

# CHURCH IN REGINA

## Local Announcements

1. Combined Prayer Meeting— Oct 28 at Connaught Branch City Library
2. Winter Training Registration Deadline— Nov 1
3. Churching to Lloydminster—Nov 16

## 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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## One Accord and Crucial Aspects of the Book of Acts—Week 6

Grace is a matter that is frequently used in Christian vernacular. For example, in the past we may have often concluded a formal letter or even an email by writing, "Faithfully yours" or "Respectfully yours." As Christians, we may now sign off by saying, "Much grace" or "Grace to you." However, as we consider in this message what grace is, may there be an **inward prayer**: "Lord, take away more of our veils. Lord, show us more concerning what grace is."

### Sufficient Grace

...In 2 Corinthians 12:9 the Lord said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." Accepting the Lord's word, Paul could go on to say in verse 9, "Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me." This verse reveals that **the grace of Christ is the power that is made perfect in weakness**. We must all love our weaknesses because our weaknesses become the very site in which the grace of Christ as His power is perfected. **If we are strong in ourselves, we cannot enjoy Christ as grace.** In order to enjoy Christ as grace, we must be weak persons. The weaker we are, the more we will realize the sufficient grace that constantly strengthens us into the inner man. Christ does not want us to be strong or powerful in ourselves; rather, He wants us to be weak. **Our weakness is precious. It is because of our weaknesses that the Lord's power has the ground to manifest itself and that we are able to enjoy His power.** When we are weak, we may experience the power of Christ in our weakness.

We all are **weak persons**; thus, **we all are qualified to experience the power of Christ in our weakness...When we are strong, we put the Lord aside** because we do not need the Lord. In other words, when we are strong, the Lord has no ground in us and cannot do anything for us. Nevertheless, **when we are weak and realize that apart from Him we can do nothing, the Lord has the ground in us and can do everything for us.** When the Lord does everything for us, we enjoy the Lord's sufficient grace perfected in our weakness. For this reason, the Lord allowed the thorn to remain with Paul in order to expose his weakness so that he would experience His all-sufficient grace. Without the thorn Paul would not realize how weak he was; with the thorn in the flesh he needed the Lord to be his grace. The Lord left the thorn with Paul so that he would experience His overshadowing power perfected in his weakness (Excerpts from The Conclusion of the New Testament: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ, vol. 1, pp. 3238-3239).

All of us are in a process; none of us can claim that we have arrived. We thank the Lord for our weaknesses and our failures. We do not seek out failure, but **failure will come. The Lord can operate in the midst of those failures and weaknesses...** We need to realize that our weaknesses and our failures are altogether **under the Lord's sovereignty**. We experience these with the view that they would cause us to **open more definitely** to the Lord and to receive the grace from Him that He is eager and desirous to dispense into us. After all, He went through a process with the steps of death, resurrection, and ascension to minister this grace to us. Now that we have Him and are one with Him, He brings us through these situations of weakness and failure so that we can experience grace in a definite and practical way. We thank the Lord for His ways, His economy, grace, and even our weaknesses. **Anything that will cause us to become more dependent on Christ is actually a blessing.** Let us not overly worry about being strong or weak, being good or bad, or having failure or success. Instead, we need to open our hearts to the Lord to receive the sufficient grace. That this grace is sufficient indicates it is more than adequate to meet our need (Excerpts from The Ministry of the Word, vol. 29, No. 05, pp. 145 – 174).

# PRAYER BURDENS

1. Thank You, Lord for the surpassing riches of Your grace that we can know, experience, and enjoy today. May Your all-sufficient grace support, sustain, strengthen, cover, and protect us, causing us to reign in life.
2. Lord, we take our standing in grace, superabounding in faith and love in You. In this grace, we have God's eternal comfort and hope. May this grace continue to grow in measure and be multiplied in us day by day.
3. Lord, we need You to be the embodied grace to us – living in us and us living in You. Save us from our reasonings and murmuring so we can return to our standing in grace and be ministers of this grace to others.
4. Lord, we want to continue in the grace of God and to remain persistently faithful to You. Thank You for the great grace that we experience. Cause us to minister the grace of God even in our speaking.
5. Open our eyes to see that we are now in the age of grace and to testify the word of Your grace. We want to know this grace as the living, resurrected Christ becoming the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit dwelling in us to be our everything.
6. Sanctify us in the truth and constitute us with the word that we may be built up with the saints and enjoy our inheritance. We want to daily participate in the inheritance that we have received.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the first Lord's table meeting in Nanterre (Paris Region, France) on November 2 and in Toulouse, France on November 9. Please pray for the beginning of the church life and for the raising up of shining golden lampstands in these two cities and throughout France.

## Church in Regina

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the 10 new gospel contacts joining the campus meeting this semester. Pray that they will continually attend the Bible studies every Friday, be enlightened and become remaining fruits.
  - > Local Residents: Matthias, Avital, Catherine, Emilie
  - > Temporary Residents: Theresa, Oge, Alex, Lan, Nicole and Ivy
3. 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 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