

CHURCH IN REGINA

Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting— Sept 9 Grp 1 in person; Grp 2 by Zoom
2. Welcome Dinner at the UofR—Sept 12
3. Love Feast—Sept 14
4. Brother's Meeting— Sept 28

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 4

Taking Christ as the Head

As regenerated beings, both male and female believers are a part of the wife. **Since Christ is our husband we must depend on Him and take Him as our Head** (Eph. 5:23). If we do this, we will bear fruit in resurrection to God (7:4) and serve the Lord in newness of spirit (7:6). We will no longer be in the flesh, but in the newness of the spirit.

The deep thought here corresponds to the depth of God's justification seen in the example of Abraham. In God's justification He called His chosen people out from everything other than God back to Himself. **He called them out of their fallen state back to Himself, that His called and chosen people should not depend upon themselves for their living, but depend upon God for everything.** This means that as they come back to God they take Him as their husband. **To take God as our husband means to terminate all that we are, have, and do and to trust in God for everything.** Taking Christ as our husband also means that we believe in Christ. No longer should we live by ourselves but by Christ. We must let Christ live for us. Hence, the deep thought in Romans 7:1-6 corresponds to the deep thought concerning justification in Romans 4: God's intention is to bring us back to Himself and cause us to place our full trust in Him. **No longer should we live by ourselves, act by ourselves, or be anything in ourselves.** We must be totally terminated, and our head must be completely covered. We are no longer the husband. We, as the old man, have been crucified. Christ is now our husband.

In any wedding ceremony the bride's head is always covered. Thus, at a wedding there are two persons but just one head. The wife's head is covered by the husband, and the husband is the head. **What has become of the wife? She is no longer independent. She has been reduced to being nobody in herself.** Do you like to hear this? I do. I do not like to hear it because I am a husband, but because I am a part of the wife. I have been completely nullified and I am nobody. Christ is my husband and my head. I have no head of my own. My head has been covered.

Christ is not only my head—He is also my person. The wives must take their husbands as their person, not only as their head. We must even take Christ as our life. **Christ is our husband, our head, our person, and our life. We have been terminated and have become nobody. Christ lives in us and for us.** I have been fully called out of everything else and called into Him. I believe in Him and put my whole trust in Him. Christ is everything to me. He is my husband, my head, my person, and my life. Therefore, I am fully under grace, no longer under law in any way. The law has nothing to do with me, and I have nothing to do with the law. "Through the law I am dead to the law" (Gal. 2:19). Now in grace I am alive to God (Excerpts from Life-study of Romans, ch.12).

PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, You are our Husband. Expose us that we cannot keep the law and bring us back to our original position.
2. Thank You, Lord for crucifying the old man. We take You as our new Husband and live depending on You. May we take on our new status to be a proper wife, taking You as our Head and no longer live according to the old man.
3. Lord, cause us to keep depending on You, taking You as our person, name, life, and existence. We terminate all that we are, have, and do and trust in You for everything.
4. Lord, we declare that as regenerated people, we have been discharged from the law and are joined to You. May everything we do be related to God that we may bear fruit to God.
5. Expose us and subdue us for You are perfect, holy, and righteous. Come into us and be our life to fulfill the requirements of the law that we cannot do. Continue to operate in us both the willing and the working for Your good pleasure.
6. Cause us to realize that as the old man, we have been crucified with You and as the new man, we are freed that we may live in newness of life and serve in newness of spirit. Make our service new, fresh, and living.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Saints are invited to participate in gospel trips in German-speaking countries on October 5 through 19 for the purpose of contacting university students. Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans, Swiss, and Austrians as remaining fruit and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in all these countries through these gospel trips.

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 upcoming semester and the campus work. Capture new ones and may there be remaining fruits from the University of Regina.
4. 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