

# CHURCH IN REGINA

## Local Announcements

1. Combined Prayer Meeting— RPL Sunrise Branch
2. Church in Saskatoon Camping—Registration due June 3 (local deadline)
3. Sisters' Meeting—June 15
4. Brothers' Meeting—June 29

## 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 (2)—Week 14

In this message we want to go on to see Christ as the Emancipator and as the One who makes us more than conquerors. When we speak about **Christ as the Emancipator, we need to come to Romans 8**, because the subject of this chapter is the law of the Spirit of life. Verse 2 says, "The law of the Spirit of life has **freed me** in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death." The expression freed me indicates emancipation.

Romans 7 is a description of the law of sin and of death (cf. vv. 23, 25; 8:2). **It is terrible to be in the experience of Romans 7**. In this chapter we see that Paul tried to use his human will to overcome the law of sin and death, yet he **repeatedly failed**. **Our human will cannot overcome the law of sin and death**.

Romans 7—8 mentions the written law, which is the law of the moral commandments (7:22; 8:7). This law is a portrait of who God is. God is love, light, holiness, and righteousness. God became a man so that we could become the same as He is—love, light, holiness, and righteousness. We can become the same as He is by the law of the Spirit of life.

Concerning the law of the Spirit of life and the law of sin and death, we should realize that the word law refers to an automatic principle. A law is a spontaneous power. The law of gravity is an illustration of such a spontaneous power. When I was in junior high, one of my teachers would discipline me for misbehaving by having me hold out my arms, with a few books in each hand, while standing in the back of the classroom. I tried to keep my arms up, but I could not overcome the law of gravity. This illustrates how our human will cannot overcome the law of sin and death, which is an automatic principle and a spontaneous power.

There are many laws in the universe, such as the law of electricity. When we turn on a light switch, electricity begins to flow because there is the law of electricity. There is also the law of aerodynamics. When we fly in an airplane, for instance, we are enjoying the law of aerodynamics, which enables us to overcome the law of gravity. Another law is the law of digestion. When we eat food, this law works automatically and spontaneously to digest our food.

The point of these illustrations is that a law acts **automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly**. **When we turn** to our regenerated spirit and touch the Triune God embodied in Christ who is realized as the law of the Spirit of life, **He operates** in us automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly. **All we need to do is switch Him on**. When we say, "Lord Jesus, I love You," this causes us to smile spontaneously. We can switch on the law of the Spirit of life in many ways, such as telling the Lord that we love Him, preaching the gospel, pray-reading the Word, calling on the name of the Lord, fellowshiping with the saints, and attending the meetings even when we are tired.

In Matthew 24:27 the Lord likens Himself to lightning, which is pure electricity: "Just as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be." Footnote 1 on this verse points out that as the law of the Spirit of life, "the Lord is like electricity." Therefore, this verse gives us a scriptural basis for saying that the Lord is like electricity. **We simply need to switch Him on as the law of the Spirit of life**.

Romans 8 is a chapter of utmost importance. Verse 2 says, "The law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death." We should focus on the words has freed me. **Who is this "me"?** Brother Lee helped us to realize that **this is the switching "me"** (CWWL, 1980, vol. 1, "Perfecting Training," p. 314).

# PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, we just come to touch You and remain in touch with You. We cannot overcome the law of sin and death in ourselves, but in You, we have the automatic, spontaneous power that kills all our negative elements.
2. Thank You for predestinating us to be conformed to Your image. In life, we have the processed Triune God; in function, we have the divine capacity to live You out, to be constituted with You and to be members of the Body of Christ.
3. Lord, cause us to switch on by walking according to the spirit, setting our mind on spiritual things, putting to death the practices of the body, being led by the Spirit, and by crying and groaning with the Spirit.
4. Lord, we confess that we can do nothing to please God and in need of redemption. May we learn to turn to our spirit and allow the Spirit of life to operate in us.
5. Constrain us more and more with Your love. Limit us and confine us to a narrow way that leads to Your goal. Continue to intercede for us and strengthen us to pay the price to gain and pursue You until we are conformed to Your image and brought to Your glory.
6. Thank You, Lord for Your love towards us. Make us more than conquerors in all things. We simply come to You in all kinds of calamities, because in You and in Your love, we are eternally secured.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray that the Lord will raise up at least 3 new lampstands in 2025 and will eventually raise up lampstands in Rouen, Lille, Versailles, Mertzig (Luxembourg), Geneva (Switzerland), Marseilles, Toulouse, Caen, Nante, and Montpellier.

## 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