

# Church in Regina

Laboring on the All-Inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bridge to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming—Week 4

The vine is good for producing wine. The vine's purpose is not only to grow and spread but to produce wine **through the pressing of its fruit**. The record of the Lord's living shows us that the pressure of His circumstances produced new wine. We can say this based on Matthew 9:17, where the Lord refers Himself as the new wine.

Deuteronomy 8:8 indicates that there are vines in the good land. Matthew 9:17 and other verses help us to see that the vines in Deuteronomy 8 are for the production of new wine. **Knowing the Lord as the wine-producing vine is a major element in our experience of the Lord.**

**The vine typifies the sacrificing Christ.** There are many verses that confirm that He is the sacrificing Christ. John 10:11 says, "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Philippians 2:5-8 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross." The Lord did not hold on to His status with God in the heavens; rather, He emptied Himself to enter into humanity. Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her." Christ gave Himself up for the church. Many other verses throughout the Gospels and Epistles also indicate that the Lord sacrificed everything of Himself. He did not hold on to anything for Himself. He laid down His life for the sheep. This is the nature of Christ's divine life.

Under the Lord's sovereignty, we may be put into situations where we need to sacrifice ourselves to make others happy (Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:2). Now we begin to apply this word to our experience. We all encounter **circumstances under the Lord's sovereignty in which we have the opportunity to sacrifice ourselves** in order to make them happy. When a young mother with an infant or toddler wakes up in the middle of the night to care for her child, unable to get a full night's sleep, she makes a sacrifice. New husbands, married for less than ten years, need to learn to sacrifice. The Lord uses marriage to teach us to sacrifice.

We all have situations and relationships that require sacrifice, such as married life, parenting, jobs, or school. The Lord sovereignly places us in these situations. However, **the problem is that we often do not see the opportunities available to us**. Instead, we murmur, complain, and try to change our situations. How much better it would be if we learned to open to the Lord and contact Him in the midst of our situations.

The issue of experiencing Christ is that through Him we become a vine that produced something to cheer God and man. **By experiencing Christ as the vine, we become a vine**. Eventually, His life is wrought into us so that we are able not only to sacrifice but also to bring cheer to God and others.

If we experience Christ in this aspect of His all-inclusiveness, **we will have much wine to drink, and we will be "drunken" and "mad" with Christ, filled with joy in the Lord**.

The more we enjoy Christ, the more we do not care about anything but Him. The goal is not to be crazy; the goal is to care only for Him. When we love Him in this way, we do not worry about our behavior or spiritual condition. We are simply in love with the Lord Jesus because He is worthy of our love. We often get distracted by introspection, by considering our own condition. We try to improve ourselves, to be better brothers and sisters. We turn in on ourselves and lose sight of the Lord. He wants us to make us happy and joyful in Him (Excerpts from The Ministry of the Word, Vol 28, No. 2, March 2024. pp.117-142).

## Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—July 16—  
Group 1 by Zoom; Group 2  
in person
2. Children's Bible Camp in  
Winnipeg—Aug 22-25,  
Registration due July 21

## 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 sacrificing Yourself to produce something that cheers God and man. Bring us to situations where we can take You as the wine-producing vine. No more should we complain but instead drink more of You.
2. Lord, You are the vine, we are the branches. Only in Your life, which is a sacrificing life, can we also present ourselves as living sacrifice. Energize us to live a life producing wine to make others and God happy.
3. Lord, our life and enjoyment are to abide in You as the Vine. Cause us to remain abiding in You to bear much fruit for the glory of the Father.
4. Bring us to the experience of Exodus 29 where we serve You with food and drink. You are the real drink offering poured out for God for His pleasure. May we experience You to an exceedingly high degree that we will also become a drink offering poured out to God.
5. Continue to fill us and saturate us so we can pour out not only oil upon the pillar but also wine as a drink offering to You. Make us "crazier" in our experiences of You until the Christ who has saturated us becomes us and we become one.
6. Lord, cause us to be a constitution of wine in our very being. May we be filled with You and saturated with You. Only in this way can we have the spiritual constitution that makes us a drink offering.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the ongoing Bible distribution. Distribution during the Torch Relay began on May 6 and will continue until July 17; after this, distribution will take place in French-speaking Europe during the Olympic and Paralympic Games until September 9.

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1. Pray for the college students who will be joining the College Training.
2. Pray for our contacts: Abe Friesen, Shane McClellan, David Hyman, Lianne and Jeff Racette, Anthony and Celeste Sernat and family, Orlando Sernat and family, Jun and Divine Linantud, Charles and Janet Argawanon (Yorkton SK), and William Mejares Temonio and family (Stenen SK).
3. Special petition and prayer for Sister Diana Ballao and her pregnancy. May she have a normal delivery of the twins with no complications.
4. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers:
  - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina) - PR Application
  - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children) - PR Application
  - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children) - PR Application
  - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarette and her family) - PR Application
  - > Pagunsan Family (Alfonso and Renita) - Supervisa Application

## 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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