# CHURCH IN REGINA

#### **Local Announcements**

- 1. Prayer Meeting—Grp 1 in person and Grp 2 by Zoom
- 2. Brothers' Meeting—Nov
- 3. Thanksgiving Conference—Nov 27 (Schedule Attached)
- 4. Love Feast—Nov 30
- 5. Annual Service Meeting— Dec 14

#### **Conferences & Training**

- Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference— Feb.14-16, Anaheim, CA
- 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
- 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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## The Preparation of the Bride—Week 1

The Church Being the Bride of Christ

A. The Preparation of the Bride

Ephesians 5:26-27 reveals that today Christ is sanctifying the church, "cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word, that He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish." Today Christ as the life-giving Spirit is sanctifying the church through separation, saturation, transformation, growth, and building up, in the future Christ as the Bridegroom will present the church to Himself as His counterpart for His satisfaction. This is the preparation of the bride. In Revelation 19:7 the voice of a great multitude says, "Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." This indicates that the marriage of the Lamb is the issue of the completion of God's New Testament economy. By the continual working of the Holy Spirit throughout the centuries, the bride will be ready at the end of this age, and the marriage of the Lamb will come.

B. The Readiness of the Bride Depending on the Maturity of the Overcomers When Christ comes back, He will marry the overcomers who represent all the saints in the church (vv. 7-9). For this reason, the readiness of the bride depends on the overcomers' maturity in life. Verse 8 says, "It was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints." Righteounesses in this verse can also be translated as "righteous acts," referring to the subjective righteousness of the overcoming saints, who form the wife in verse 7, that enables them to meet the requirement of the overcoming Christ. Hence, fine linen speaks of the overcoming living that is lived out by the believers' overcoming life, which actually is Christ lived out of them. Fine linen in verse 8 is equivalent to the wedding garment in Matthew 22:11-12 . According to the revelation of the Scriptures, the believers need <mark>two garments—</mark>one <u>for salvation</u> and one <u>for</u> preparation to be the bride. For their salvation, the believers need a robe to cover them. This robe is the robe put on the prodigal son in Luke 15:22 , which signifies Christ as our righteousness for us to be justified before God (1 Cor. 1:30). However, the believers also need a second garment, which is the wedding garment in Matthew 22:11-12 and the garment of fine linen in Revelation 19:8, so that they may be qualified to attend the marriage dinner of the Lamb to be His bride. The second garment is the work of the Holy Spirit in the believers. It is the Christ whom they live and express in their daily living.

C. After the Marriage of the Lamb, the Church Being the Bride of Christ in the Millennium The Gospel of John reveals that Christ came as the Lamb to take away sin (1:29) and as the Bridegroom that He might have the bride (3:29). The book of Revelation prophesies that Christ is still the Lamb and the Bridegroom. This indicates that the goal of God's will is for Christ to have the bride. Revelation 19:7-8 speaks of Christ and His counterpart, His bride, getting married at His coming; this is the marriage of the Lamb. Verse 7 says, "Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." The bride is the overcoming believers in the millennium (vv. 8-9).

The future position of the overcoming believers is the bride, and the future position of Christ is the Bridegroom. The believers are on earth preparing to become the bride to meet Him, and Christ is on the throne in the third heaven preparing to come as the Bridegroom to meet His overcoming believers. He is coming as the Bridegroom, and the overcoming believers are going as the bride. When He comes back, Christ and His overcoming believers will meet, and that will be the wedding of Christ's marriage (Excerpts from Truth Lessons, Level Four, Vol. 1, Lesson 17).

# PRAYER BURDENS

- 1. Lord Jesus, we love You. We set our entire being, soul, and body absolutely on You. Forgive us for being occupied by many other things and may we enter into the deep and hidden things of God. Draw me, we will run after Thee.
- 2. Reveal to us that You are our Husband and we are Your counterpart that You are the Bridegroom and we will be the New Jerusalem, Your wife. Prepare us in this age to overcome and reach maturity, ready to participate on the wedding day.
- 3. Make us ready to meet You in that coming day. Enlarge our view of our salvation to see that we are preparing to be Your bride. Saturate us, flow out from us, and fit us together to become Your glorious church, Your bride.
- 4. Lord, keep building Yourself into us that we may grow to maturity. Fully recover Your remnants, those who love You and are faithful to You, to overcome the degradation of Christianity and be ready.
- 5. Lord, we want to pursue You in this age, so we can be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean as our subjective righteousness that qualifies us to attend the wedding feast. Cause us to live by You and live You in our daily living.
- 6. Stir our hearts to pursue You in this age that we may be chosen to participate in the wedding feast. May we experience the proper church life today that we can have a foretaste of the marriage dinner of the Lamb.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the International Thanksgiving Blending Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 27 to 30. Pray for the release of the Lord's up-to-date speaking to His Body during this conference and for the saints to be fully open to receive and respond to the Lord's burden.

## Church in Regina

- 1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
- 2. Pray for the strengthening of the campus work at the University of Regina for the remainder of the Fall semester. Pray for all contacts to be remaining fruits and be able to see the reality of the church as we read through Ephesians
- 3. Pray for the baptism of new ones and the continuing shepherding of the Lord's flock.
- 4. Pray for the propagation work in Saskatchewan. Pray for the Hiebert Family (Foam Lake), Temonio Family (Sturgis), Jerome Family (Moose Jaw), Steenkamp Family (White City) and Argawanon Family (Canora).
- 5. Pray for positive and immediate approval of the permanent resident immigration papers:
  - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)

#### 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 6:30-7:30PM
- YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Wednesdays/Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM

# THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Date	Message	Time	Arrangement
November 27, Thursday	1	6:30pm	Online (Individual)
November 28, Friday	2	7:00pm	By Small Group College in Campus
November 29, Saturday	3	10:00am	Online (Individual)
November 29, Saturday	4	7:00pm	By Small Group
November 30, Lord's Day	5	1:00pm	Combined (AECC) After love feast
December 1, Monday	6	7:00pm	Online (Individual)

#### Viewing the messages:

Both the live and archived messages of the 2025 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be available to view at <a href="Issmwebcast.com">Issmwebcast.com</a> and accessible via the "Thanksgiving Conf." button on the webcast menu. The LSM Webcast site, Ismwebcast.com, will not require login credentials to access the site.

The archived messages will be available approximately 2-3 hours after the live meeting has concluded and will be accessible for free until December 30, 2025, 30 days after the conference. After the 30-day period, all conference messages will be available with a subscription or payment at Ismwebcast.com.

Conference outlines will be accessible to download from Ismwebcast.com, beginning Thursday, November 20, 2025.