incarnation, human living, death and resurrection. Nothing can overcome or subdue this water for it is resurrection and it is life.
4. Thank You, Lord for submitting Yourself to the authority of God's law so that the water of life in resurrection could flow out from You and into us to be our drink. How we need to see and have a deeper realization that Your true worshippers are those who eat and drink of You.
5. Lord, unveil us to realize the fullest extent of how much we need You as our daily food. Give us a hunger that we would seek the food that abides forever and not the food that perishes. May we all see deeply that we need You as our daily supply.
6. Recover our eating and constitute us with the proper food. Give us a healthy digestion that we may be able to assimilate more of You to become our element, our constituent. Overcome today's degradation even in us and recover us back to the beginning—eating You as our food supply.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Young People Summer School of Truth in Langley, BC on August 14 to 18. Sanctify this whole week. We pray that our young people will give themselves fully to You and love You more deeply.
2. Meeting hall for the Church in Paris—Pray for the needs and give as the Lord leads.
3. Autumn Semester of FTTL will begin on August 14. Pray that many European young people will give two years of their lives to be perfected by Him in life, truth, and service.

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. Pray for our upcoming activities this month—SST for the YP and Children's Bible camp for the children. Use all these times to infuse us more with Yourself and be under the divine dispensing.
3. Pray for our new immigrants to be able to settle in Regina—Sister Dana Sorronda & Sister Viki Fang

Promoting the Life-Studies — Building Up a Habit of Spending Time in the Word

We all need to build up such a practice to **spend at least thirty minutes a day** to get into God's Word. The best way is to charge the saints to study a book of the New Testament according to their choice. They should get into this book continually and every day... They should study **every day either three times for ten minutes each or one time for thirty minutes**. We should charge them to pray-read two or three verses of this book every day. Then they have to study the accompanying message. We have messages on all the verses. The saints do not need to pray-read the Life-study messages, but they have to pray-read the biblical verses in order to get the help to enter into the truth conveyed in these few verses. They also need the help of the footnotes and the Life-study messages to enter into the truth. **The saints need to take this way every day to get into the truth.** After one year of studying the Bible in this way, there will be a solid change in the saints' home life, private life, and church life. A few verses seems very slow, but we must realize that **breathing is a slow thing**. We breathe only a little at a time, but this continual practice accumulates and keeps us living. We may think that this is too slow, but even if it took us ten years to finish the entire New Testament, that would be wonderful...**It is not a matter of quantity but a matter of endurance** (CWWL, 1984, vol. 2, "Elders' Training, Book 3," ch. 10, pp. 324-325).

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