

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE ONE UNDER WHOSE FEET GOD HAS PUT ALL THINGS. (PSA.8:6; EPH.1:22)

Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life —Week 1

Paying Attention to Christ Alone

...We need to be clear that God's **intention, purpose, and desire** have **everything to do with Christ**. Christ is the center of all things (Col. 1:17). He is the reality of all positive things (2:16-17). He is the center and circumference, the "hub" and the "rim," in God's eternal purpose, having the first place in all things (1:18)...

Not Paying Attention to Doctrines and Teachings

...[D]octrines, teachings, and scriptural knowledge, in and of themselves, do Christians little good..[O]ur **need is not these things but the subjective experience of the living Christ**... Doctrines and knowledge matter little; only Christ matters. The law was given by God for the purpose of conducting people to Christ (Gal. 3:24). However, the enemy of God utilized the law to distract people from Christ. In his subtlety the enemy took something that God gave for the purpose of bringing people to Christ and used it to distract people from Christ.

The doctrines in the Scriptures are descriptions, explanations, and revelations of Christ (Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39). Nevertheless, **people today are greatly distracted by the enemy** through these very doctrines. **As a result, they lose sight of Christ**... We need to realize that **it is not doctrines that matter, but Christ**. All our doctrines must be for Christ, because doctrines are definitions, explanations, and revelations of Christ. If we separate biblical doctrines from Christ, we make the doctrines empty. **We should never separate doctrine from Christ Himself, for Christ Himself is the reality of every doctrine.**

Not Paying Attention to Philosophy and Ethics

While Christianity has many good things, it is **philosophy in particular that has invaded Christianity**. The teachings and ethics found in philosophy may be considered mankind's best development. Nevertheless, **philosophy is not Christ**. We do not realize how much we have been influenced by human philosophy. Whether we were raised in the Far East or in the West, we have been greatly influenced by human philosophy in the realm of ethics. On the day that we received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, our first thought might have been that from that day forward we had to do good deeds. We might also have thought that as a saved one, we needed to please God. Where did we receive such thoughts? We received them from the influence of human philosophy.

Before we were saved, we were influenced greatly by human philosophy and ethics because we were taught these things from our birth...I am concerned that even now many of us have the thought that because we were in the world in the past, we must now be revived, come back to God, and please Him. Certainly we all need to be revived, but the inclination to be revived in order to please God may be due to our ethical concept. **Ethics are very much versus Christ and distract us from Christ.**

May the Lord open our eyes to see that what we need is not to be good but to have Christ as our life and our everything. We need to turn not so much from evil things to good things but from not living by Christ as our life to living by Christ as our life. We need to see a heavenly vision of God's intention to make Christ everything to us. Day by day our need is to pay attention to nothing but Christ (Matt. 17:4-5). I believe that one day the Lord will open our eyes so that we will see Christ in this way. When we receive such a vision, we will repent of many good things that are apart from Christ, such as our humility, our zeal for the Christian faith, and even our love for Christ.

Not Paying Attention to Christian Activities and Movements

In addition to teachings and philosophy, Christianity today has many **activities, programs, and movements**. For example, there is the movement of speaking in tongues, the movement of healing, and the so-called evangelical movement. However, **the issue is not how many movements and activities we are involved in, but how much of Christ we have.**

If we see today's situation in this light, we will turn away from these many distractions and turn to Christ. In general, our direction as Christians is away from Christ. We should have only one direction—Christ Himself (Excerpts from CWWL, 1964, vol. 2, pp.81-87).

Announcements:

- ◆ Church Pursuit—October 9
- ◆ Winter Training Registration Due—November 1
- ◆ **NEW** Morning Revival—Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine

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, 7:30-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group Meeting, Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, free us from all distractions and bring us to Christ Himself to enjoy and experience Him. Lord, give us the realization that You are the center of all things so that we may give You the first place in all things.
2. Lord, we want to spend time with You in your word to gain the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. Bring us back into the enjoyment and experience of You, as the all-inclusive One in our daily life.
3. Lord, cause us to see a heavenly vision of Your intention to make Christ everything to us. Lord, cause us to be willing to drop all the good things, even the best things, so that we may gain You and experience You.
4. Lord, we want to enjoy and experience You daily for the genuine church life. Lord, save us from focusing on doctrines and teachings, philosophy, ethics, and even activities. May we have a life in which You are the sole focus and goal of everything that we do.
5. Lord, we open to You. Grant us new experiences day by day. Make Your home in our hearts a little more today. May we have a genuine enjoyment of You day by day so that we may live the genuine church life.
6. Lord, cause us to have an inner experience of the indwelling Christ for the genuine church life. Lord, we want to enjoy and experience Your riches by pray-reading Your word. Lord, make us those who are genuine seekers and whose goal is to be filled with Your riches today.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Gospel trips in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (8-22 October) 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. For more information and to register, see bit.ly/GermanyGospelTrips.

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 came 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. Release all the students to know You and attend the weekly campus meetings.

Misaiming Concerning The Nature of Eternal Life

Misaiming: "What is the first thing you want to know when you get to heaven? ...And, of course, I would have to know, Are there any golf courses up here?" "I'd like to study art for the first ten thousand years, music for the next ten thousand years, and literature for the next ten thousand years and just continue to soak in everything that God has made and everything he has ordained" (R. C. Sproul, Now, That's a Good Question!, 1996, pp. 300-301).

Truth: This misaiming is a sad example of the fanciful flights the imagination can take in the absence of a clear view of God's economy. Christ is the sum of all spiritual things, and in eternity we will delight ourselves in Him, not in golf courses or 10,000-year-long fine arts classes. **As the New Jerusalem, we will neither need nor desire man-made entertainment or recreational facilities.** Rather, in eternity the created, redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite man will enjoy the divine, eternal, and surpassingly glorious life of the Triune God; we will live a life of eternal, unalloyed union, mingling, and incorporation with God. This life and living are vastly superior to anything human society has to offer; it overflows with the delights, blessings, and joy of God Himself. Those who have tasted such a life on earth by experiencing God's divine dispensing today know that when we are dwelling in God's presence in eternity, no one will long for golf courses or art classes. Instead, we will perpetually "continue to soak in" more of the unsearchable, inexhaustible riches of God Himself. (Affirmation and Critique: The Ultimate Consummation of God's Economy: Heaven or the New Jerusalem? Vol. V, No. 2, Apr 2000)

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