

# Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE THE ONE COMING IN THE NAME OF JEHOVAH AND BLESSED BY REPENTANT ISRAEL (PSA.118:26; MATT. 21:9)

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

### Experiencing Christ Without Limitation

To magnify Christ is to express Christ without limitation. It is to show to the whole universe that the very Christ who is our life and by whom we live is unlimited. According to the human concept, Christ is limited. But when people see us living by Him, they will realize that He is not limited. If the apostle Paul had not been put in prison, no one would have understood how unlimited Christ was. It was through Paul's imprisonment that the Christ by whom Paul lived was expressed as the unlimited One. Because Paul's endurance was Christ Himself, it would have been impossible to exhaust his endurance no matter how long Paul had been kept in prison. Hence, it was inexhaustible and unlimited. Sometimes Christians ask others to pray for them because they are coming to the end of their endurance. Such endurance is not Christian endurance, for it is not endurance magnified. The Christ whom we experience as endurance cannot be exhausted. If we live by Him, He will be magnified; that is, He will show forth His exhaustlessness. Because Paul's endurance was Christ, it was unlimited. Such an unlimited endurance is the magnification of the unlimited Christ. To the universe this is a mystery.

Like endurance, our faithfulness, patience, and humility must also be unlimited. Any attribute we have through living by Christ will be unlimited and thus mysterious. By this we can see the difference between the human virtues and the virtues that are the magnification of Christ. All human virtues are limited. For example, human tolerance will eventually be exhausted. But the very magnification of Christ lived out of us cannot be exhausted. This mystery subdues the devil, the demons, and all the evil angels. It also convinces everyone. Any proper human being will be convinced by seeing the magnification of Christ. Our Christian patience is a mystery because it is the magnification of Christ. This is not merely Christ manifested; it is Christ manifested as the unlimited One.

Even our forgiveness of others needs to be a magnification of Christ. In Matthew 18 Peter asked the Lord how many times he should forgive his brother. He asked if he should forgive him even seven times. But the Lord told him that he must forgive seventy times seven. This is inexhaustible forgiveness. Such forgiveness is the magnification of Christ. Our forgiveness is the inexhaustible Christ Himself. Again and again, throughout the years, we forgive others. This unlimited forgiveness is Christ magnified in us.

### Suffering to Magnify Christ

Because the Christian virtues should be inexhaustible, often God will not reduce our sufferings. Rather, in order to magnify Christ, often He will increase them. In order to magnify Christ, it is necessary that we suffer. Suppose you pray, "O God, my Father, You are kind and merciful. You know that I cannot endure very much. Please reduce my suffering." If God answered your prayer and reduced your suffering, Christ would not be magnified. We need the sufferings for the manifestation of Christ. As our sufferings increase, Christ is magnified all the more. However, do not be concerned about what kind of suffering enables us to magnify Christ. Instead of analyzing this matter, we should simply love the Lord and experience Him.

When sufferings increase, we may think that our heavenly Father is cruel and merciless. Remember, this word about magnifying Christ was spoken by someone in prison. The longer he was in prison, the more he magnified Christ. To be magnified means to be enlarged. As we have pointed out, to magnify Christ means to express Him as the One who is unlimited. He is magnified through the increase of our sufferings. Do not be afraid of suffering, for it is a joy to magnify Christ through suffering. Many Christian teachers realize that the book of Philippians is a book of joy. Over and over again, in this book Paul tells us to rejoice in the Lord. When we are in a pleasant environment, it may not mean very much to be joyful. But to rejoice when we are in prison means a great deal.

### The Sum Total of Our Christian Living

The experience of Christ is a mystery, and whatever we experience of Christ is unlimited. If we see this vision, it will not only control our life but also strengthen our Christian walk. God's intention is to magnify Christ through us. The church life is the sum total of our Christian living. We all live by Christ, and our Christian living is added together to make the church life. Our Christian life is a mystery, and whatever of Christ we live out is also a mystery. We all are mysterious because Christ lives in us. For example, we may speak by Christ, but our speaking by Christ is a mystery. Although it is a mystery, it is nonetheless a fact. What we are experiencing of Christ today is a mystery. Day by day our living is mysterious. Thus, when we come together as the church, we are a complete mystery. The sum total of all these mysteries is the church life. This mystery manifests the One who is unlimited (Excerpts from The Experience of Christ, CWWL, 1978, Vol. 1).

### 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. Lord, we come to You to receive and enjoy the bountiful supply of the Spirit. Fill us with the Spirit so that we may live You and magnify You in our daily living today.
2. Lord, we want to experience You with the topmost enjoyment that no matter what the circumstances are, You would be magnified in us.
3. Keep us contacting You, partaking of Your riches, and receiving the bountiful supply of the Spirit. Infuse us more that the bountiful supply of the Spirit will have free flow and work in us until our daily living is changed. Burden us to magnify You always and with all boldness.
4. Lord, we aspire to be channels of supply. Lord, cause us to be like Paul, who lived and magnified You to the uttermost. May we be those who are factors of the saints' growth in life and of their enjoyment of Christ.
5. Enlighten us, Lord to see the vision of the self. We come to You with all our trespasses, sins, offenses, and unrighteousnesses. Wash us and cleanse us with Your blood. Thank You, for dealing with our leprosy, even the sinful nature within us.
6. Lord, we don't want to live in the self. Remind us always to bear the cross and to allow the cross to work on us to continually put ourselves to death. Save us from any self-display or self-boasting. May our living and service be to Your glory and for Your corporate expression.

## North America/Other Burdens

1. Autumn University Conference in the UK (November 3-5).
2. 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 "Bosom of Abraham"

**Misaiming:** "I'm inclined to think that Old Testament saints had immediate access to paradise because heaven itself is called 'the bosom of Abraham' in the New Testament. That's not a likely descriptive term for heaven if it's some place from which Abraham was absent" (R.C. Sproul, Now, That's a Good Question!, 1996, p.283).

**Truth:** Yes, the Old Testament saints are in Paradise, but they are not in heaven. These two terms are not synonymous. Nowhere in either the Old Testament or the New is heaven called "the bosom of Abraham." The passage above refers to Luke 16:19-31, which describes two distinct sections of Hades separated by "a great chasm" (v. 26). In the pleasant section, here called "Abraham's bosom" (v. 22), the righteous dead are "comforted," but in the other, the lost are "in anguish" (v. 25). While there is an impassable gulf dividing these two sections, they are still quite close—close enough for Abraham to be able to hold a conversation with the suffering rich man. Whereas these two areas of Hades are apparently in close proximity, the heavens and Hades are not. The Bible explicitly tells us that the heavens are in the height of the universe (Eph. 1:20-21; 4:8), and that Hades is "in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40). The bosom of Abraham, logically, must be the pleasant section of Hades.

Additional evidence that the Old Testament saints are not in heaven is found in Acts 2:34, which says plainly that "David did not ascend into the heavens." Yet David certainly is in "the bosom of Abraham" ("and David slept with his fathers," 1 Kings 2:10), with the poor beggar Lazarus, another indication that Paradise and heaven are distinct places. (Affirmation and Critique, Vol V. No. 2, April 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