

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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The Lord desires that we would eat Christ as the tree of life, but there are **a number of obstacles** that stand in our way. First, there is our lack of vision, our lack of revelation. But there are other things within us, things derived from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **that cause us to misaim in our Christian life and church life.**

The **first problem** that God's life encounters in us is that we do not realize the **darkness of our human concepts.** We need to see that the only thing that matters in the Christian life is how we take care of the living Christ in us. Most of us are not aware of our human concepts, yet we all have them and subconsciously live according to them. Our concepts are derived from our nature, education, family background, and the society in which we live. All these factors produce certain concepts in our mind, and these concepts govern the way that we live and how we view and value things. **Most of our concepts are quite reasonable;** otherwise, we would not hold on to them so closely. For instance, society tells us that we should strive to get the best education so that we can get a good job, raise a family, and live a good life. Therefore, this becomes our concept and goal and is a factor that we take into account, especially when we have to make important decisions in our personal lives. However, we must realize that there is a darkness to **these human concepts that hinders us from considering what the Lord wants us to do in our lives.**

Sometimes the Lord may be leading us in a certain direction or way, but we have difficulty following Him because of our natural, human concepts. When we come to such points in our lives, instead of following our human concepts, we should **open to the Lord and say, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"** We need to see that **the only thing that matters in the Christian life is how we take care of the living Christ within us.** What a mercy it is to have His speaking and to have the living Christ in us! We need to learn to live not according to our concepts but according to the anointing in our inner being, according to the Lord's speaking.

The **second problem** that life encounters in us is **hypocrisy.** A person's spirituality is not determined by outward appearance but by how he takes care of the indwelling Christ. Many of us are caught up with pretense by trying to be something that we are not. Genuine spirituality is a matter **not of outward appearance but of how we take care of the Christ within...** We often spend too much time and energy pursuing a kind of natural goodness, even a goodness that is up to our perceived "standard" in the church life in the Lord's recovery. We may have a concept of how a "good" brother or sister behaves in the church life, and we attempt to live that way. However, this is a hindrance to life. **We should not strive to live a perfect Christian life in an outward way, nor should we be disappointed or condemned when we fail.** Actually, **our failures are opportunities for life to grow in us.** Thus, we need to learn to allow Christ to operate in us and break us.

The **third problem** that life encounters in us is **rebellion.** Christ operates and moves in us in order to make us clear about His will and requirements for us and about His leading and dealing with us...However, if we do not obey but go against the feeling within, not accepting His leading or paying the price, this unwillingness and opposition are rebellion. We are truly full of rebellion. Inwardly, the Lord is always moving and operating. Sometimes we may not feel Him or sense His presence, but His presence is still there. Often we do not sense His presence because we are not paying attention or we are so preoccupied with our own thoughts, emotions, and intentions that we miss the Lord's inward presence...**The sin that we commit the most frequently and most severely is not outward and visible; rather, it is the sin of disobeying the sense of Christ in us;** Christ is living in us, and He is constantly giving us an inward sense of life.

The **fourth problem** that life encounters in us is our **natural capability.** Many brothers and sisters truly love the Lord, are zealous for the Lord, and are very godly; nevertheless, their greatest problem is the strength and greatness of their capabilities and abilities; consequently, **Christ has no ground or way in them...** The Lord deals with our zeal and our capabilities and abilities through failure and disappointment. This is why we should not despise our failures, because **our failures are part of the Lord's process to break our confidence in and reliance upon ourselves.**

## One Solution

There is **one solution to all these obstacles in us**—we must **pass through the cross and let the cross break us;** if we want Christ's life to be unhindered in us, we must experience the breaking of the cross and allow these obstacles to be dealt with and removed. The breaking of the cross is **not an easy matter to receive, but it is necessary** in order for Christ's life to break through in us. We must understand that the purpose of our circumstances, including our failures and disappointments, is to **make us realize that everything is under the Lord's sovereign hand and that He allows everything to happen in order to make us the same as He is...** This is the Lord's mercy...so that He may gain the ground in our being, eventually causing us to open to Him and to realize our need for Him (Excerpts from The Ministry of the Word, vol. 30. No. 02, pp. 113-139).

*Go therefore and disciple  
all the nations, baptizing them  
into the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
~ Matt.28:19*

## Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by Area – July 21
2. Brothers' Mtg – July 26
3. Next MR – Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (4) Volume 8

## Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15  
Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22  
Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference –  
May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-  
Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26  
Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference –  
Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26  
Anaheim CA USA

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## PRAYER BURDENS:

1. We praise You as the reality of the tree of life. Cause us to eat You and receive You organically that You may be our very constituent. May we be one with You in Your life as we eat of You as the tree of life.
2. Lord, bring us back to the beginning and recover the matter of our eating of the proper food You ordained. Strengthen us to overcome degradation and enjoy the crucified and resurrected Christ as the tree of life.
3. Lord, we want Your life to be unhindered in us. Remove all obstacles in our being – our darkened human concepts, hypocrisy, rebellion, and natural capability. May we all pass through the cross and let it break us.
4. We give You our first love and the preeminence in all things. Constrain us with Your love and have Your way in us, through us, and among us for the building up of Your Body. Grant us the foretaste of the tree of life today.
5. Save us from working for our own interest but instead purify us of our intent and motive to work for You – putting You at the center of all that we do. Cause our message to speak only of Christ, and “this One crucified”.
6. We praise You, King of glory, strong and mighty who is worthy to possess the entire earth and take it as Your kingdom. Lift up our heads and encourage us as we await and expect Your coming with long endurance.

### North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the raising up of a lampstand in Gdansk, Poland. Please pray for the work among the university students and that the Lord will soon raise up a lampstand to spread His testimony in Poland.

### Local Burdens

1. Pray for the finalization of the purchase of the meeting hall - [1550 Park St.](#) Please pray:
  - That all legal, financial, and practical matters be completed in peace, without hindrance, and in a timely manner leading up to the possession date of December 1, 2026.
  - For all the saints to be blessed abundantly and be faithful to give their offerings and pledges of \$100,000 by October 31, 2026.
  - For the strong financial support of \$250,000 and persistent prayers from all the saints in the local churches of Canada.
2. Pray for positive approval of the immigration papers of Liu/Qu, Aguador, Alforte and Gonzales families.
3. Pray for Sister Malou Ballao's safe childbirth. Pray for a strong and healthy baby who will grow up to be a consecrated vessel of mercy.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM