

CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

1. Combined Prayer Meeting—RPL Sherwood Village Branch—Apr.15
2. Sisters' Mtg—Apr. 13
3. Brothers' Mtg—Apr.20
4. Church Pursuit—Apr.21
5. Love Feast—Apr.27
6. SST Registration Now Open until May 25. 2025 SST will be held at UBC Campus from Aug. 4-8 for Gr 7-12

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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Living A Christian Life and Church Life Under the Government of God for the Economy of God—Week 1

God's Dispensing in the Ministry of Peter

[One of the precious points in the Ministry of Peter is that]...we are **partakers of the divine nature** (2 Pet. 1:4). This item in the Bible is a big diamond. **It means that we are enjoying the divine essence of what God is.** We are partaking of the divine elements of God's being. Such an expression, partakers of the divine nature, is very strong. I am so happy that Peter wrote this. Otherwise, in the entire Bible there would not be a word telling us that we are now enjoying the very essence of God. What a great lack there would be if this were not in the Bible! I surely would like to have a sign to hang in my room, saying, "Partakers of the divine nature." **Surely the biggest blessing in the whole universe is that we can partake of God's nature and essence.** This is far beyond our understanding and, even the more, is far beyond our ability to speak. We are short of the utterance to describe such a thing.

What does it mean to partake of the divine nature? Let me illustrate it in this way. Suppose you have a little creature, a chicken. A chicken lays eggs, but it never studied in an egg-laying school. To lay eggs is simply something of the chicken nature. By this illustration you may have a little apprehension of what it means for us to be partakers of the divine nature.

As soon as we were regenerated, there was **a kind of nature within us** that would not agree for us to do certain things. No one had to teach us not to do certain things. Something within our nature was telling us that as children of God we should not do that thing. Even as the chicken's nature is in the chicken, so the divine nature is in those who have been born of God. **We have been born of God with God's divine life. Life and nature cannot be separated.** Actually, the nature is the essence of the life. God's nature is within God's life, so the very divine life with which we have been born again has within it the divine nature. Right after our regeneration we began to partake of this nature, even unconsciously.

Let me give you another illustration concerning the divine nature. A little baby does not have any knowledge about bitterness or sweetness. He has not been taught what is bitter or what is sweet. Even he does not have such a vocabulary. But if you put something sweet into his mouth, he will swallow it, and if you put something bitter into his mouth, he will spit it out. Who taught him to do this? It comes out of his nature. His nature rejects the bitterness. Whatever is bitter is rejected by his human nature. Whatever is sweet is accepted by his human nature. Right after he has been delivered, even when he is very young, a baby rejects and accepts certain things.

Likewise, at our regeneration another nature came into us. This is the nature of God, the divine nature. We began to enjoy this divine nature right after our regeneration. **As believers, we all are partakers of such a divine nature within us.** Peter does not say that we have a divine nature but that we have become partakers of the divine nature. **It is now within us, and we are partaking of it.** That means that we are now enjoying it. And we enjoy it unconsciously and unintentionally. A little baby rejects the bitterness and receives the sweetness without intention. If you put something bitter into his mouth, he rejects it unintentionally. This is the action of his nature...

We are children of God. We have been born of the divine life, and within the divine life there is the divine nature. Now we are partaking of this nature and enjoying this nature unintentionally. There are too many things that this divine nature within us rejects. Although no one teaches us to reject this thing or to reject that thing, as Christians we just reject it because we have partaken of the divine nature within us (Excerpt from The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity, CWWL, 1983, vol. 2, ch.9).

PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, open our eyes to see the vision of Your governmental judgment today in the church. Bring us to the realization that “heavens do rule”. Save us from being disobedient to the gospel of God.
2. Lord, cause of to live a proper human life revering God. Stir in us a healthy fear towards You that we may refrain from doing evil and have understanding and wisdom. May the fruit of our fear be peace and humility.
3. Lord, we want to know the central focus of Your word in 1 Peter. Show us the operation of the Father's foreknowledge, the Son's redemption, and the Spirit's application. Bring us back to the Triune God as our full enjoyment to carry out Your economy.
4. Thank You, Lord for being our portion, that we could participate in You, partake of You, and enjoy You. May we continue to grow in life with the growth of God and be perfected, established, strengthened, and grounded.
5. Lord, have mercy on us that we would not be distracted from the central focus and basic structure of the apostles' ministry revealed in the New Testament.
6. May all the saints come to the full knowledge of the truth and see Your economy from eternity past to the new heaven and new earth. We want to see the work of the Triune God, the growth of the believers, the subtlety of the enemy, and Your judgment on the universe.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the London International Blending Conference on April 19-20. May the Lord advance in His move in Europe to gain the reality of His Body through His up-to-date speaking and blending of the saints.

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 purchase of the meeting hall.
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—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM