

The Theology and Its Faith of the Restoration of the Image of God

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Preface

Since I accepted Jesus as my Savior and my Lord, I have served the church and obeyed His commands for about 50 years (Pastoral ministry for 30 years, educational ministry for 20 years and now my missionary ministry). I have wanted to express my assurance—"The theology of restoration of God's image and its faith"—because it is my assurance that as I have walked the night of long suffering, God planted the truth in my heart.

I started my life of faith as a passionate Methodist Christian in the Evangelical course. According to the guidance of God, I had studied Puritan Reformed theology and faith in South Korea, the United States of America, and served churches in South Korea, America and Cambodia. Until now, I have met many faithful theologians and pastors: Yun Sun Park, Hak Kun Kang in South Korea, M.G. Kline, Cloeney, Jay Adams, Godfrey, Frame, etc. The mentor of my doctoral of ministry, Joseph Pipa, made me strengthen my theology and faith, as well as my theme more deeply. Afterwards, I arranged them by sharing with ITCS professors and students through teaching certain subjects—Preaching, Puritanism, the Old Testament, Biblical Theology, and M.G. Kline theology, and I was encouraged by

the Cambodia Educational ministry and the mission ministry for their benefits to establish the Kingdom of God in Cambodia.

This book shall be made to proclaim the gospel to the 26 provinces of Cambodia and establish the branch churches of Peniel Presbyterian Church by recovering the revival movement of the church of Ephesus and a self- supportive pastoral ministry. This target came from the vision that God gave to me in the process of my small educational ministry to share the Scripture, His Word, to Cambodia, which is the country of water, hot weather and green grass, but also the country to have a history of sorrowful killings until the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

. I understand the meaning of my life's suffering of 13 years little by little and I glorify God. He has kept His promise: "He makes my feet like the deer, he makes me tread on the high places" (Hab. 3:18). Through this book, I will try to reveal the faithful God to the world.

This content consists of redemptive historical theology, my preaching philosophy, William Perkin's Puritan method that I have loved for my whole life consistently, as well as the several Bible study materials, parachurch movement texts, and my edition of the doctrine

of Christianity and my personal Scripture World practical works. These works are based upon my teaching ministry in reformed theological Seminary in USA, International Theological College and Seminary, CBPCP and KAPC and a Family worship writer for the American Christian Press, and now a Cambodian missionary to establish Puritan reformed theology and its faith on their heart within the 25 provinces of Cambodia.

It is so exciting for this first step to plant puritan reformed theology and its faith at the center of Southeast Asia that I have prayed for a long time in my life.

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I have spent much time on my computer writing and editing to finish my work in three different languages: Korean, English and Khmer, to

share my work with the world, according to my goal. And I remember that many saints pray for me and support my mission ministry with their precious gifts and I offer all the glory to my living God.

On December 1961, I prayed, "Lord, make me know the truth and make me proclaim it right to the world," kneeling on the snowy hill of a cold winter. God answered me by placing His faithful hand gradually in my life. So, I should be faithful to His commandment in the Cambodia Educational ministry during the remaining time of my life. "Lord, make me build your churches on the hill of the killing field!" (Mt 16:18).

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D. Restoration of God's image revealed in the minor prophet books.

We review the restoration of God's image in Zechariah. When we observed the seven visions of Zechariah we find that how the restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness be revealed under the light of the fulfilled redemption and the image was revealed into the glory of God.

