

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE, THE STONE OF STUMBLING, AND THE FOUNDATION STONE (PSA 118:22-23; ISA 8:14-15; ISA 28:16)

The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy—Week 5

Drawing Near to the Lord and Opening Our Hearts to Him

In order for Christ to make His home in our hearts, we should not only give Him the ground to occupy our **conscience**; we should also let Him occupy our **mind**, our **emotion**, and our **will**. This requires us to **continually** draw near to Him, open to Him, and give Him the opportunity to dwell in us. When we were saved, Christ entered into us through our calling on His name. In the same way, whenever we call on Him, He enters into us. We need to continually call on Him every day so that He has more opportunities to enter into us.

Letting the Lord Touch Our Conscience

When the Lord comes to us, we might struggle within...The Lord may ask a brother whether he lied to his wife. It is difficult to find a husband who has never lied to his wife. This does not mean that a husband has done something immoral. It simply means that there are certain matters that a husband does not want his wife to know. This also applies to the wives. It is unlikely that there is a wife who has never lied to her husband...To lie is to act against one's conscience. **When the Lord Jesus comes to us, the first thing He touches is our conscience.** When a husband calls on the Lord, the Lord will touch the brother's conscience, and he will realize that he has no peace in his conscience because he lied to his wife. The lack of peace will hinder him from calling on the Lord. Those who are experienced know that something is wrong. When the Lord touches our conscience, we should ask Him to cleanse us with His precious blood. Then we should go to our spouse and ask for forgiveness. As soon as we confess our sin, our conscience will be made whole. We have all experienced this. After we confess our sin, it is sweet to call on the Lord, and we have peace within. This is the experience of the Lord coming to us, touching our conscience, and occupying our conscience.

Letting the Lord Enter into Our Mind

After dealing with our conscience, the Lord deals with our **mind**. We like to pray-read the Lord's Word, but some saints have "indigestion" and cannot absorb the Word. The food that enters into our stomach needs to be digested in order for it to be absorbed by the various parts of our body. Without digestion the food we eat cannot be absorbed into our body; this causes us to have problems. After some saints pray-read, the Lord's word remains in their spirit; it cannot spread into their mind. This is a kind of spiritual indigestion...**Spiritual indigestion means that we have restricted the Lord to our spirit.** We have **reserved our mind** for ourselves and do not allow the Lord to come into our mind. We allow the Lord to stay only in the living room. We do not let Him into our mind to **adjust what we think of, look at, or read.** This is the experience of reading the Lord's Word and receiving it into our spirit but not into our mind.

How can the Lord spread from our spirit into our mind? Suppose a sister pray-reads John 1:1 in the morning. While she is pray-reading, she tastes that the Lord is very good, but this is only in her spirit...For example, she may think about buying a certain thing, but she is afraid of discussing it with her husband. She knows that if she brings it up, her husband will not agree. So she considers buying it first and letting her husband know about it later. When she reads the Bible, her spirit says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God," but when she considers buying something, she loses the Lord's presence because she has not allowed His word to spread into her mind. If her mind were open to the Lord, His word would enter her mind. The Lord's word would not be restricted to her spirit but would spread into her mind. Whether or not we should buy something is a trivial matter. **The important matter is letting the Lord's word enter into our mind.** When His word enters into our mind, the Lord enters into our mind. We must let the Lord occupy our mind.

Letting the Lord into Our Emotion

We must also let the Lord into our **emotion**. Suppose a sister pray-reads John 1:1 in the morning. Then while she is having breakfast, her husband says something that displeases her and causes her to be bothered. This means that the words she pray-read remained in her spirit; they did not enter into her emotion. As a result, she uses her effort to overcome her temper. This can be compared to treating a symptom of an illness without addressing its cause. In order to deal with the cause, she needs to let the Lord's word enter into her emotion. If she would pray-read the Word until she is full of joy, she would not feel disgusted with her husband. Whether her husband is right or wrong, she would be full of joy. She would not be disturbed. This is an indication that the Lord has entered her emotion, that is, He is making His home in her heart.

Letting the Lord Gain Our Will

We must also let the Lord gain our **will**. Many lovers of the Lord have not allowed Him to touch their will. When they make a decision, no one can change it. Although they love the Lord, they have never allowed their will to be touched by the Lord...We all have this problem. This is the way that we shut the Lord out of our will. This means that there is still one room in our heart into which the Lord is not allowed to enter. **We must ask ourselves whether there is a certain matter in our heart concerning which we have determined that the Lord cannot touch.** We may even defend ourselves regarding this matter and say that there is no need for the Lord to touch it because it is neither sinful nor immoral. If this is the case, the Lord cannot make His home in our will...The Lord is full of patience toward us...Sometimes we tell the Lord that we will first do what we want and inform Him later. The Lord cannot make His home in any part of our heart that He is not allowed to touch.

Giving Every Part of Our Being to the Lord without Reservation

In order for the Lord to make His home in our heart, we must **yield** our mind, our emotion, and our will **unreservedly** to Him and let Him occupy our heart. In other words, every part of our being must be given to Him without any reservation. This is the way to receive the Lord as our person (Excerpts from The Church Life in Spirit and Truthfulness, CWWL 1970, vol. 3).

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, we want to receive Your word and Your dispensing for our experience and enjoyment. Save us from mere doctrinal knowledge and understanding. May we all enter into the experience and enjoyment of the subjective Christ.
2. Lord, we thank you for Your divine dispensing. As the Father, You chose and predestinated us in eternity, as the Son You redeemed us, and as the Spirit You sealed us as a pledge and imparted Yourself into us, for the building up of the church.
3. Lord, unveil us to see the rich dispensing of the Triune God. Grant us to see the continual transmission of the transcending Christ to the church as Your Body. Keep us headed up in Christ all the time.
4. Lord, thank You for being so accessible, from God the Father, through God the Son and in God the Spirit. We thank You for reconciling us not only positionally and for granting us access in one Spirit unto the Father experientially.
5. Grant us, Lord to be strengthened with power into our inner man. Make Your home in our hearts unreservedly. Occupy us, even our entire being, that we may be filled unto all the fullness of the Triune God.
6. Lord, we thank You for the processes You went through so that we can be mingled and have an organic union with You. We pray that we would be filled in our spirit and overflow to one another—speaking psalms, singing and giving thanks at all times for all things.

North America/Other Burdens

1. 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.
2. The saints in the recovery are invited to join the campus labor at the beginning of the university year in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Please pray that the Lord will gain many students in these three countries as remaining fruit and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in these countries through the gospel trips.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for our new immigrants to be able to settle in Regina—Sister Dana Sorronda & Sister Viki Fang
2. Pray for our Chinese-speaking saints. Raise up shepherd-teachers to help them in the pursuit of the truth and to fully enter into the practice of the church life.

Promoting the Life-Studies — A Private Time in the Lord's Word

Regardless of how busy or how tired we are, we can reserve thirty minutes a day for a time with the Lord in the Word. It all depends upon our will. If there is the will, there is the way. To save half an hour among twenty-four hours is not a hard thing. If the saints could practice spending one hour or more in the Lord's Word, this would be wonderful, but at least we should...give half an hour to the Lord every day. The saints should be encouraged to separate or sanctify thirty minutes every day to the Lord. We all can realize what a blessing this will be, and I believe that this will make the Lord very pleased. Then every local church needs to find a way to carry out the meetings in the principle of giving the saints the proper education in the full knowledge of the truth.

Excerpts from CWWL, 1984, vol.2, "Elders' Training, Book 3," ch. 13, pp. 358-359

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