

# Church in Regina

## The Christian Life—Week 4

### The Inner Flow of the Divine Life in the Church

We have to be impressed that **the house of God comes out of the flow of life**. Genesis 2 shows us that the materials for the building up of the bride come out of the flow of the water of life. **The issue, the produce, of the flow of life is precious materials for the building of God's house**. After the house is built, the water comes out of the house. The one hundred twenty disciples in Acts 1 were individuals who had drunk of the Lord Jesus (v. 15). The living water flowed into them, and by the flow of this living water, they were transformed into precious materials for God's building. The church was built up with them as the materials. From that time, the sweet living water was in the church.

The Lord Jesus as the fountain, the source, the spring, of living water is in the church, the house of God. **Before the building up** of the house, the source, the fountain, **was Christ**. **After the building up** of the house, the source, the fountain, is **still Christ**. The **only difference** is that **now Christ as the fountain, the source, of living water is within the building**. The water is flowing from within the house because the fountain is in the house. The water now flows within and out of the house of God.

At the beginning of our salvation we had the sense that something within us was flowing, but after a certain period of time we had the sense that this flow stopped. It stopped because we had not entered into the practical church life, the house of God. At the beginning of our salvation, for a certain period of time the Lord may grant us the flow of the living water, but **this flow cannot be maintained unless we enter into the church life**. Once we get into the local church, the house, we have the deep sense that the flow within us, which had been lost, is now recovered. The inner flow of the divine life is recovered in the local church.

At the beginning of our salvation there was a flow, and that flow was for the church. But we may not have realized this. We may have thought that Christ alone was sufficient. We had the wonderful Christ flowing within us, and we thought the flow within us would not stop. But the flow did stop because we did not enter into the church, the house. One day, however, the Lord in His mercy brought us into the practical church life, the house. Those of us who are in the practical church life can testify that we have the sense of a deeper, wider, and richer flow. Just as there are two parts to the history of the children of Israel's drinking in the Old Testament, there are also two parts with those of us who are in the practical church life. Part of our history of drinking was before the church life, and another part is after the church life. The part before the church life was initial and temporary.

### The Constant Flow of Life in God's House

**When we get into God's house, the flow is constant**. In the New Jerusalem, the holy city and the tabernacle of God (Rev. 21:2-3), the river of water of life flows constantly (22:1). **If the flow within us is occasional and not constant, this means that we are not in the house but in the wilderness**. With the five occasions of drinking before the building of the house of God, problems were solved by the drinking of the living water, but that water did not flow constantly. Once the house was built and the city was established, the water began to flow constantly. **Our problems come back again because we have only the instant flow and not the constant flow**. We need to get into the house to enjoy the constant flow of life...

We need to pay our full attention to these two sections in the history of the Lord's children—the section of the water flowing for drinking before the building of the house with the city and the other section afterward. In the section **before the building**, the **water flows occasionally and instantly**, but in the section **after the building**, the **water flows constantly and eternally**. Today we should not be in the wilderness but in the house and in the city. We need to be in the house and in the city to have a constant flow of the living water. **We should not be satisfied with the occasional flow in the wilderness, but we all need to experience the constant flow in the house of God and in the city of God** (Excerpts from The Crucial Revelation of Life in the Scriptures, CWWL, 1969, vol 2. P.423).

#### Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—Grp 1 by Zoom; Grp 2 in person
2. Annual Service Meeting—Dec 8
3. Church in Lloydminster Visitation—Dec 15

#### 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. Widen the opening in us that allows the living water to flow out from the church. We give You the highest position that will prevail and become the controlling factor of our living and work.
2. Lord, measure us completely that we may enjoy the deeper flow out of the house. We hand over all that You have judged, examined and tested. Make us willing even to be swallowed up and possessed by You.
3. Lord, we need the watering and healing of the river to produce and impart life. May we produce "trees, fish, and cattle" for the growth of the church life. Gain and use every generation for Your move to progress.
4. Lord, make us firm and absolute. Save us from any compromising, marsh situation. May there be a rich and deep flow of life in the local church that swallows up death.
5. Grant us more genuine experiences of You that we may become sowers, planters, waterers, begetters, feeders, and builders with the ministry of life to impart into others.
6. Nourish us that we may nourish others and grow not only as builders but as building materials. Constitute us with Yourself that we may build with gold, silver, and precious stones.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the Short-term Shepherding Trips in French-speaking Europe. Pray for burdened saints to stay for a longer period of time—anywhere from one to three months to take care of the new ones during this critical window of time.

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1. Pray for the propagation work in Saskatchewan. Strengthen the saints in Foam Lake, Yorkton and Stenen. Encourage them and supply them that there would be a lampstand in Yorkton for Your testimony. Remember Bro. Isaac, Bro. Charles, and Bro. William.
2. Pray for our contacts: Adam Chornenki, Iris and her daughter, and the Bible recipients: Christine, Ruby, Zahra and Jocelyne. Pray that they continually attend the small group/Bible study regularly.
3. Pray for the continuing of the Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading. Remember Bro. Nathan, Sis. Cassie and our new ones: Sis. Doris Di, Sis. Julie Cao, and Sis. Tina Huang.
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

## 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—Wednesdays 8:00-9:00PM
- 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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