Seven visions revealed in Zechariah

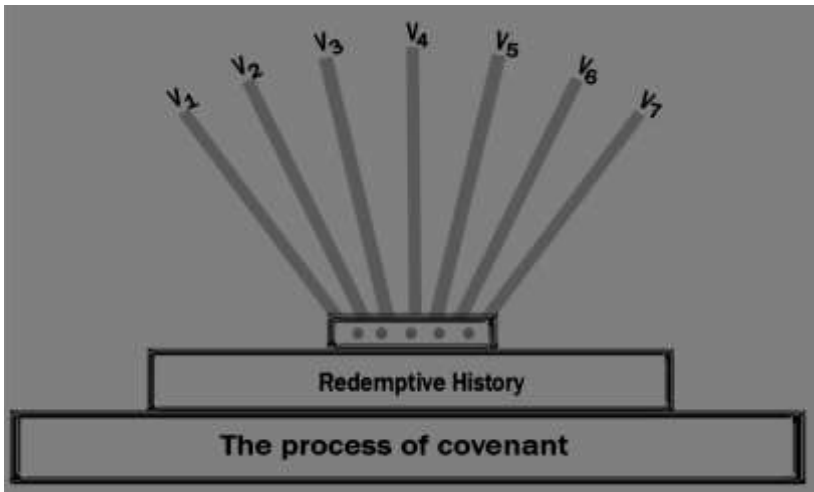
1. The rider on the red horse (Zech 1:7-17)
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3. The man who takes the measuring line (Zech 2:1-13)
4. My servant, my branch (Zech 3:1-10)
5. Golden lamp stand (Zech 4:1-14)
6. The wisdom of God's judgement (Zech 5:1-11)
7. Four chariots (Zech 6:1-15)

1. Survey of Zechariah:

(1) Zechariah is set against the background of the first generation of returnees from the Babylonian exile. His night visions are dated to the second year of Darius (520-519 B.C)

(2) Zechariah's visions reveal the features and the glory of Christ's redemption.

1) The Structure of the book of Zechariah.



Notes:

1. Seven visions reveal the redemptive history of Christ as the substitute atonement.
2. Seven visions reveal the redemptive process of Christ, those are; the Old covenant, the New covenant and immanuel.
3. Seven visions reveal the restoration of God's image in the

church. - Righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Kingship, priestly, prophet hood.

4. Seven visions reveal the redemption as three stages, those are, the incarnation, the suffering, the death, the resurrection of Christ and the work of Holy Spirit and the last consummation of Christ.

5. Seven visions reveal the justification, sanctification and glorification of redemption.

3) The Diagram of 7 visions

vision	Text	Theme	Symbols	Interpretation	Redemptive character
1	1:7-17	The rider on the red horse	The Rider The Deep The Myrtle	Pre-incarnated Christ	Center of Redemption /mediator

2	1:8-21	The judger of all nations	four horns four workers	Babylonia , Mede Persia Syria Christ	The righteousne ss, the criteria of redemption
3	2:1-13	The one who has a measuring line	The Angel of the Lord	Pre- incarnate d Christ	The absolute protection and His redemptive love
4	3:1-10	The servant, the branch	The branch	Atoneme nt of Christ	Atonement
5	4:1-14	The golden lamp-stand		Applicato ry ministry of Spirit	Spirit's work
6	5:1-11	The wisdom of Lord's judgment		Righteou sness of	Righteousne ss of

				God	redemption
7	6:1-15	The visions of four chariots		Last judgment of God	The center of redemption consummat or

1. Meaning

- 1) 7 visions reveal the redemption progressive stream (history)
- 2) The redemptive method is the atonement of Christ.
- 3) The redeemer is the pre-incarnated Christ
- 4) The redemptive character consists of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, the restoration of God's image.

2. Significance

- 1) Christian salvation depends on the redemptive history of God.

2) Christian salvation depends on the merits of Christ (death and resurrection)

3) Christian abundant salvation depends on merit of Christ.

4) Christian eternal victory depends on the work of Holy Spirit.

1. The Rider on the red horse (Zechariah 1:7-11)

1) In the Christian life, understanding the Scripture rightly is very important for it is the channel of the vivid grace of God. So we have to learn the stream of the Scripture as the redemptive history well. As the diagnosis of the oriental medicine when we observe any part of the Scripture, we have to feel that stream of the strong points or, the weak points. The fact is needed for interpreting the Prophet book more sensitively.

2) Among 7 visions in the book of Zechariah, we observe the first vision now in order to know the stream of the redemptive history. If we understand this vision well, we can know the main key to interpret the symbolism in the Scripture.

Read verse 1:8. "During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses." Here, we find three features in a vision, those are; the rider on

the red horse, the ravine and the myrtle tree. What do you think of them?

First, who is the rider on the red horse?

