

# CHURCH IN REGINA

## Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting— Aug 26  
Grp 1 in person; Grp 2 by Zoom
2. Canada Brothers' Conference on Nov 7 to 9.  
Registration Deadline— Aug 31
3. Brothers' Meeting—Aug 31
4. Church Pursuit—Sept 1
5. Bible Distribution at the UofR—Sept 5
6. Welcome Dinner at the UofR—Sept 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—Klang, Malaysia
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.27-30, Indianapolis, IN
7. Winter Training—Dec.22-27, Anaheim, CA

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## Chapters 5 Through 8 of Romans—The Kernel of the Bible—Week 2

### Boasting in Our Tribulations

Romans 5:3 begins, "Not only so, but we also boast in our tribulations." The three results in verses 1 and 2 —peace, grace, and glory—are pleasant to our ears. The fourth result involves tribulation, which does not seem to be pleasant. **After they are saved, many Christians do not know God's grace and thus find tribulation very difficult to understand.** However, Paul says that **tribulation also is a kind of blessing** to us. The saved ones should boast in their tribulations. Many times God arranges the environment to bring us into tribulation for our good.

Our boast is not only because of the hope of glory but also because of tribulation. The hope of glory is in the future; boasting in tribulation is at the present time. **Just as we will be in glory, we should also be in tribulation.** The Gentiles fear tribulation. Although we, the saved ones, should not invite tribulation, we should not be fearful or troubled while going through tribulation. **Our being afraid and troubled proves that we do not know God's salvation.**

God has saved us and positioned us in grace. If tribulations were not for our good, He would never allow them to come upon us. Chapter 8 says clearly that in the future the Lord will bring us into glory, but in order to enter into glory, we need to pass through tribulations (v. 17b). **Tribulation causes our will to be subdued.** If a person has not gone through tribulation, his will remains stubborn. Such a person can be only in his own likeness. He cannot enter into the Lord's glorious image. The Lord uses sufferings to break a person's will in order to bring him into a condition of being the same as He is.

Many brothers and sisters understand sufferings as a form of discipline. It is true that sufferings have the element of discipline. If we make mistakes, God will discipline us. However, **ninety-five percent of the reason that God measures sufferings to us is to break our person.** God uses tribulations to deal with us, not necessarily because we have made mistakes but because we are too hard. Up until today our person may not have been broken, and our will may not have been subdued. Because of this, God uses tribulations to break us and subdue us. **This has a great deal to do with our being conformed to God's glorious image in the future.** Romans 8:28 and 29 say that all things work together so that we who belong to the Lord may be conformed to the image of God's Son.

Therefore, Paul says, "We also boast in our tribulations." He was qualified to say this because he had been beaten with rods, put in prison, and had his feet secured in stocks. Nevertheless, at midnight he and Silas still prayed and sang hymns of praise to God (Acts 16:20-25). Later, when he was about to be martyred, he wrote the book of Philippians to exhort the believers in Philippi, saying, "Rejoice in the Lord" (3:1) and, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (4:4). He also told them, "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all" (2:17). **Even when Paul was in the midst of his extreme suffering, he still rejoiced and was willing to be sacrificed and martyred for the Lord.** He knew that the suffering and disaster that came upon him were all arranged and measured to him by God. This is the fourth result that is obtained through justification by faith...

Tribulation has an additional effect; that is, **those who have suffered tribulation have been separated from the world.** Tribulation can keep people far away from sin and the world (1 Pet. 4:1). Many people often do not have an ear for God's Word, but once they pass through tribulation, they touch the sweetness of God's Word. Therefore, the results of justification are peace, grace, glory, and tribulation. When we are saved, God not only gives us peace and grace and brings us into glory, but **He also measures tribulation to us according to our need.** We are already justified, acceptable to God, and at peace with God; hence, He has no intention to mistreat us or punish us in wrath. He allows sufferings to come to us because suffering has a positive usefulness in us (Excerpts from Revelations in Romans: Seeing God's Complete Salvation, CWWL, 1952 vol. 2, ch 9).

# PRAYER BURDENS

1. Thank You, Lord for justifying us freely by Your grace and through faith, which is the faith of the Son of God. We take You as our righteousness before God. We are short in ourselves, but You have paid the price and accomplished full redemption for us.
2. Lord, we want the full experience and enjoyment of Christ as our life. Bring us on in our Christian life to experience love, grace, peace, hope, life and glory. We cast away our doubts and trust in the love of God towards us.
3. Lord, have Your way in us. Forgive us and bring us back in the realm of grace. Cause us to stop our doings whenever we are not in this realm. Give us peace toward God and faith in Your grace in which we stand.
4. Strengthen us to welcome and boast in our tribulation as a sweet visitation of grace. Produce in us endurance, approvedness, and hope. May all things work together for our transformation and conformation to Your image.
5. Lord, have mercy on us to see that our condition lacks approvedness. May we have the heart to pay the price to gain You through trials and circumstances. Save us from thinking that we are capable and grant us approvedness.
6. Lord Jesus, continue to save us in Your life. Save us daily from many negative things. Teach us to enjoy You in our sufferings, for the hope of the coming glory.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the European University Training that will take place on September 6 to 10 at Woodland Camp in London. Please pray that the Lord will speak a personal word to the European university students and call them into a deeper experience and enjoying of the Lord by abiding in Him.

## Church in Regina

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the Bro. Isaac's sister, Nancy and her husband, Jeff Heide. Pray for household salvation and that they would be open to having regular meetings and even be able to attend the Lord's Table Meeting in Regina.
3. Pray for the baptism of our junior young people—Yeska, Alfred, and Zion.
4. Pray for the upcoming semester and the campus work. Capture new ones and may there be remaining fruits from the University of Regina.
5. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the permanent resident immigration papers:
  - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)
  - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya 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—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- 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—Wednesdays/Fridays/Saturdays 7:30-8:30PM