

CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting—Grp 1 by Zoom; Grp 2 in person—Apr.22
2. Brothers' Mtg—Apr.20
3. Love Feast—Apr.27
4. Winnipeg Conference—May 3-4
5. Edmonton Conference—May 16-18
6. SST Registration Open until May 25. SST will be 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 2

As Children of Obedience, Not Being Fashioned According to the Former Lusts in Our Ignorance In 1 Pet 1:14 Peter continues to teach the believers how to conduct themselves, saying, "As children of obedience, do not be fashioned according to the former lusts in your ignorance." He speaks of former matters as being **former lusts in ignorance**...Peter tells the believers to **no longer be** according to their former manner of life and former deeds. Previously, they were slaves under the law, but now they were children under the grace of God, having God's life. Even if they kept the law with their own effort, they would not have been children of God, but **when they received God's life**, they spontaneously became children of God. This life **enabled them to be children of obedience** and also enabled them to put off the deeds and manner of life related to ignorance and the indulgence of lust.

Living a Holy Life

After we put off our former manner of life, we need to **practically live a holy life**. Peter continues in verses 15 and 16, saying, "According to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life; because it is written, 'You shall be holy because I am holy.'" To be holy means to **be distinct from everything else**. Just as God is distinct from all persons, matters, and things, our life should be distinct from all things in order to match God. We need to live a holy life because God is holy. This is not a matter of taking ordinances of letters or rigid laws as the standard but **a matter of taking the God of holiness as the standard**.

Passing the Time of Our Sojourning in Fear

In order to take God as the standard in our living, **we need a fear before God** that **all our walk and work would match God**. Verse 17 says, "If you call as Father the One who without respect of persons judges according to each one's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear." This verse says that God is our Father and that God also judges us. Father shows that we have a relationship of life with Him. His life is in us, and the nature of His life is holiness. This enables us to live a holy life just as God is holy. Furthermore, **He is the God who judges**. This means that He rules over all our walk and work, and His judgment is His rule. Judges here does not refer to the judgment at the great white throne (Rev. 20:11), where judgment has been given by God the Father to the Son. The Son's coming to judge means that the Lord of the universe comes to judge created man. The Father's coming to judge is to administrate His household, disciplining His children in His house. Therefore, the judgment in 1 Peter 1:17 is the same as the judgment in 4:17, which says, "It is time for the judgment to begin from the house of God." The judgment of the house of God is the judgment of the Father, and the Father's judgment in His house **involves disciplining His children**.

The Father gives His divine life to us so that our walk on the earth would be as holy as He is. Therefore, **the Father is ruling over us**. If we are not holy, His rule will come. This rule is **both discipline and judgment**. The Father who begets us is the God who disciplines and judges us. For this reason we need to **have fear in our heart**. The fear in 1:17 is not a fear of not being saved or a fear of perishing after being saved but a fear that our conduct would be judged by God's discipline after being saved. This is the reason that this verse also speaks of the matter of God's government. Peter shows that by regeneration the believers have God's life as God's children. Since we have God's holy life, we need to live a holy living. Otherwise, according to God's administration, we will be disciplined; that is, we will go through God's judgment. The sufferings and trials spoken of in 1 Peter are judgments related to God's discipline, which are God's administrative dealings. Hence, we need to pass the time of our sojourning with a fearing heart.

The time of our sojourning is a term that also speaks of God's government. Today in God's administrative arrangement for His children, He wants us to **be sojourners in the world, not ones who inherit the world**. Although Paul and John also speak of the believers as sojourners (Eph. 2:19; Heb. 11:13; cf. 3 John 5), they do not show that we are sojourning on the earth because of God's administrative arrangement. Only Peter's Epistles show clearly that our sojourning is related to God's governmental administration.

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PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, bring us under Your government. Judge Your household and pave the way to clear up the universe. Perfect us, comfort us, and establish us amidst our suffering for Your government's sake.
2. Lord, cause us to walk in a holy manner that matches Your holy nature. May we be holy as our Father is holy. Grace us further to live a life that suits Your righteousness under Your government.
3. Continuously govern us that we would live according to God in spirit. Make us see the purpose of Your dealing with us is to purify us. You are our Father and our Creator. Deal with us and purify us in this age.
4. We take You as our pattern who committed everything to God's government. Have mercy on us that we would continue our sojourning in fear, having been redeemed from the vain manner of life.
5. Lord, gird us with humility and save us from being proud. We are willing to be made humble and lowly under Your mighty hand. We take initiative and cooperate with Your operation.
6. Lord, we confess that we cannot live a righteous life, but we praise You and thank You for saving us to live a life that fulfills the righteous requirements of God's government. Grant us subjective experiences of the cross to live by the Spirit day by day.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for a meeting hall in Riga, the capital of Latvia. Recently, the church in Riga acquired a four-story building that needs renovation. The current financial need is 500,000 Euros (about 550,000 USD). Please pray that the Lord will meet this need through His Body.

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