1) The red horse is the representative horse, because he activated and controlled the activation of other horses, another red horse, brown horse and white horse, "Behind him were red, brown and white horses."

And verses 10-11 says " ¹⁰ Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, "They are the ones the LORD has sent to go throughout the earth." ¹¹ And they reported to the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace."

2) What do they mean?

(1) The riding action means "the victory" (Revelation 6:1-2) " I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest."

(2) The rider points to the supernatural person, that is, the man

who in verse 8 , was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Verses 10-11 say that the man is the Angel of Jehovah; He is the special angel in the Old Testament as pre-incarnated Christ.

(3) Why did he stand up in the valley for the redemption of his people? Christ completed the redemption on the cross 2000 years ago. He was the angel of Jehovah, who was the pre-incarnated Christ. The symbol means the real meaning of Zechariah's vision that he saw, Christ in the New Testament revealed in the earth about 600 years later. Now the prophet saw the redeemer who accomplished all salvation wonderfully in the power of Holy Spirit. Hebrew 1:3 says "3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." Now, where is Jesus? He sat down on the right hand of the throne.

1) So his vision reveals the glorious reality in our salvation. When we touch that picture, we can see the redemptive historical grace promised to us. Already we have understood it and now abide in the abundant grace in Christ.

As we know, we find the same contents in the several events, the creation, the exodus and the settlement of Canaan belongs to the grace

Look at Gen1:2. "the Spirit of God is the spirit of Christ and revealed the reality of the redemption to us, which was controlled the presence of God, Immanuel. So Paul pointed that the Lord is the Spirit.(II Corinthian3:17 ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.) After we received the gospel we immediately approached to the presence place, Christ. (Mt 28: 19-20) (I Cor. 5:17)

And also the Exodus reveals that more important event, the presence of God on the Mt. Sinai, the tabernacle and the supernatural miracles in the wilderness. These symbols point the presence of God, theophany (the pillar of the fire and the cloud) that Pre- incarnated Christ had controlled.

And occupying of Canaan points the reality too. True Canaan is not the honey and the milk but the presence of God, Immanuel in Christ. The settlers received the rest out of all the direction, that is, God, Christ.

As we related these events to the Zechariah vision, we now see the presence of God in the vision of redemption, salvation, atonement. The Lord wanted to encourage the frustrated Israel by revealing the abundant redemptive glory to them. When we are frustrated in our personal sin and in our bad condition, we need to see the

Christ.(Jn1:14)¹, the glory of begotten son, the grace and the truth, as the prophet saw. Who is our true comfort? Only Jesus Christ, the rider on the red horse it is.

Second we can see the deep scene.

1) The rider stood up in the deep valley, gland, or, in a ravine. What does it mean? To know that meaning, we have to understand the terminological meaning of the word. *mesula* means the deep. The valley is deep. It points God's judgment, the destruction, the sin and the spiritual darkness, Zechariah saw the sin and the condemnation in the same vision. Actually the deep reveals in several revelation again.

2) In Genesis 1:2 before creation what is the original state? It was deep, chaos, darkness etc. It means the sin and the curse. The deep reveals the hell as the hall without bottom in Revelation. Why Zechariah saw the scene of mixture of victory and destruction in a vision? It emphasizes the redemption. As the white color was revealed more obviously on the black board, the redemption revealed on the background of the darkness, the sin, the curse, the hell, the death as the creation was begun in the background of chaos, deep darkness.

3) This deep again reveals in the Noah flood event. The event points the wonderful salvation out of sin and the absolute curse. So Gen.8:1-2 says "But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals

and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. ² Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. ³ The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down," The flood was called for deep.

4) And also the deep again in the event of Exodus event. Miriam sang a song as the Israelite was saved from the deep red sea. As these examples did, the deep in the vision proclaimed the wonderful salvation obviously to us. Zechariah saw that marvelous redemption. (Ex15:5 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.)

5) In summary, the savior is the angel of Jehovah, Christ. And the background of salvation is the absolute destruction. So we should admit our total corrupted state in our salvation. True salvation has to understand two things, those are; the glorious salvation and the absolute death. This is the true salvation face. Therefore we should check up our Christian life as the experience of Isaiah 6:5, "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Third, the prophet observes the myrtle tree that the angel stood up among.

