

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE VICTOR ASCENDING TO THE HEIGHT, LEADING CAPTIVE THOSE TAKEN CAPTIVE, AND GIVING GIFTS TO MEN (PSA.68:18; EPH 4:8)

Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life —Week 4

The God of Resurrection Overcoming Death

Resurrection proves that God is a living God. There is no power that He cannot overcome. Death is an exceedingly great power in the universe. No one can withstand death. Apart from God, death is the greatest power in the universe. When death comes, no one can withstand it. Throughout history man has been searching for ways to overcome death, but no one has ever overcome it. Rather, all have been taken captive by death.

The Lord Jesus **overcame death** and **broke through death**; He resurrected from death. He was incarnated not only to work but also to fight. He had to prevail over every opposing power in order to accomplish redemption...**No matter whether Satan used man to attack the Lord or whether he used the environment, the Lord overcame every attack.** Therefore, the Lord could say, "The ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing" (John 14:30). The Lord overcame every attack of Satan, whether from man, the world, or sin. Then the Lord went into death and was resurrected from death to overcome death. The last enemy that the Lord overcame was death.

The Distinction Between the Living God and the God of Resurrection

There is a **distinction** between the **living God** and the **God of resurrection**. Before passing through death and resurrection, God was merely the living God; the human element was not in Him. At that time man was on the earth, and God was in the heavens. After God passed through death and resurrected from death, something mysterious happened: God and man were fully mingled as one. Incarnation was a mingling of God and man, but it was God entering into man. Through incarnation there was a man on earth in whom was God. Incarnation brought God into man. Through His resurrection from death the Lord brought man into God. Since the time of the Lord's death and resurrection, there has been a man in heaven, and this man is God. After His resurrection the Lord said to His disciples, "A spirit does not have flesh and bones as you behold Me having" (Luke 24:39). This proves that He is still a man in resurrection. By ascending to the heavens after His resurrection, the Lord brought man into God.

The living God does not possess human nature, but the God of resurrection possesses human nature. The living God possesses only the divine element, whereas the God of resurrection possesses both the divine element and the human element. God is the God of resurrection not only because He was tested and overcame death but also because the human element has been added to Him; hence, He now possesses both the element of God and the element of man. In the God of resurrection, God and man have been fully mingled. God is in man, and man is in God. The two have been fully mingled as one.

The living God lives in the heavens and in man's environment. The God of resurrection took a further step in order to live in man. In ancient times God performed various signs and wonders for the Israelites, but they experienced Him only as the living God. Today Christians have the living God within them so that they can experience Him as the God of resurrection.

Experiencing the God of Resurrection to Become Living Persons

God does not want to be the God of resurrection in Himself alone; He wants to live in man as resurrection. He wants to be mingled with man. Every genuine and living Christian must know God not only as the living God in the heavens and in his environment but also as the God of resurrection who lives in him. A Christian who does not know and experience the God of resurrection living in him is a dead Christian...**A genuine Christian not only needs to know God as the living God but also needs to advance to experience God as resurrection.** This is to be a Christian in the New Testament age. If God is resurrection in us, we will not fall asleep in the meetings. If God is resurrection in us, we will have the boldness to open our mouths to pray and the power to give testimonies in the meetings. Regrettably, until now many saints know God only as a person who is outside of them. They pray and ask God to keep them, but they do not know that God is resurrection in them. **When we let God live in us as resurrection, we will be living within, both in our daily life and service.** Our prayers and our testimonies will also be living. Not only so, even those who hear us and contact us will become living.

(Excerpts from CWWL, 1957, vol 3: The Living God and the God of Resurrection)

Announcements:

- ◆ Welcome Dinner for College Students—September 22
- ◆ Brothers' Meeting—September 24

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table & Prophesying, Lord's Day, 10:00-12:00PM
- ◆ Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00PM
- ◆ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading MWF 8:30-9:00PM
- ◆ YP & College Meetings, Fridays, 6:45-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group Meeting, Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

Contact Us:

- ◆ Email: thechurchinregina@gmail.com
- ◆ Mobile Phone Numbers:
306.737.3315
306.216.0685
306.529.5386

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, give us the genuine aspiration to know You subjectively and experience You in a deeper way. Day by day, grant us the grace to have the excellency of the knowledge by coming to Your word and have the necessary experience to know You and enjoy You in an experiential way.
2. Lord, we pray that we will not merely have the knowledge about You but actually gain Your very person. May we all experience You, enjoy You, participate in You and partake of You by paying a price. Save us from self-righteousness and grant us the vision of Your preciousness.
3. Hallelujah we can live a life of gaining You in Your all-inclusiveness! May this be our utmost goal—advancing daily, not lingering in the past, and stretching forward until we are found in You.
4. Lord, may we learn to live a crucified life, be conformed daily to Your death, and emerge from it to testify that You are the living God and You have the surpassing power to overcome any kind of death in us and in our environment.
5. Praise You, Lord as the One who has broken through the barriers of death. May we be those who also experience the power of Your resurrection by letting go of everything through death, not trusting nor glorifying in anything natural.
6. Praise You, Lord as the life-giving Spirit indwelling us. Strengthen our will to decide and be willing to put our human life aside, place it under the death of the cross, so that we can enter into the reality of the power of Your resurrection.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the those who have suffered the loss of their loved ones and homes in the devastating wildfires in Maui. Pray that the Lord would meet their material needs and soften their hearts to receive the gospel. May He continue to brood over Maui and prepare many open vessels to receive His gospel, that they may gain God in this time of loss. Specifically, pray that the Lord will direct all the New Testament gift packets that are being distributed into the hands of the seeking ones.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for our Chinese-speaking saints. Sustain the synchronized Bible reading every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Encourage all to go on and have a habit of reading the Word.
2. Pray for the University of Regina. Pray for the students who will come to the welcome dinner. May they have the real hunger for knowing the Lord and may there be regular contact with them throughout the semester.

Misaiming Concerning the Receiving of the Holy Spirit

Misaiming: "So for forty days, Jesus was with His disciples, and then He went to the Mount of Olives and ascended to His Father. Ten days later at the Feast of Pentecost...He came back as the Spirit. First we have the resurrected Jesus, now we have Jesus in all of us and dwelling in the body of Christ, the church" (Preaching, May-June, 1996, p. 18).

Truth: While this passage acknowledges the economic identification of Christ as the Spirit, it also reveals an inadequate grasp of the chronology and process of the resurrected Jesus' return as the Spirit. **At the time of Pentecost, the resurrected Christ, as the Spirit, already had been indwelling His believers for fifty days.** The quote above fails to take into account John 20:19-22, which declares that the Lord appeared to His disciples in His mystical, spiritual body on the day of His resurrection and then "breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit." The Spirit on this occasion is likened to breath indwelling the believers in order to be their life. However, according to the author of the above passage, the Lord Spirit delayed His debut until the day of Pentecost (which means "fiftieth"). Actually, **the Lord made two distinct appearances as the Spirit**—initially in John 20 **as the breath** imparted into His believers and subsequently at Pentecost, following His ascension, this time not as breath but **as wind**. In this subsequent visitation of the Spirit, power, not life, is emphasized. Breathing, as in John 20, bespeaks and bestows life, while a strong wind, as on the day of Pentecost, connotes power. Hence, after Christ's ascension the Spirit descended to empower the believers, outwardly clothing them with authority. It was for this reason that the Lord charged His disciples, "Stay in the city until you put on power from on high" (Luke 24:49) (Knowing the Triune God, Vol. 1. No. 1. January 1996).

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