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*Our Experience in the Church Life*

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### ***Prayer Burdens***

1. Let us continue to pray for the Grade 6 gospel conference on 6/13 to 6/15.

### ***Announcements:***

#### **General**

##### **1. Videos of Lord's Day messages available**

The web site [www.churchintoronto.org](http://www.churchintoronto.org) now has the videos of the Lord's day sharing. It is being updated on a regular basis.

## **The church in Toronto**

Twelve Baskets Full Week 20

June 9 - June 21, 2008

### **Christ in Me**

*Weekly Bible Reading:*

**John 14:1-31; 15:1-27; 16:1-33; 17:1-26**

*Hymns:*

**127; 468; 906; 1278; 662**

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### **Monday**

*Verses for Morning Revival*

**Ephesians 2:13-14a, 16**

**13** But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near in the blood of Christ.

**14** For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one...

**16** And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

**1 Corinthians 12:12**

**12** For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

*Readings for Inspiration and Truth*

#### **The Spiritual Composition of the Body of Christ**

“Now, as to the practical side, what constitutes me as a member of the Body? If the Lord gives me a revelation concerning the Body what will be the effect on me? Is it simply that I have seen something which I have never seen before, that I have the knowledge of certain truths which I never had before? Or is that revelation going to be revolutionary? Will that revelation be treated by me as a teaching as a doctrine? Or will it become something really subjective in me, producing some real change in me? Let me assure you that, when you have seen it, it is going to be a revolution. Something is bound to happen.

“What constitutes me a member of the Body? It is not

something I can do; it is not something I can experience. The thing that constitutes me a member of the Body of Christ is Christ in me. That entitles me to be me, and actually makes me, a member of the Body. If you do not mind getting down to material illustrations, remember again that loaf of bread. It is not anything of you, it is not some part of you, as a man, which is a member of the Body of Christ. It is, in figure, that piece of bread in you that constitutes you a member of the Body. The Body of Christ is Christ. Paul did not say anything wrong grammatically or spiritually when he said: 'For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is the Christ' (1 Cor. 12:12). I think some of us would like to correct him. Grammatically, or logically, it is wrong. He ought to have said, 'so also is the Christ and the church.' He only says, 'Members...body...so also is the Christ.' So the Head is the Christ and the Body is the Christ. Both are the Christ — the Head and the Body.

"So the Body is the Christ. Everything that comes from Christ constitutes that Body. Then anything that does not come from Christ can never get into the Body and must be ruled out. It is not a question of 'plus'; it is a question of 'minus.' That is all the difficulty. It is not a question of what you must be, or must experience, in order to make you a member. No, you are a member, but because you are one, therefore many things have to go. If you see the spiritual constitution of that Body, the heavenliness of that Body, the divineness of that Body, you will see that nothing from you can be attached to it. Anything that is not Christ can never be in the Body."

### **Tuesday**

*Verses for Morning Revival*

John 14 20, 23

- 23 Whatever you do, work from the soul as to the Lord and not to men,
- 24 Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as recompense. You serve the Lord Christ.

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### **Becoming Functioning Members of the Body of Christ**

"What I have in my heart is just this. If you really know the cross, it will lead you into the Body. One thing puzzles me when I meet Christians. So many profess to know the Lord; so many profess to have given everything for the Lord; so many profess to know what is the deeper meaning of the cross, but nothing happens. They are still where they were — nothing happens. They profess to believe in the Body; they profess that all are one in Christ. They stress that the old man has to go, the natural man has to go; nothing of that can be left, can be kept; but nothing happens. You never find the outworking of the thing.

"It is not talking. May the Lord save us if we are only talking. The Lord has to give us something spiritually, so that we really see it. Then we shall see that all we have been going through, all the Lord's dealings with us, are with a view of the Body. He is taking pains to eliminate all that is of us, and make as functioning members of the Body. May He lead us to see clearly what He is after, and to see that nothing that is of us can have any part in His Body."

### **Saturday**

*Verses for Morning Revival*

**Colossians 1:10-12a**

- 10 ...walk worthily of the Lord to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God,
- 11 Being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy,
- 12 Giving thanks to the Father...

the one hand you have Goliath, and the Philistines under him — the enemy coming from outside. On the other hand, you have Saul — the enemy from within. It may be true that Saul has been engaged in fighting Goliath, but please remember that both are keeping David from the throne. The characteristic of Saul is that he stands head and shoulders above all Israelites. He is a man of exceptional standing; he represents the human brain, human notions, human ideas, as over against the divine; what men think to be good, to be right, as over against God. That is Saul; that is keeping the Anointed One from the throne.

“But the day came when David, with a sling, sent a stone into the head of Goliath. He did not send a stone into Saul, but from the day when Goliath’s head was hit, the head of Saul was hit to all intents and purposes. The power of Saul waned. The reign of Saul failed on the very day when Goliath was killed. The stone which hit Goliath dealt a death blow to the head of Saul. There is no need for us to make a direct hit against the present system of things. We are not dealing with flesh and blood; but if, by the mercy of God, a death blow could be dealt to our enemy, the unseen one, the spiritual one, the outside one, we will find that when he has been dealt with, Saul’s reign is already numbered. All other headships have to go; all other kings have to go. The throne must be given to David. That is what God is doing today.”

### Friday

*Verses for Morning Revival*

**Romans 6:8**

**8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him,

**Colossians 3:23-24**

**20** In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

**23** ...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

**Galatians 2:20a**

**20** I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me...

*Readings for Inspiration and Truth*

### The Place of the Cross

“That is where the cross comes in; that is the reason why we emphasize the cross. The cross is the practical outworking, and the principle of the cross is the only divine means of ruling out anything that is of ourselves — anything that can never stay in the Body. So we find the Lord dealing with us in many things. I do not mean to say sins; I think that would be too low a level. I hope we have in a sense, gotten through that. But the point is that we can never bring into the Body the things of ourselves — our temperament, our make-up, for instance. You will find that God will touch you there.

“Some of us have very keen brains. We think that, by the keenness of our brains, we can have a better mastery of the Word of God, and that so we can be better ministers. But no. You will find that what you have is only dead knowledge, whereas some elderly sister maybe, sitting at the back of the meeting, without much of worldly education, knows something of the Lord. You may be a pastor or minister, but you find, when standing before her, that there is something more of Christ in that elderly sister than there is in you. You find that what you have is altogether outside the Body.

“May the Lord save us from ministering simply because we have a keen brain? How many of us need salvation from our head — salvation with a helmet! We need it. Your ability, your natural power, has nothing to do with the Body; it has to go out. God wants us to see that our natural strength, the

backbone of the strength of our own nature, must be broken. It has nothing to do with the Body. When you see that, spontaneously you will see that it cannot go on; that thing has no place there; it has to go out.

“I would like to ask you to go through Ephesians once more, asking the Lord to show it to you. ‘Lord what is Thy thought concerning this age?’ Do you think you will be able to find anything other than the Body? You will find that is the thing God is building today. So whatever is of me must go. The cross points me straight on to the Body, and the cross keeps the Body cleansed from anything that is natural, anything that is from Adam. Praise the Lord, nothing that is of me has a part in Him. How good it is to see that I am out altogether! We have nothing to be proud of. If we are proud, we have got to be humbled. Nothing that is in us or of us has any place there. We may think much of ourselves; we may be self-confident, self-conceited, assuming and presuming a great deal; but remember nothing of us has any place there. The cross has to work. It is very costly, because it is going to touch the very spring of your life. It may touch something you are holding on to very dearly, and then you find it has to go. That is the Body.”

### Wednesday

*Verses for Morning Revival*

**1 Corinthians 12:14, 18-19**

**14** For the body is not one member but many.

**18** But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

**19** And if all were one member, where would the body be?

**Ephesians 4:15**

**15** ...holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ

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### No ‘Free-Lancing’

“And then you find the whole question of your movement as an individual member, just by yourself, has to cease. There cannot be ‘free-lancing’ in the Body. The Body will not allow it. If I move my finger, the muscle of my hand cannot refuse to move, it has to follow. If I move my arm, my finger cannot stay where it is, or take an individual course. The whole body has to respond to the movement of the head. I have to come to a place where I can see I am an integral part of the Body. I cannot move by myself. It is a question of the Body. You will find that every movement has to take its shape on the ground of the Body. Individual things have to go; you have to wait for others; you have to move with others. You have to go on with God and with your brethren.

“That settles the question of all other headships. The question of other headships in the Body of Christ is doing damage to the Body. It is upsetting the lordship of Jesus. It is the Anointed One being put off the throne and someone else put on it. It is Saul against David.”

### Thursday

*Verses for Morning Revival*

**1 Corinthians 11:3a**

**3** But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man...

**Colossians 1:18-19**

**18** And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

**19** For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell

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### Saul Versus David

“What Saul stands for is simply this — an organized thing, a system of things, among the people of God, set against the Anointed One of God. You have two enemies of David. On