1) What does it mean? The myrtle tree points the presence of God as Eden's glory. When Christ descended on the place, the presence of God was with him. Even though it was absolute deep darkness, his presence rules over that place. It points the work of the Holy Spirit those are; light, freedom, hope, and the changed state. When the Spirit works in any time, any place, we can get the wonderful presence, the eternal life and the spiritual grace and the heavenly abundance. This is our redemption, our recreation. Zechariah saw the abundance of redemption and the glory of salvation. Do you see the redemption?

2) Lord's transfiguration event reveals the glorious redemption. Even though Christ was changed by the Holy Spirit, then Peter confessed "I stay here." Why? Because he saw the glory of the redemption he did it.

Today the same event is ours. We saw the Zechariah vision that pointed true redemption and its glory. In our pastoral ministry, we

need that same experience. We should confess automatically to stay here I love so much.”

Conclusion:

We have to see the vision. We have to know the meaning in your lives. Then, we know true comfort, true savior and true salvation.

2. The Judger of the History (Zechariah 1:18-21)

Introduction:

- 1) The people call it for as “the vision of four craftsmen”. Continuously Zechariah saw the other vision that controls the world history. What does it mean? We need the interpreting the vision. In a word it reveals the almighty hand of providence of the Lord. Cambodian history of killing field is included in the hand.
- 2) In the Cambodia mission history we can read the providential hand of God to proclaim the gospel to the people. Among them I had read that Cambodia government denied any missionaries under the French. Then a man who lived in the Montana, she prayed for 25 years for Cambodia Evangelization. Then her friend, who was a daughter of French king, knew the fact and helped that that foreigner missionary entered into Cambodia, At that time the door of gospel in Cambodia was opened. It was the hand of God.

3) For the reconstruction of Israel the Lord worked in the international situation for his will. So today we want to observe the hand of God, the invisible hand. This hand works in our heart, in our personal life and in the school life. Do you believe in it?

Here, who are the four craftsmen? What did they do? What is the result of their works?

I. God is the absolute judger in the world.

1) Who commanded to four craftsmen? The sovereignty God commanded. His command is absolute in history because He is the only creator, judger and consummator.

Although the Israelite committed sin and was fallen down in the miserable state, God's unfailing love could not be changed. Among his fiery angry He did not forget his mercy to his people. But the discipline is painful. Hebrew 12:7-11 says "7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined

us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

2) So the servants who He sent to the world had the absolute authority. And also His words have the absolute authority in the ministry.

(1) The herald has the king's authority. The preacher is the healer of the King. If the man cannot listen to his command, he shall reject the king and His command. In a meaning, the preacher takes very important position because he has the authority of the king. But the responsibility follows him.

(2) Is 56:8-11 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

(3) What is the character of the authority of God's Word? It is the absolute authority. Four craftsmen mean four countries, Babylon, Mede. Persia and Greek. Although they were very strong nations in the history, finally they were destroyed by the hand of God because of their sins. For example, Do you know how Babylon was destroyed in the world? The king, Belshazzar took a festival with his officials with drinking by using the temple instruments in the palace. Suddenly a hand was revealed on the wall and wrote some letters. "This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin "Here is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. *Teke!* You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.²⁸ *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."(Dan5:25-28)

Finally at that night the nation was destroyed by another official. God condemned the king by His hand. In the history all nations have been controlled by the invisible hand of God.

1) In our times, at Cambodia, we have to be afraid of the hand of God who is moving all people, all economy, all culture and all political situations. The indivisible hand of God is working on us. Do you believe in it?

When I saw the hand of God at a village at the last week, I am surprised at the thing. As soon as we arrived at that, only 5 persons came there. Gradually the numbers of men were grown until above 50 persons were gathered. Suddenly one church was made in the first time in my life. I knew God used them. I expect that the church evangelize all villages within these years. If God works in it, wonderful things shall be happened. Do you believe in it?

II. God is the complete judger

1) The absolute judger is the complete judger; the complete judger destroys all things and reconstructs all things because he has almighty power. Do you believe in it?

