

Church in Regina

An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing—Week 11

HAVING CHRIST ABIDING IN US

To **live in** the Divine Trinity is to abide in Christ, and to **live with** the Divine Trinity is to have Christ abide in us (John 15:5). When we abide in Christ, Christ abides in us, and His abiding is His presence with us. When He abides in us, we have His presence. We have Him with us for our enjoyment.

Having the Words of Christ Abiding in Us for the Bearing of Remaining Fruit

To have **Christ abiding in us** is to **have the words of Christ abiding in us** for the bearing of remaining fruit (vv. 7-8, 16). In John 15:7 the Lord said, "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you." This kind of asking is related to fruit-bearing (v. 8) and surely will be fulfilled. If we are to be those who go forth to preach the gospel, **we must be those who love the word of Christ**. We must be those who have the living word, the word of life, abiding in us. If we are not such persons, our preaching of the gospel will not last long. The living word of Christ stirs us up to go forth and bear fruit. The word of Christ abiding in us brings us the enjoyment of all that the Triune God is. This encourages us, stirs us up, burdens us, and charges us to go forth to preach the gospel to people.

If we do not have the word of Christ abiding in us, we may go out to reach people, but what we do will be in a poor way. The content and the issue of what we do will be vain, empty. If we are going to do a rich work, a work full of the riches of the Triune God, we must have the word of Christ abiding in us. Then when we talk to people, we will not talk to them with our own opinion, our own thought, our own word, our own expression, or our own utterance. We will talk to people with the word of Christ. This is why Paul charges us in Colossians 3:16 to **let the word of Christ dwell, abide, in us richly**. We need to **have a storage of the word of Christ in us**. Then what we speak will be the word of Christ, which expresses the very riches of Christ. To have the word of Christ abide in us is a rich enjoyment of the Triune God.

Having the Spirit of Reality Abiding in Us

To have Christ abiding in us is to have the Spirit of reality abiding in us (John 14:17). John 14-16 is a long message given by the Lord just before He was betrayed. In chapter 15 the Lord mentioned His words abiding in us, and in chapter 14 He spoke of the Spirit of reality abiding in us. Actually, **the words of Christ and the Spirit of reality are one**. In John 6:63 the Lord told us that the words which He has spoken are spirit. God's word and God the Spirit are both God's breath. **When this breath gets into us and remains in us, this breath is the Spirit. When this breath comes out of us through our speaking, it becomes the word**. When we breathe in the word of the Bible, the word becomes the Spirit in us. We contact our Triune God through the Spirit and in the word. We enjoy Him through the Spirit in our spirit and in the word. As long as we have His words abiding in us, this issues in the Spirit abiding in us. The more His words abide in us, the more the Spirit abides in us. These are two aspects of the breath of our Triune God.

Having God Abiding in Us

First John 3:24a speaks of God abiding in us. The word, the Spirit, and God are one. Both the word and the Spirit are the reality of the Triune God. The word is the Spirit, and the Spirit is God. These three are one for our enjoyment.

Having the Son and the Father Coming to Us and Making an Abode with Us

To have Christ abiding in us is to have the Son and the Father coming to us and making an abode with us (John 14:23). When we have the words of Christ, the Spirit of reality, and the very God abiding in us, we surely have the Son and the Father abiding in us. **We have both the Son and the Father coming to us and making an abode with us**. This abode is a mutual abode. He becomes our abode, and we become His abode... The New Jerusalem is a mutual abode. The Triune God in eternity will abide in His chosen people, and His chosen people will abide in Him. His chosen people will be His abode, and He Himself will be their abode. This is why the New Jerusalem, the holy city, is, on the one hand, a temple and, on the other hand, a tabernacle. It is a tabernacle for God's dwelling and a temple for our dwelling in which we live to serve God. The New Jerusalem will be a tabernacle to God and a temple to us (Excerpts from Living In and With the Divine Trinity, ch. 10).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—Feb. 20 by Groups
(Grp 1 Zoom Grp 2 in person)
2. Church Pursuit (Family Day)—
Feb. 19.

Conferences and Trainings Information:

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.10-11, Taipei, Taiwan
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.12-14, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 24-27, Bellevue, WA
4. Summer Training—July 1-6, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Oct.4-6, Warsaw, Poland
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.28-Dec.1, Atlanta, GA
7. Winter Training—Dec.23-28, Anaheim, CA

Prayer Burdens

1. Thank You, Lord for coming to us as another Comforter. Through Your resurrection, we can live in incorporation with You. Not only are You in the Father but You and the Father are now in us.
2. Lord, You were constrained in the shell of humanity, needing to go through death that Your divine life and glory may be released. Now through Your resurrection, You are glorified – possessing both humanity and divinity bringing us also to glory.
3. Lord, grant us Your visitation day by day. May Your visitation cause us to build upon the foundation laid out for us with You as the Cornerstone, to grow into the holy temple and to become a mutual dwelling place of God in Spirit. Wherever we may be, come visit us to do a building work in us, making an abode that will be a mutual dwelling place for the Triune God and for us.
4. You are the unique, true Vine and the new man. Cause us to bear fruit as branches of the vine. Impress us that our putting on the new man by being renewed in the spirit of our mind will eventually consummate the Body of Christ, and this Body of Christ, which is the church, will consummate the New Jerusalem.
5. Lord, keep us abiding in You that we may live in the reality of the universal incorporation. Enlarge us and our capacity to be in the Word and LET Your Word abide in us. Praise You for all the riches in Your recovery and that we have something very substantial, available, and practical in our hands.
6. Lord, we want to see the New Jerusalem not just being the goal of Your economy but as the divine and human incorporation of God and man. May we all endeavor to eat You and enjoy You as the hidden manna so we can be incorporated with You into the tabernacle.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the distribution of Bibles in Europe. Spread the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.

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1. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers of the newcomers and their settling down, that their personal lives will be blessed and that their church life will be enriched:
 - > Sorronda Family (Dana and Yeska)
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children)
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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

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