

CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting—
Feb.11 Grp 1 by Zoom,
Grp 2 in person
2. Sisters' Mtg—Feb.9
3. Church Pursuit—Feb.17
at 4pm
4. Chinese-Speaking
Conference Schedule

Time/Date	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb
11:00AM	Msg 1		Msg 4
8:00PM	Msg 2	Msg 3	Msg 5

Conferences & Training

1. **Chinese-Speaking
Blending Conference—
Feb.14-16, Anaheim,
CA**
2. International Training
for Elders &
Responsible Ones—
Apr.4-6, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending
Conference—May 23-
26, Phoenix, AZ
4. Summer Training—June
30-July 5, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training
for Elders &
Responsible Ones—TBD
6. Thanksgiving Blending
Conference—Nov.27-
30, Indianapolis, IN
7. Winter Training—
Dec.22-27, Anaheim,
CA

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Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) - Week 4

The reason God saves us through the gospel is to bring us into His kingdom... God desires *not only to transfer us* into His kingdom *but also to make us* His kingdom. In other words, in God's eyes, we saved ones are *not only saved* into His kingdom *but also constituted* to be His kingdom. God purchased us by the blood of Jesus for the purpose of making us His kingdom.

How can we become God's kingdom? God's ruling cannot be seen in or among fallen mankind. In this fallen world many people say, "Where is God? Why should He control my life? If I want to do good, I will do good; if I want to do evil, I will do evil. This is my own sovereign right." This is the attitude of the world toward God; the majority of people have this attitude. Although some may not have this attitude, neither are they under God's ruling. All fallen human beings reject God's authority and do whatever they want. They think that as long as they do not break national laws or violate human regulations, they can do whatever they want according to their own will. This exposes the fact that God's authority has absolutely no ground in fallen man. It seems that God's authority can be carried out in heaven but not on earth, for there is no one on earth who is willing to submit to God's authority.

The Process Through Which God Obtains a Kingdom on the Earth

In the Old Testament age it seems that God was content to keep His authority in heaven, but in the New Testament age *God's intention is to bring His authority from heaven to the earth*. His desire is to rule on earth and exercise His heavenly authority in a group of people. However, these people are sinful, corrupt in their nature to the uttermost, and dead in their offenses and sins. Because sin and death reign in them, they are not able to accept God's authority. Nevertheless, God desires to exercise His heavenly authority on earth and in man. In order for God to do this, He must first deal with man's problems of sin and death.

On the cross the Lord Jesus bore the sins of fallen mankind; He cleansed away their sins through His death and the shedding of His blood. In this way *He dealt with the problem of their sin*. Then on the third day He was raised from the dead, and *in His resurrection* He released His life into the cleansed ones so that their deadened spirits might be enlivened and so that they might be regenerated. In this way *He dealt with their problem of death*. Hence, the death of the Lord Jesus on the cross deals with our sin, and His resurrection deals with our death.

Now we are the cleansed and regenerated ones whose spirits have been enlivened. Because we have been cleansed and made alive, *it is now possible for God to gain the ground and have the way in us to bring the authority of heaven to the earth*. In other words, it is now possible for God to exercise His heavenly authority, His heavenly kingdom, over us.

The Ruling of the Heavens Constituting the Heavenly People into the Kingdom of God

Once we are saved and have received the Lord as our Savior, we *immediately sense* that there is a Boss in us, that *there is One in us who is directing us*. In the past someone might have overseen us outwardly, but as long as he could not see us, we did whatever we wanted. However, from the day of our salvation there is One who directs us inwardly. At times someone outside of us may not be controlling us, but the One inside us is. *This control is the royal authority, the heavenly authority, the ruling of the heavens in us, and the kingdom's coming to us*. As a result, we not only are saved into the kingdom, but we also become part of the kingdom (Excerpts from What the Kingdom is to the Believers, ch.2).

PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, forgive us from rebelling against Your authority. Grant us the realization of Your authority that You may have a free way today to manifest Your kingdom through our submission.
2. Thank You, Lord for coming, for binding the strong man and plundering his house. We belong to Your kingdom where You exercise Your authority and work out Your plan. Establish Your kingdom here today.
3. Lord, subdue rebellion with the coming of Your kingdom. You are our Slave-Savior. Command the “stormy seas” with Your divine authority.
4. Lord, may each one be under Your shining, Your kingdom. Grow in us; blossom from within us until You be transfigured in us in a practical, experiential way.
5. Lord, make us willing to lose our soul-life for us to experience a prevailing transfiguration in the church life. Build us up through death and resurrection. Take every opportunity to spread within us that we may be transformed.
6. May the Righteous shine forth like the sun and be fully lived out from us. May we be the overcoming believers who will be with You in the bright glory of the kingdom.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the translation work of the New Testament Recovery Version into Czech and Slovak. Pray for the translation team in their learning of Greek and in their uninterrupted work of translating the NT text and footnotes.

Church in Regina

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 the college students who are joining the College Conference in Edmonton. May You gain these young ones for Your testimony in Regina. Open each one that they may see Christ and the church through blending with other saints.
3. Pray for the continuing of the Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading. Remember Bro. Nathan, Sis. Cassie and our new ones: Doris Di, Julie Cao, Wendy Wang, and Tina Huang.
4. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the permanent resident immigration papers:
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children)
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children)
 - > Temonio Family (William and Melanie 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
- 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—Sundays 3:00-4:30 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM