

CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting— Grp 1 in person; Grp 2 by Zoom
2. Sisters' Meeting—June 15
3. 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 15

Christ Becoming Wisdom to the Believers from God

In 1 Cor. 1:30 Paul says that Christ Jesus “became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” Paul does not say that Christ is wisdom to us; he says that **Christ became wisdom** to us. This indicates that at one time Christ was not wisdom to us, but that *He later became* wisdom to us. For example, to say that I am your friend is somewhat different from saying that I became your friend. To say that I became your friend implies that once I was not your friend, but now I have become a friend to you. Christ could not become wisdom to us before we were in Him. But **when we believed in Christ, God put us into Him**. Then Christ became wisdom to us...Suppose that a certain young lady is in poverty. One day she marries a millionaire. On that very day she becomes rich. Formerly she was poor, but now she has become rich. In a similar way, formerly, because we were not yet in Him, Christ was not wisdom to us. But once we believed into Christ and God put us in Him, He became wisdom to us.

Notice that in verse 30 Paul does not say that Christ became our wisdom; he says that Christ became wisdom to us. **For Christ to become wisdom to us is different from His becoming our wisdom**. Day by day, we need Christ to be wisdom to us. We may again use electricity as an illustration. To speak of our electricity is different from speaking of electricity being to us. When electricity is to you, you receive an electrical charge. For electricity to be your electricity means that it belongs to you, but for electricity to be to you means that **it is transmitted to you and that you experience it**. Likewise, to say that Christ is our wisdom is rather general, not experiential. But when Christ becomes wisdom to us, we experience Him...

In verse 30 I appreciate the two phrases “to us” and “from God.” Christ became wisdom to us from God. The expression “to us from God” indicates something **present, practical, and experiential** in the way of transmission. Continually, Christ must become wisdom to us from God. This indicates a **living, ongoing transmission**. The words “to” and “from” indicate that a present, living, and practical transmission is taking place from God to us...

It is important for us to **learn to apply the Bible to our experience**. The Bible is not primarily a book of doctrine; it is a book of life, and life is a matter of experience. What is revealed in the Bible must be living to us and applicable to us in our experience.

In verse 30 both the punctuation and the grammar are significant. After the phrase “from God” there is a colon. This indicates that **wisdom includes** the three items which follow the colon, that is, **righteousness, sanctification, and redemption**.

Christ was made wisdom to us from God as three vital things in God's salvation: **righteousness (for our past)**, by which we have been justified by God, that we might be reborn in our spirit to receive the divine life (Rom. 5:18); **sanctification (for the present)**, by which we are being sanctified in our soul, that is, transformed in our mind, emotion, and will, with the divine life (Rom. 6:19, 22); and **redemption (for the future)**, that is, the redemption of our body (Rom. 8:23), by which we will be transfigured in our body with His divine life to have His glorious likeness (Phil. 3:21). It is of God that we participate in such a complete and perfect salvation, making our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—organically one with Christ, and making Christ everything to us. **It is altogether of God, not of ourselves, that we may boast and glory in Him, not in ourselves** (Excerpts from the Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, ch. 9).

PRAYER BURDENS

1. Thank You for saving us on the cross and solving the problem of every negative thing. Today, we preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.
2. Lord, we want to know the power of Your crucifixion and see that we have been crucified with You. Through Your death on the cross, we have the wisdom and power to overcome any situation.
3. We praise You and thank You for keeping us in the process of being saved – the more we are saved, the more we experience and enjoy the crucified Christ. As we experience the crucified Christ, we spontaneously have a way to do Your will.
4. Lord, You are wisdom itself from God to us. Cause us to remain in this constant transmission of receiving You as wisdom to us. Empower us to do all things in you, making our living and work righteous, holy, and redeemed.
5. Lord, You are our righteousness for our past, and our sanctification for our present. Be our objective and subjective righteousness that we could be approved by God. Be our sanctification that we could be set apart to God from anything common.
6. Lord, we are eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body. Bring us back to You again and again, terminating us and replacing our natural life with Yourself. May we all remain in this transmission all the time.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Dach Spring Pfingsten Conference (2025 Pentecost Conference) in Bad Wildungen, Germany on June 7-9. Please pray for the Lord to advance in the German-speaking countries and throughout Europe through His speaking and the blending of the saints in this conference.

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. Special prayer for Bro. Matthew McCluskey's dad, Gino McCluskey, who is diagnosed with lung cancer. Strengthen their family and pray for household salvation.
4. 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.
5. 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