

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE COMING ONE—THE SON OF MAN ON THE CLOUD WITH HIS SAINTS AND WITH THE KINGDOM. (DAN.7:13-14; ZECH.14:4-5)

Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life —Week 2

One Bread

The **church life** is a **corporate meal offering** signified by the **one bread** in [1 Corinthians] 10:17. "Seeing that we who are many are one bread, one Body; for we all partake of the one bread." This bread, or cake, signifies the corporate life. We enjoy this corporate life when we partake of the Lord's table. Do you take the bread and the cup by yourself? Of course not! You partake of the bread and the cup with the saints. This is a **matter of fellowship**. This is the reason 10:16 says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a fellowship of the body of Christ?" Because this is a matter of fellowship, we partake of the bread and of the cup in a corporate way. **This corporate partaking is a sign of the church life; it is also a testimony of the church life.**

All the points covered in 1 Corinthians are related to the church life, to the corporate life. According to this book, for this corporate life we need to be a man who is **oiled with the Holy Spirit**, who **lives a life under the cross** with the **resurrection of Christ as the frankincense**, and who **does not have leaven or honey**. This is the church life as a meal offering.

The whole church life is a meal offering. In this meal offering the top portion is for God's enjoyment, and the remainder is for us to take as our daily food in our service to God. We, therefore, are a meal offering as food for God's satisfaction and for the nourishment of others.

God wants to have a meal offering in every locality. He desires that every local church be a meal offering that satisfies Him and that fully supplies the saints day by day. **Our hunger is satisfied not only by Christ but also by the church life.** The church life satisfies us because the church life is a corporate meal offering, with the top portion for God and the remainder for us. Therefore, we are fed by and with the church life. The church life is the meal offering to be our daily supply. Hallelujah for the meal-offering church life! (LS of Leviticus, Message 16, p. 147-152)

The New Jerusalem—the Mingling of the Triune God with Man

...[T]he New Jerusalem is the **ultimate consummation** of the **mingling of the Triune God with man**. If God did not have a purpose, He would be foolish to mingle with us. We think that God bothers us frequently, but consider how much bothering we give Him. For example, certain parents may have three children, and there is no way for them to handle one of them. This one is the naughty one. As our Father, God has billions of children. Among these billions of children many of them are naughty. **Is it easy for God to handle you as His child?** I must testify that it is not so easy for my God to handle me. We may think that a certain Christian is a very good child of God. Actually, however, we do not know the real situation. There is a proverb that says, "Only the fathers know the children." Only our God, the Father, knows us. **If God did not have a purpose to accomplish, it would be foolish for Him to suffer so much.** He went to so much trouble not only to save us but also to join Himself to us and to mingle with us.

When we all get there in the new heaven and the new earth as the New Jerusalem, we will be in ecstasy. We will be crazy to the uttermost! The New Jerusalem is much better than a physical, heavenly mansion. **It is the full mingling of the Triune God with His redeemed, regenerated, and transformed people.** The mingling of God with man can be seen in typology in Leviticus 2:4 with the meal offering, composed of fine flour mingled with oil. The entire New Jerusalem will be the fine flour mingled with the oil. The chorus of Hymns, #976 says that the holy city is God's complete expression in humanity. **Humanity is the fine flour, and God is the oil.** The coming New Jerusalem will be a great meal offering, a big cake, made of fine flour mingled with oil. The Triune God is being mingled with us today, and this mingling will consummate in the New Jerusalem (Excerpts from God's New Testament Economy, CWWL, 1984, vol.3/ch. 26).

Announcements:

- ◆ **Winter Training** Registration Due—November 1
\$180 CAD Video Training;
\$280 CAD Live Training
- ◆ **Brothers' Meeting**—October 29

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. Praise You, Lord for being the perfect man. As the fine flour, only Your humanity is fine, perfect, tender, balanced, and right in every way. May our human living be a duplication of Your daily walk, with no excess and no deficiency.
2. Lord, thank You for living a life typified by the meal offering. May we be those who also actively live the same kind of life today, a life that has the elements of fine flour, the oil, the frankincense and salted, having neither leaven nor honey.
3. Lord, we want our Christian life to be a duplication of Your living. Cause us to continually enjoy You as our meal offering daily so that we can become what we eat and live by what we eat. Infuse us more with Your humanity, the Spirit of life, the cross and resurrection. Remind us to our spirit day by day.
4. Lord, thank You for showing us that the church life is a corporate meal offering. Blend us even more and bring us into the reality of the Body of Christ. Deal with our peculiarities, our lack of humanity, and our independence. May we be fully dependent on the Holy Spirit, that we may be those who produce a satisfying fragrance for You.
5. Lord Jesus, You are the man given to us by God. Fill us to have Your high and uplifted humanity. Keep us in the realm of having You as our humanity by simply loving You, loving Your appearing, and looking forward to Your coming.
6. Lord, open our eyes to see the New Jerusalem as the ultimate consummation of the mingling of God and man. May You bring us to see the reality of the Body of Christ, the mingling living in the eternal union of the regenerated, transformed, glorified tripartite God-men with the Triune God in the resurrection of Christ!

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the ongoing gospel trips in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (October 8-22). May the Lord 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.
2. European Brothers Training and Baarlo International Blending Conference (October 24-29). Please pray for the perfecting and building up of the leading brother and of all the Europea saints through the rich speaking of the Lord's word.

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 small group meetings. Strengthen and blend us all through these weekly meetings. Sanctify this time and pray for everyone's attendance to be a consecrated time to practice living the corporate meal offering church life.

Misaiming Concerning The Significance of Ecclesia

Misaiming: "It is sad that Christians have forgotten the meaning of the word church in the New Testament. It translates ecclesia, an unusual word which meant then the town or ruling council or government for an area. This means that the church was called into being to become in time the true ruling body for its given area. It was not to attain this position by means of revolution, nor by political activity, but by obedience to the law of God" (Chalcedon Report. No. 381, April 1997, p. 2).

Truth: The Greek word ecclesia...is derived from **ek (out of)** and **klesis (a calling)**, and while ancient Greeks used ecclesia to denote a body of citizens called together to discuss affairs of state, its New Testament usage carries no political connotation. Rather, in the New Testament it usually denotes the church as a gathering of believers who have been called out by God...It was first used by the Jewish translators of the Greek Septuagint shortly before the New Testament age to describe the religious gatherings of the Jews (Deut. 4:10; 16:16). The New Testament authors later chose the same word to characterize the congregation of Israel (Acts 7:38; Heb. 2:12). Further...it was even used by Luke to describe a riotous mob (Acts 19:32). By examining its usage throughout the Bible, it becomes apparent that when applied to believers, the word simply carries the sense that the church is the gathering of believers who are called out for spiritual purposes, not "the true ruling body for its given area"...[I]f a believer perceives the "church" as merely a building down the street, his experience of the vast, rich reality conveyed in this term will be woefully inadequate. Our experience is dictated by our vision and understanding. In this case, an apprehension of the church as a political entity greatly disserves the reader by leading him into a distorted experience of the church. The adequate and accurate unfolding of the Scripture, on the other hand, serves to lead the seeking believer into all the profound realities of the church as the Body of Christ, the mystery of Christ, the fullness of the One who fills all in all. (Affirmation and Critique, Vol II. No.4, The Pneumatic Christ, Oct. 1997)

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