2) Our salvation is accomplished by the almighty God. Although he destroyed all sin, all conviction and all punishment, he restored all things as new thingss in us. Paul knew it. Roman chapter 5 reveals this fact obviously to us.

Rom5:17-19 says "For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."

3) We have to understand true salvation that consisted of the positive thing and the negative thing. So reformed Christians want to follow the complete salvation in the world. The history tells us four kinds of attitudes to the culture, those are; (1) the Christianity that destroyed all culture (2) the Christianity that leave out of the culture (3) the Christianity that compromised with the culture (4) The Christianity that reformed the culture by destruction and reconstruction, which we follow.

When the Puritans built the houses, they wanted to build the house that their Lord dwells. They wanted that the Lord in every place should be entertained by the people because they believe that complete judger. So when we criticized something we should propose the substituted answer to them. If he only complains about a certain thing, he will be a negative person. We have to become a positive person in Christ.

III. God executed the detailed judge.

1) Our God is the absolute judger and the complete judger. And also he is the detailed judger in the small thing and the big thing. He is the detailed judger.

He treated every nation, every person and every thought. So we have to be tremble before him.

In our pastoral ministry, we have to learn the detailed clear heart. Take away the thinking with getting some aids, without getting any support; we can make new history in our Lord. Then we become a strong man and a strong woman. Then we can change Cambodia. When we live with some help we awaken out of our heart. We have to think the thanksgiving. Have some dream to help to our poor neighbors. How can we help them by money or, by power or, by wisdom? It is not our purpose, but one of our methods. But more important thing is to serve them with the gospel. We have to change them by our thought and our godly life. Have such dream in your heart.

Conclusion:

1) Cambodia call us, and South East Asia call us "help us!" They stay in the shadow of curse of God without understanding the gospel. We have to response to them urgently.

2) Cast yourself to the stream of redemptive work flown by be controlled by God of the Scriptures. He is the absolute God, the complete God and the detailed God.

3. The Man Who has A Measuring Line (Zechariah 2:1-13)

Introduction

Here, the man is the rider on the red horse. Pre-incarnated Christ. What shall he accomplish at Jerusalem? We can find three important issues that are related to the redemption. First of all, we have to admit that he is the Angel of the Lord. Zechariah sees the redemption of the angel of the Lord for his own people. The metaphor reveals the glory of redemption of Christ very obviously to us.

I. It is to make the New Jerusalem as our absolute refuge.

1) Verses 3-5 say, "He answered me, "To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is." ³ While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him ⁴ and said to him: "Run, tell that young man, 'Jerusalem will be a city

without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. ⁵ And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within."

2) The focus of the metaphor is set at the protection of Jerusalem, as a city without walls, with the fire wall. And the Lord shall be the glory in the city. This expression suggests us about the abundant reality of redemption. What are they? They point the absolute protection as the Eden Garden (Gen.3:24) and as the protection of Samaria of the northern Israel out of attacking of Syria. (II King 6:15-19) God is the double protector of Jerusalem. Later in the New Testament, Jesus emphasized that the double protection for his people. Jn 10:28-29 "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all ; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." Now, we live in the fire wall in the world as we know when Israel came out of Egypt through the pillar of fire that protected Israel out of attacking of Egyptians. It is the fire wall. Isaiah emphasized that absolute protection for his people. (Isa 41:8-10) "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I

called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." The Old Testament emphasized such symbolic points but now we live in Christ's complete armor. (Ephsian6:10-11) "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Immanuel is protection of protections. Our Lord shall keep his promise faithfully, "I will be with you eternally."

3) When we serve the world in the name of Jesus, we should claim such protection. Many people are wandering because of that issue in their future about money, health, and relationship. Then we look at the New Jerusalem I Jesus Christ as an element of abundant redemption.

II. God shall rules over the kingdom

1) Verse 6-9 say, "Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven," declares the LORD. "Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!" For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have

plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye—I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.”

