

# CHURCH IN REGINA

## Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting— Grp 1 in person; Grp 2 by Zoom
2. Brothers' Meeting—June 29
3. Church in Winnipeg Children's Bible Camp— Aug 21 to 24. Early registration June 15 to July 6.

## 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 17

In 2 Corinthians 4:4 Paul also informs us that **the god of this age**, the ruler of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Eph. 2:2), **has blinded the thoughts** of the unbelievers. As the god of this age, Satan is **working constantly to blind people's thoughts**. **We ourselves may often experience this blinding**. Even while we are sitting in a church or ministry meeting, we might be distracted, or blinded, by a thought that enters our mind. Satan will **use devices like our phones** to blind us for a period of time. Something as simple as a notification on our phone can easily distract us, blinding our thoughts so that we do not receive God's present shining. We may be reading the Bible on our phone, but then a notification may distract us. Afterward we may try to return to our Bible reading, but we may be distracted in our thoughts. We need to realize that **these distractions** are used by the god of this age to blind our thoughts. We should hate the god of this age and his blinding work. We should not accept this blinding work but should stand against it. If we are blinded, we will be unable to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God is invisible, but Christ, the Son of God's love, who is the effulgence of the glory of God and the impress of His substance (Heb. 1:3), is His image, expressing what He is. **Our gospel should be an illumination to others**. When we speak to the younger saints, for example, our speaking should be an illuminating, not simply a preaching, so that God Himself can shine into their hearts. Many of us can testify that God shined into our hearts even when we were young. This shining changed our lives because it brought an impression of Christ into us, one that cannot be erased but remains forever. We need to pray that the younger saints among us would **receive the personal shining of the face of Jesus Christ into their hearts**.

This treasure, the indwelling Christ, in us, the earthen vessels, is the divine source of the supply for the Christian life (v. 7). As the treasure within us, Christ is like a divine motor. **Our seeing this treasure produces a response within us**. I received the Lord when I was seven years old, and then I had a definite transaction with the Lord when I was twelve. The word of God was presented to me, and I saw the face of Jesus Christ. My response was, "Lord Jesus, I love You more than anything or anyone. I would do anything and go anywhere for You." This is what was in my heart even at a young age.

Many of us may have had similar experiences when we were younger, perhaps in our teenage years or in our twenties. After seeing Christ as the treasure, we realized that **there were certain things we could not do and certain places we could not go**. But there were certain things we would do and certain places we would go because of Christ's inward motivation as the treasure. Some things even seemed impossible to do, but somehow, we did them because of the treasure within us. I hope that all the young ones among us would have this kind of experience, which **issues spontaneously** from seeing the face of Jesus Christ.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that **we need direct, personal contact with Christ**. We need to open our inner being to Him and seek His face. We can pray, "Lord, I want to see You. When I see You, You are the treasure." As we behold Him in this way, He will become the image of God in us for God's corporate expression.—R. A. (Excerpts from the Ministry of the Word, vol.29, no. 02).

# PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, You are the gospel and the living person that reached us to express the image and glory of the invisible God. Continue to illuminate and shine in our hearts and enlighten the blinded and unbelieving ones.
2. Lord, cause the light that shined into us to penetrate more into our being, saturating us and shining out from us. Unveil those who are veiled by the subtle enemy and be merciful to us that the enemy will have no ground in us.
3. Lord, we are merely worthless vessels containing a priceless treasure within. We want to behold Your face and live in Your presence to have the reality of this treasure.
4. Attract us more and more each day that we would have a direct, personal, and intimate contact with You. Keep shining in our hearts that we may shine on others so they may also have the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
5. Lord, we stop all our doing and just remain as open vessels – vessels of mercy prepared unto glory. Remove any hindrance in us and make known to us the riches of Your glory.
6. Fill us unto all the fullness of God. You are the Source energizing us and enabling us to shine forth God's glory and manifest the truth. May we daily experience and enjoy You as the treasure within and the image without.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the UK building project, the training center for all of Europe, the Full-time Training in London. Please pray that the Lord will provide the necessary funds, construction permissions, and serving ones to carry out the construction

## 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