CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

- 1. Prayer Meeting—Group
 1 in person; Group 2 by
 Zoom Mar. 18
- 2. YP Conference in Calgary–Mar. 28-30. Registration due on Mar. 16
- 3. Brothers' Mtg-Mar. 30

Conferences & Training

- Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference— Feb.14-16, Anaheim, CA
- 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
- 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 9

In Romans 6:4 Paul says that we can walk in newness of life. We need to pray every day, "Lord, cause me to walk in newness of life. Save me from oldness, deadness, staleness, and lukewarmness. I want to walk in newness of life today." In Romans 7:6 Paul said that he served in newness of spirit. We need to walk in newness of life and serve in newness of spirit. We abhor oldness and staleness... No one likes to eat stale bread. We all like fresh bread; we do not like anything stale. We should not be stale but fresh, new, living, active, and young with the Lord.

There are certain items that keep us new and in newness. One such item is the cross. The cross keeps us in newness. Second Corinthians 4:16 says that we are being renewed day by day, referring to resurrection. In verse 12 Paul says, "Death operates in us, but life in you." Death in this verse is the death of the cross. While the cross is operating in the ministering brothers, life is being released out of them into the saints.

We are also renewed by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5 speaks of the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. We have been regenerated, but it does not stop there. We are still in a washing process—the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. We can pray a simple prayer from this. We can pray, "Lord, renew me today. Renew me with Yourself as the Holy Spirit." Footnote 4 on this verse points out that we are being reconditioned, remade, and remodeled with the divine life and with the Holy Spirit.

We are also renewed by our mingled spirit. Ephesians 4:23 says that we are being renewed in the spirit of our mind. This indicates that our mingled spirit spreads into our mind to become the spirit of our mind, which means that our mind is dominated, governed, controlled, and led by our mingled spirit. When the mingled spirit has spread into our mind, we will think the one thing—pursuing the subjective experience of Christ as our enjoyment (Phil. 2:2).

We are renewed by the cross, by the Holy Spirit, and by our mingled spirit. The word is a fourth item that renews us. Ephesians 5:26 says, "That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word." When we pray over the word and experience the washing of the water in the word, this washing water renews us and keeps us new.

We need to keep ourselves new. In Matthew 26:29, after the Lord established His table with the disciples and after they drank of the cup, He said, "I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father." The word new in this verse indicates that the Lord never takes an old table. To Him, the table is always new. The millennial kingdom is the Lord's table of a thousand years. We always need to come to the Lord's table in newness. We are old if we come to the table but we have not forgiven one another; we are old if we are holding on to offenses by others and not forgiving them or when we have offended someone and have not sought to be forgiven by them. If we either do not forgive others or do not seek to be forgiven by others, this will cause us to become old. When we come to the table, as much as possible we need to have a clear sky with all the brothers and sisters. If we have offended a brother, in order to have a clear sky, we should say to him, "Brother, forgive me; I'm sorry."

We need to seek to be forgiven and ask others to forgive us. We also need to forgive others. We should not maintain a mental account of offenses. If we hear a certain brother pray and spontaneously remember that he offended us many years ago, this makes us old. The memory of that offense needs to be erased. We need to forgive our brothers, and they need to forgive us. We also need to seek to be forgiven by one another. Watchman Nee said that one of the principles that must be kept in order to have a good married life is to learn to apologize to our spouse and to ask for forgiveness. We often must remember to say, "Forgive me; I'm sorry."

In Matthew 24:12 the Lord said that "lawlessness will be multiplied, [and] the love of the many will grow cold." The phrase grow cold indicates that little by little our love for the Lord and for the church may wane. We should not allow this to happen. We need to maintain our fresh, first love for the Lord (Rev. 2:4)...Our freshness, which is the freshness of the Lords presence, should never leave us. We should pray that if we live to be a hundred twenty years old before the Lord comes back, our eye would not grow dim, and our freshness would never leave us. (Excerpts from the Ministry of the Word, vol. 28, no. 07, 209-211).

PRAYER BURDENS

- 1. We praise You for being the firstborn Son, for regenerating us to be Your many brothers, and for becoming the life-giving Spirit. Because of Your resurrection, there is reality in Your Body. Cause us to exercise our whole being to be joined in one spirit with You.
- 2. Lord, we want to be absolutely in the resurrection life. Save us from being foolish, thinking that we can do our service in ourselves and bring us to a realization that we need Your resurrection life.
- 3. Grant us opportunities to know You not only as the living God but also as the God of resurrection. Appear to us and impart Yourself into us amidst our sufferings. Save us from having confidence in ourselves and not on You.
- 4. Lord, renew us day by day. We open ourselves to You, allow You to come into us, and add more of Yourself into us. Save us from remaining the same. May we grow with the growth of God daily.
- 5. Lord, through Your life-releasing death, and life-dispensing resurrection, You have brought us into an incorporation with the processed Triune God. We praise You for the universal incorporation that started with God and now including all of us as part of an enlarged incorporation.
- 6. Thank You, Lord for Your constant visitation. Wherever we may be, come to visit us to do Your building work in us, making an abode that will be our mutual dwelling place.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

Please pray for the Spring University Students Conference in the Netherlands on March 21
to 23. May the Lord grant each attendee to find mercy and receive grace to have a keen ear,
to be in the right spiritual position, to have a sprinkled and cleansed conscience and a pure
heart, and to be poor in spirit to receive freshly from the Lord, without bias or spiritual
pride.

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 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.
- 3. 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