

Church in Regina

The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity—Week 3

Dealing with the Soul—the Mind

With the intuition in our spirit, we need the mind. The intuition gives the sense of the inner knowledge. But to sense the spiritual things is one thing, and to understand them is another. The things of God are sensed in the spirit, but they are understood in the mind. Many times we know something of God within our spirit, but due to the problem of our mind we do not understand it... **We need the understanding in our mind to interpret what is in our spirit.** The things of God are sensed by the function of the intuition in our spirit, but they are understood by the function of the understanding in our mentality.

...[W]e are told in Romans 12:2 that we need the renewing of the mind. But this verse first says that we are not to be fashioned according to this age... The age is the present, or modern, course of this world... Today's age is that part of the world's system presently surrounding us, so to be conformed to this age means that we are modern, following the present course of the world. The verse goes on to say, "But be transformed by the renewing of the mind." **If we are occupied by the things of this age, our mind can never be renewed...** We have to give up this modern age. If we are conformed to this age, we can never be transformed by the renewing of the mind... Let us illustrate this by a few instances. What about our clothing? Many who are saved are just like the people of the world in their thinking about fashion. They dress in conformity to this modern age. They think that as long as it is not sinful, it is quite all right, but this is merely the human thought and the natural concept. If they would be transformed by the renewing of their mind, their thoughts about their manner of dress would change... And what about our spending? Has the way that we use our money been changed? I know the story of many Christians. After they are saved, they continue to use their money in much the same way as those in the world. Not until they love the Lord more and give the Lord more ground to work within them will they be transformed in their way of spending money...

There should be **a change in our thoughts toward almost everything.** What is this change in our thoughts? It is the transformation of our soul by the renewing of our mind. **We have Christ as life within our spirit, but now we need Christ to spread into the inward parts of the soul and saturate them with Himself.** This will transform our soul into His very image. The image of Christ will then be reflected in our thoughts. In whatever we think and consider, our renewed mind will express the glorious image of Christ. The understanding of our mind will then be spiritual. It will be very easy for the mind to understand the things that we sense in our spirit.

Dealing with the Soul—the Will

Suppose our renewed mind understands what we sense by the intuition. Then the issue is our willingness to obey what we understand. We may understand, but we may also say no. **To obey with the will is another problem. Actually, if we do not have an obedient will, it is difficult to understand what is in the intuition.** The Lord is very wise; He never does anything wastefully. If He knows that we have no willingness to obey, there is no need for us to receive the understanding. He will just leave us in darkness. Why should He allow us to understand if we will not obey? The understanding must be backed by an obedient will, ready to obey the Lord (John 7:17). **When we are ready to obey, we will be able to understand...**

God created us with a free will. He never forces us to do anything but always gives us the option to choose. Although He is great and wise, yet He will never force us. If He were to use force, it would mean that He is really small. Satan not only forces people but even seduces them. But God would never do that. God says, in effect, "If you like it, do it; if you don't, don't. If you love Me, just do it. If you don't love Me, forget it. Go your own way." Thus, there is the need to exercise our will; otherwise, it is difficult for God to do anything. In order to exercise our will, we must make our will submissive and ready to obey all the time. We should not only submit ourselves to the will of God but also bring our will into harmony with His.

Dealing with the Soul—the Emotion

The last dealing of the soul is with our troublesome emotion. As we all know, **nearly all our troubles are related to the emotion.** It must be under the control of the Holy Spirit. This is why Matthew 10:37-39 exhorts us to **love the Lord more than everything else.** What the Lord does not allow, we should not love. The regulating of our love under the control of the Lord is the negative side. But we must also know the positive side, of always being ready to exercise our emotion according to the Lord's pleasure. Many, many times our emotions have the Lord's permission but not His pleasure. He allows us to love something, but He is not pleased...

By dealing with the heart, conscience, fellowship, intuition, mind, will, and emotion, we will be mature and fully grown; we will have the stature of the Lord. All that we will have to do then is to wait for His coming to transfigure our body *Excerpts from The Economy of God, chapter 9).*

Local Announcements:

1. Church Pursuit—May 20—Rick Hansen Optimist Playground at 4pm
2. Prayer Mtg—May 21—Group 1 by Zoom; Group 2 in person
3. Memorial Day Conference—May 24 to 27 (See attached schedule)..

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. Lord, we give You our hearts. Guard and preserve our hearts so life can continue to enter. We want to keep and guard our hearts with all vigilance so we can see more of You.
2. Lord, take away our heart of stone and deal with the hardness, impurity, unlovingness, and unpeacefulness of our hearts. Cause our hearts to be soft, pure, loving, and at peace. We want to have a heart that is set on You alone.
3. Purge our hearts from an evil conscience and renew our love towards You to receive fresh experiences from You. Save us from losing our first love. Have the preeminence in us.
4. Remove every obstacle that hinders us from experiencing Your life. Expose the darkness in our concepts and the hypocrisy that deceives us. Move in us and touch us so that the true expression of life will be manifested in our daily living.
5. Lord, overthrow every reasoning that rises up in us and take captive of every thought. Deal with the problem of rebellion in us and put to the cross our natural capacity so Your life can be lived out from us.
6. Lord, continually deal with our mind, will, and emotion. Renew our mind daily that it may know and understand You; subdue our will and cause it to be both strong and pliable to co-operate with You; and direct our emotion to love You above all else.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the upcoming Memorial Day Conference in Bellevue, Washington on May 24 to 27. Make this feast profitable for all the saints in the Lord's Recovery through Your fresh speaking.

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1. Pray for the college students who will be joining the College Training.
2. Pray for the propagation work in Foam Lake and Moose Jaw. Strengthen the saints who are there to be a shining testimony. Remember their whole families and open them that there will be household salvation and lampstands in these places.
3. 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)
 - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarete and her family)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- 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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Memorial Day Conference Local Schedule

Schedule:

Message	Time	Date	Day	Arrangement
1	8:30pm	24-May	Friday	Combined Zoom
2	11:00am	25-May	Saturday	Ballao Residence or Miranda (Windsor) Residence or Seria Residence
3	8:30pm	25-May	Saturday	Combined Zoom
4	4:00pm	26-May	Lord's Day	Ballao Residence or Miranda (Windsor) Residence or Seria Residence
5	8:30pm	26-May	Lord's Day	Combined Zoom
6	7:00pm	27-May	Monday	Combined Zoom

*For combined meeting, please use the Pursuit Meeting Zoom link in our website.