

# CHURCH IN REGINA

## Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting—Grp 1 online; Grp 2 in person
2. Annual Service Meeting—Dec 14
3. Brothers' Meeting—Dec 21

## 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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## The Preparation of the Bride—Week 4

We will always treasure the fact that **the Lord still speaks today**. He not only spoke in the Scriptures, He not only spoke to Paul and John, He is also speaking to us today. **The word of the Lord has never ceased**. Whenever someone who is working for the Lord stands up to speak for Him, he must expect the rhema. **If the Lord does not speak to us today, we are really failures...**The problem with the church today is that it lacks the living word of the Lord; instead there are only dead doctrines. There is a real shortage of direct communication from God. There is only a passing on of man's preaching. It is pitiful that so many people have died under good doctrines! May God have mercy upon us and give us rhema. May He speak **personally** and **directly** to us today. **Only when we have rhema can we move ahead and have the living water to supply to others. What we need is rhema.**

In the eternal plan of God the church is without sin. The church has no history of sin; it is entirely spiritual and wholly out of Christ. But what about the actual history of the church? We know that she has not been completely out of Christ, and much of her element has been of the earth. **In what way will Christ bring the church into perfection?** He will do it **by cleansing her with the washing of the water in the word—the rhema...** Christ is using His life in His word, His rhema, to cleanse us.

What is the meaning of Christ cleansing us by His life through His word? First, we must see **the church's problem from God's viewpoint**. Her defect is not that the Christ whom she has received is too little, but that **she has too many things other than Christ**. The church in God's will comes entirely out of Christ, without any sin, without any flesh, and containing no natural life. But what about our actual condition? Every one of us who truly belongs to Christ has a certain portion which is solely and wholly Christ. We thank God for this portion. In addition to this portion, we still have many things which are not of Christ. We need to be cleansed because of all these other things. What is the meaning of cleansing? It means to subtract, not to add...Eve in Genesis 2 did not need to be cleansed, because she typified the church in God's eternal plan. But if we consider that we do not need to be cleansed today, we are deceiving ourselves. God plans to bring us to the place where cleansing is not necessary, but today we still need to be cleansed.

**How does God cleanse us?** He does it **with His life through His own word**. Many times we do not know in which aspect we need to be cleansed. But one day **the life within us will not let us go**. Before long His rhema comes into us, indicating what must be dealt with. On the one hand, it is the life that touches us, and on the other hand, it is the word that tells us. Sometimes we are engaged in something which seems quite good according to doctrine, and our reason for doing it is also quite right, but within there is something which keeps touching us and will not let us go. Eventually, the Lord speaks to us; rhema comes, the mighty word of the Lord. It tells us that a certain matter must be dealt with and cleansed. On the one hand, this is **the life**, and on the other hand, it is **the word of the Lord**. By this we are cleansed. Sometimes the order is changed. At the beginning we do not feel anything while we are engaged in a certain matter; in fact, we feel that everything is fine. But when rhema comes, the word of the Lord speaks to us first, telling us that this particular matter is wrong, and then the life within us demands that we deal with it. **This is our daily life**. Either the life of the Lord does not allow us to do something, and the word comes; or first the word comes, and then the life follows, demanding that we deal with it. But it is always the cleansing of the water in the word to sanctify us (Excerpts from The Glorious Church, CWWN, vol. 34, ch. 3).

# PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, You are our Redeemer and Sanctifier. Sanctify us by the washing of the water in the word, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that we would be holy and without blemish before You.
2. Lord, You are our crown of glory and our diadem of beauty. We seek to dwell in Your house all the days of our lives, beholding Your beauty until we are transformed to match You and become Your beautiful bride.
3. Lord, we give ourselves to carry out the genuine work of preparing Your bride. We receive You as the life-giving Spirit to be our person so You can speak freely within us. May Your word cause an inward, metabolic cleansing that transforms us.
4. Speak to us a rhema word that cleanse, enlightens and sanctifies us. Wash away the blemishes of our natural life with the water of life in the Word. May we experience true growth by receive a direct word form You.
5. You are our real beauty, and we are Your reflection. Wrought Yourself more into us day by day and shine out from within us. Energize us for our function and beautify us to be prepared to be presented to You as Your bride.
6. Lord, our lives depend on Your words, and our work depends on Your commands. Have mercy on us for we cannot go on without Your speaking. While we are waiting to listen, make us those who hear, and are able to hear.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the translation of the New Testament Recovery Version into Czech and Slovak. Please pray for the translation team in their uninterrupted work of translating the NT text and footnotes.

## 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