

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE COMING MESSIAH SEEN BY THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM AND WAILED OVER BY THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. (ZECH.12:10; REV. 1:7)

Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life —Week 3

Our Regenerated Spirit Becoming Our Person

In the book of Ephesians, the apostle Paul offered **two great prayers**. These two prayers are related to each other. In his **first prayer**, recorded in 1:17-23, he prayed **that the Father would grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation**, which is **our regenerated human spirit**, the **proper organ for substantiating God and spiritual things**. The church is not physical but spiritual. Hence, in order for us to see the church, we should exercise our spirit. Just as we must use the proper organs to see, hear, and smell, so also we must use the right organ—our spirit—in order to substantiate the church.

When we turn to our spirit, we meet with Christ. As we fellowship with Christ in our spirit, we realize, experience, and enjoy the power that God caused to operate in Christ—the power that raised Christ from the dead, seated Him at the right hand of God, subjected all things under His feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church. As a result, we are **liberated from many negative things**, and the issue of this liberation is the reality of the church.

If we are spiritually dead and do not experience the power that God caused to operate in Christ, we will be unable to have the reality of the church as the Body of Christ. But if we experience and enjoy the power of God that releases us from all that binds us, we will realize the church as the Body of Christ, for the Body comes out of the experience and enjoyment of the power of God. However, realizing the church as the Body is only the beginning of the church life. In order for us to be grounded in the church life, we need to **see that the church is not only the Body of Christ but also the new man**. For this reason, in his first prayer in Ephesians, Paul prayed that we would have a spirit of wisdom and revelation, and in his **second prayer** he prayed **that we would be strengthened into our inner man** (3:16). In his **first prayer** our **spirit** is revealed **as an organ**; in his **second prayer** our **spirit** is revealed **as a person**, our inner man.

First Thessalonians 5:23 says, “May your spirit and soul and body be preserved.” This verse reveals that man is of three parts: spirit, soul, and body. Our being, that is, our self or our person, is in the soul. In Matt. 16:26 the Lord Jesus said, “What shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life?” The Greek word translated “soul-life” in this verse is *psuche*, which is translated “life” in other portions of the New Testament. Because our being, or person, is in our soul, a human being is a soul. Our soul is our self, our being, and our person...

Man in his created state has two organs: a body and a spirit. Our body is not our being, our person; it is only an organ. When a human being dies, his person leaves his body. Although his body remains, his person is gone. Hence, the body is an organ, not a person. Like the body, the spirit also is an organ. **Whereas the body is an outward organ to contact the physical world, the spirit is an inward organ to contact God and the spiritual realm.** Man in his created state has a body as his outward organ, a spirit as his inward organ, and a soul as his person.

However, we the believers differ from man in his created state. Through God’s salvation we have been regenerated, re-created, and remade by God. When we first opened our being to the Lord and called upon His name, He entered into our spirit, and once He enters into someone’s spirit, He will abide forever in his spirit to be his life. Now that we have the Lord as our life in our spirit, our spirit is no longer merely an organ but has become a person, a man. For this reason, the Bible speaks of our outer man and our inner man (2 Cor. 4:16; 1 Pet. 3:4). The **outer man** is the **soul**, and the **inner man** is the **regenerated spirit**, which has God’s life as its life. Before our regeneration, our spirit was only an organ because it did not have the life of God. But **through regeneration, Christ as life entered into our spirit, and our spirit became our inner man, our person.** On the one hand, our spirit is an organ to contact God in the spiritual realm; on the other hand, our spirit is our inner man.

There are two men within us, the outer man and the inner man. Before we were saved, we only had an outer man, but now after being saved, we have another man living in us—the inner man. There are **many struggles** between these two men in our daily life. This is **because the outer man desires to do things that the inner man opposes.** For example, while the outer man in us may desire to engage in a particular kind of worldly entertainment, the inner man forbids us from doing it. After being saved, we have two men living in us. We should no longer live by our soul, the outer man, but by our spirit, the inner man (Excerpts from CWWL, 1971, vol. 1, ch. 3, pp. 273-279).

Announcements:

- ◆ **Winnipeg Conference**—Nov. 4-5
- ◆ **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. Make us genuinely spiritual, not by our own endeavor but by taking You as our person. Just as You took the Father as Your person, we want to take You as our person. We want to be one with You so when we speak, You will carry out the work.
2. Lord, You are not only our life, but also our person. Cause us to live according to Your preference, not in a forced way, but because of our love for You. We deny our soul and take You as our new person.
3. Lord, settle down in us. Strengthen us into our inner so You can make home in our hearts. Spread from our spirit, saturating our mind, filling our emotions, and occupying our will with Yourself.
4. Lord, You are the life and person of the church. Remind us everyday to learn how to deny ourselves so You can be our person being built up into the new man. Recover the proper church life where You are all and in all.
5. We take Your life in our moving, and we take Your person in our living. Cause us to drop our individualism and live the corporate church life. May our living be a living in righteousness and holiness that matches Your ways and nature.
6. Perfect us that we may enter into the reality of taking You as our person. Accomplish Your purpose in us that expresses You and exercises Your dominion. We give ourselves to be perfected for the one new man.

North America/Other Burdens

1. 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 European saints through the rich speaking of the Lord's word.
2. Autumn University Conference in the UK (November 3-5).
3. Central and Eastern Europe and Balkans (CEEB) Blending Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria (November 10-12).

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. Put in their hearts the desire to meet corporately and attend the church meetings to see the genuine church life is a corporate living.
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 genuine church life.

Misaiming Concerning The Efficacy of the Redemption and Blood of Jesus

Misaiming: "I believe some will go to hell (see Heb. 6:4- 6; 10:26-31), but since the gates of hell will not prevail (see Matt. 16:18), the only people who will spend eternity there are those whom Jesus failed to redeem—those whom His blood was too weak to reach and wash (see 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 1 Cor. 5:5)" (Carlton Pearson, "Confessions of an 'Inclusionist,'" *Charisma*, April 2003, p. 70).

Truth: This passage errs in ascribing an inherent weakness to the redeeming blood of Jesus in order to account for the suffering that awaits unbelievers in the lake of fire for eternity. Any failure in this regard, however, must be attributed to **human unbelief**, not to either the power of the blood or the heart of our Savior God. Paul tells us that as "the Savior of all men," God desires "all men to be saved" (1 Tim. 4:10; 2:4). To fulfill this desire, He sent His only begotten Son to save "the world"—sinful, fallen people (John 3:17). Christ Jesus, the "Savior of the world," gave Himself as a ransom to accomplish redemption for all men (4:42; 1 Tim. 2:6). Unveiling Christ as a sacrifice for propitiation, John emphatically declares, "He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Isaiah tells us that when Christ was crucified, God caused "the iniquity of us all" to fall on Him (53:6). Twice Paul states that in His crucifixion Christ "died for all" (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Hebrews 2:9 goes so far as to declare that Christ tasted death "on behalf of everything," accomplishing His redemption not only for people but for everything created by God. Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world to accomplish His eternal redemption, by which He reconciled the world to Himself (John 1:29; Heb. 9:12; 2 Cor. 5:19). All these verses reveal that **the provision of Christ's redemption is available to all human beings through all time**, in order that all human beings may have the opportunity to be saved (Excerpts from *Affirmation and Critique*, Volume VIII, No. 1, April 2003).

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