

# Church in Regina

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## THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE

### THE THIRD STAGE – CHRIST LIVING IN ME Dealing with the Flesh

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*The first experience in the third stage of our spiritual life is dealing with the flesh by the **cross**. As we have mentioned before, **dealing with sin** can be likened to removing the dirt from a shirt; **dealing with the world** to removing the colorful prints in the shirt; and **dealing with the conscience** to removing the minute bacteria from the shirt. Then the shirt is completely cleansed. From the human viewpoint, it is sufficient to be dealt with to such an extent. However, it is not so with God. God has to **further cut the shirt into pieces** with a knife. This is dealing with the flesh.*

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Hymn #1 (593)

Scripture Reading

Rom 8:7-8      Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be. And those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

*This speaks of the condition of the enmity of the flesh toward God. A fleshly person can never please God or be accepted by Him.*

Rom 6:6      Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

*The old man refers to the flesh when it is not expressed. This passage reveals that our old man, or our flesh, has been crucified with Christ, and that it is a fact which has been accomplished long ago.*

Gal 5:24      But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

*In the sight of God, dealing with the flesh is also a fact which has been accomplished long ago. Hence, we should no longer live by the flesh.*

Rom 8:13      For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

*This tells us that we need to put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit and thus experience the dealing of the cross in a practical way.*

All I have in Adam is but sin and death,  
I in Christ inherit life and righteousness;  
When in flesh abiding, Adam I express,  
But when in the spirit Christ is manifest.

When I am in Adam, though I may not sin,  
Unto death, a sinner, sentenced I have been;  
When in Christ I need not righteously to act,  
I'm already righteous, justified in fact.

In the flesh I need no effort to express  
Marks of Adam's nature and its sinfulness;  
In the spirit I need not to strive or strain,  
I can live as He is and in spirit reign.

Thru my death with Christ, from Adam I am free,  
Thru my life with Christ, new life is given me!  
Minding not the flesh, old Adam cannot move,  
Minding just the spirit, life divine I prove.

Minding just the spirit is God's saving way,  
Minding just the spirit, Christ we will display;  
Minding just the spirit, we can overcome,  
Minding just the spirit, we the race may run.

Minding just the spirit, we the cross will know,  
And His resurrection pow'r thru us will flow;  
Minding just the spirit, Christ will live thru me,  
And His life within will reach maturity.

In the spirit Christ is life and all to me,  
Strengthening and blessing all-inclusively;  
Living in the spirit, holiness I prove,  
And the triune God within my heart doth move.