2) From that passage we can find another element of kingdom as feature of our redemption. What is it? It is that God Himself rules over the kingdom of God as his sovereignty power. He shall give the freedom out of captive states of Babylon, and He shall destroyed their enemy with his powerful hand (four winds) Still God loves the Zion as the ball of the eyes and also his judging hand shall make them known the Lord deeply. In other words the knowledge of God shall overflow in the earth by his dominion of the kingdom.

3) We now live under any dominion anytime, anyplace in the earth. Cambodian cannot depart out of the dominion of this government. But we should observe the superior dominion, God's hand in the Scripture. So we have to seek first the kingdom and his righteousness in our actual lives. (Matthew 6:33) because we belong to the redemption of the kingdom.

III. All nations shall be joined in the city.

1) And also the redemption points the other wonderful feature.

It is the point of universal redemption except the national Zion. So, verses 10-13 says "Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

2) These passages emphasize the universalism of redemption that is, the chosen people among all nations shall return to the Zion. Actually the prophesy was accomplished in the New Testament. The Acts reveals that all national people gathered at Jerusalem at the feast of Pentecost. They were the first universal church in the history, consisted of the Gentile and Israel. This is the detailed accomplishment of the redemption by the providential hand. Now we live in it.

3) When we study the Scripture at this school we should see the glorious redemption, absolute protection, the sovereignty dominion of God and the universal redemption. For this purpose we have to devote ourselves to Him.

After we finish proclaiming this abundant grace to our neighbors, we shall go to the eternal world.

Conclusion:

Please do not see to the miserable picture, the secular vision. But we have to concentrate to the glorious vision, the abundant redemption in Christ. Here we have to invest our whole life in will of God. This is our sufficiency, our contents, our source and our power in the world.

4 “My servant, the Branch” (Zech 3:1-10)

Introduction:

This vision reveals the character of redeemer God that solved the stumbling block against new work. Joshua who put on the dirty cloth means the state of misery Israel. First of all God ignore the accusation of Satan and put on his new crown on his head. And he promised that in the future a new branch shall be come. (8) In the text we know who is the branch and what shall do we receive? If we know the new branch we shall know the glorious blessing. What kinds of blessing is it?

I. He removed every sin eternally.

The text is similar to Job 1:1-3 (1) Joshua who stands up before the heavenly court was accused by Satan. Jehovah rebuked Satan two times and took off his dirty clothe and put on the new crown and new clothe to him (4-5). When God told such things to him, and then he responded that he shall keep his laws and he shall response to my house and my ground. (6-7)

2) Here we can learn two things about the remission. 1) Sin brings the failure absolutely to us. The destruction of Israel comes out of the sins. It is the not the negative sin but the positive sin. The spiritual sin of leaders is more dangerous. 2) Only the angel of the Lord can clean all sins. Because of the condemnation of Jehovah, the accusation of Satan did not be admitted by God. God rebuked that they cannot accuse them again. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."

3) "The Angel of Jehovah or, Jehovah points reality of our Lord Jesus Christ. The death of the Lord can forgive our sins. (Heb10:17) We should not search for the reasons to lose the power and rejoice. How do we have as we did not positive things? We have to return

to the fullness of Holy Spirit, the failing love and the help to our neighbors out of the ceasing prayer.

II. He came as our branch.

1) In verse 8-10 we can see the new work of God in the vision. It is the work of new branch that is the vision of coming of Christ at the eschatological time. "Listen, High Priest, Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch." (8, Ish11:1 Jre.23:5)

2) What shall the branch work? 1) He will begin with new ministry. As the second man or, the last Adam he will clean away all sins and accomplish new thing. He shall complete the new branch movement, the mustard movement and the yeast movement, not a burring stick snatched from the fire (II Cor.5:17). When they attach to Christ he can product the abundant fruit. (Jn15:5)

3) Through the work of Holy Spirit the effective of remission will be made eternally. The stones that are established before Joshua point Christ. In verse 9 seven eyes in the stones and inscription engraved means the Holy Spirit that is sent on the entire world. He made Christ's merit to be effective. "See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of

this land in a single day.”

1) The work of seven devils will be counterfeit but the one of seven Spirit will be absolute. The Cross of Christ will be revealed the effective by the power of Holy Spirit. 3) True spiritual fellowship will be accomplished by God. Verse 10 said to us the abundant life at the day. 'In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,' declares the Lord Almighty.

2) The people points the Christians of the New Testament. The day will reveal the spiritual fellowship in the Holy Spirit. The Lord who was expressed by the servant of Jehovah, the angel of Jehovah or, Jehovah works before 2000 year and now works in the Spirit. Expect the new work. Receive the remission. Expect the abundant fellowship in Christ. Let's go to this blessed place.

III. We should bring up the fruit by abiding in the branch.

1) As a weak branch Jesus Christ came into the earth to bring up his abundant fruit in the world. Although he is very weak branch and ugly face, he is so strong and beautiful in the earth and in the heaven. So his small braches as the churches we can bring up the abundant fruit in the world. (Jn15:5) What is the condition? It has to

abide in him. What does it mean? It is to communicate to Christ and intimacy with Christ.

2) What kinds of fruit? There are two kinds in it. One is the character fruit. Soon this is the fruit of the Spirit to reveals character of God by the Holy Spirit in the world. And the other is the evangelism fruit. It means to take disciples in the world. How can bring up much fruit? It abides in the branch.

3) Especially we live in the day of eschatology. Our goal must be taken much fruit. It is to restore God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Through much prayer and much meditation we can taste to bring up the abundant fruit in our lives.

Conclusion:

According to Zechariah's prophesy, the branch came on the earth. He accomplished all plan of our sovereignty God. In the branch we can be changed into the image of God. Therefore we have to approach on the mission to evangelize in the village. Let's response to the Lord's calling.

5 The Vision of Golden Lampstand (Zechariah 4:1-14)

Introduction:

1) Now we see that wonderful abundance of redemption in Christ through 6 visions of Zechariah. As we read the vision, we see that the pictorial revelation focuses on the Holy Spirit in comparing to the vision 4 that emphasized Christ. We see the work of Christ as well as the work of the Spirit in the reality of our redemption. Can you see it in the Zechariah visions?

2) Especially the vision of the text emphasizes that only the Holy Spirit can change the big mountain into the plain ground. Verse 7 says, "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground." Here, the golden lampstand point the church and the golden oil the Holy Spirit, and two branches of the oil tree were Joshua and Zurubbabel who were led by Holy Spirit.

I. the Holy Spirit makes the big mount changed the level ground.

1) First of all, we see the lampstand (morenah) in the vision. Do you know that meaning? The image of pure golden lampstand points that the revival of the church shall be happened by working of Holy Spirit. This work happened in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. We believe in that the every works in the Old Testament concentrated on the redemption by the Holy Spirit who was expressed in the symbols or, the

direct facts.

And also in reviewing the book of Acts, we can understand the Holy Spirit can accomplish the redemption of Christ.

- When Holy Spirit descended on the church, they received the owner of God. (At1:8 ^{But} you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”),

- On the Pentecostal day, Holy Spirit comes on the church. (2:1-2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.).

- And when the Holy Spirit comes on, the multitude received another power. (4:26-29 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.)

- As the Spirit depended on the church, the door of the gospel was

opened towards the gentiles from the Cornelius family. (10:45 the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.)

- And the Spirit gave some direction of sending the missionary at the church of Antioch (13:2 "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.")

- And also as the door of t gospel will be opened to the Europe. the church received the direction of Jesus's Spirit.(16:6-7 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.)

- As every problem was removed by the power of Holy Spirit politically, religiously and spiritually into the even ground. Before the church every stumbling block should be changed into the plain ground.

God revealed his redemption through the activities of the seven eyes (10, 3:9). The Spirit who was sent into all areas shall become the level ground. The work of the angels to supervise all the areas, the work to remove the horns, the work of God's protection and the work to remove all sins (3:9) are accomplished by the communication of Holy Spirit. It is the eschatological promise. (Is.40:4.42:16, Mt17:20, 21:21-22, Mk11:22-23,

Lk17:6, I Corin13:2)

Because every mountain of our sin was destroyed before us, every problem already had been perished. When you meet some mountain of problem, command it in the name of Jesus. It shall be solved before you wonderfully.

II. God accomplishes his will through the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit needs the spiritual leaders for the revival of the church. They are the people who stand firm to serve the Lord. (14 So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.") Zurubabel and Joshua, who was one of the spiritual leaders was the channel of Holy Spirit. Although few thousand bolt electricity flow, if it has no the electric channel, it shall be useless.

What did the text promise through the Holy Spirit? He makes the big mountain become the level ground. (purpose- accomplishment) and began the temple (motive-golden oil- Holy Spirit) and fulfilled the temple (method- faithfulness).

By their spiritual leadership the Work of God in our ministry shall be begun and completed. So we have to pray that our spiritual leaders should be filled by Holy Spirit.

III. Holy Spirit works in the ministry through the obedience of prayer.

1) To the work of Zurubbabel, the multitude responded the obedience, harmony and corporation. The Lord declared that to Zurrubbabel grace, grace. It means that they prayed to God. God worked through the only man. God demands the response of all body. Verse 7 says, "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" And verse 10 says ""Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?" The obedience of the saints is short cut way of wonderful work. So the obedience is than the offering. Especially the prayer of the saints is the tool that accomplished the work of God. Without the prayer no work.

2) Today again we shave to check up our obedience of pray to God. Then the will of God shall be accomplished in our lives.

Conclusion:

Through the Holy Spirit the church shall be revived. Let's long the fullness of Holy Spirit that the Act reveals to us every time in order to flow in our heart. Let's believe on it and approach it in order to change into the level ground before you. Because every mountain shall is the level ground

before the church.

6. God's Wisdom of Judgment (Zechariah 5:1-11)

Introduction:

- 1) The text reveals the wisdom of God's judgment through two aspects, the vision of flying scroll and the vision of the woman in an epha in one vision. Because two symbolisms explain the judgment to Israel who was corrupted by the severe sins (idolatry and adultery).
- 2) What is the wisdom of judgment that God executed?

I. God control the sin.

- 1) What do the women in Epha mean? It means the sins of the world.

Verse 6 says "I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land."

Verse 7-8 "Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it."

The cover of lead means to control the conscience of Judah people.

This is the wisdom that God prohibit the wicked sins in the world now.

The flood of Noah controlled violent corruption of world sins (Gen.6 :)

1) The contemporary sins that spread rapidly to the world shall be controlled by God's hand, as the voice of rooster (Peter), the saying of donkey (Balaam), through some suffering. We should listen to the voice of good conscience.

II. God divides between the goodness and the evil.

1) Verse 9 says "Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth." God control the sins and also divide the goodness and the evil.

Verse 10-11 says, "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me. He replied, "To the country of Babylonia^[c] to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."

2) In the world we have to discern two things obviously in our heart. This is the wisdom of Holy Spirit.

III. God gave the freedom by the power of Holy Spirit.

1. God controls the sinful desire by the work of Holy Spirit. Verse 9 says, "Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth." The wing is like the chariots of cherubim in Ezekiel 1:23-25.
2. The freedom of Holy Spirit makes us moved the freedom out of the sins, sufficiency out of the necessity and grace out of the thorn in our Christian life.

Conclusion

In our pastoral ministry and mission field we have to learn the wisdom of Holy Spirit. Pastor elder and deacon should use the wisdom of Holy Spirit in the world. Because our mission field is filled with worldly crafts against the heavenly wisdom, we have to seek the above wisdom as James emphasized (James 3:13-18).

7 The Vision of Four Chariots (Zech. 6:1-15)

Introduction:

The vision of four chariots is the last vision in Zechariah essentially

that ended as verses 1-8. From verse 9 the coronation reveals. Even though the coronation is a symbolism, it is very important that points the dominion of the King Messiah. (9-14) "A man who is called for the branch" comes in order to reconstruct the temple and ruled over it peacefully. Here we listen that the centric message of Zechariah is the revival that they should pursue through the Holy Spirit. As the Word of Roman 8:28, the goodness that God shall accomplish in us points the spiritual revival by speaking two things in our text. What are they?

I. It means the sufficient ministry.

1) The activities of four chariots in the text are related to the first vision. The activities of red horse, white horse, black horse and colorful horse reveal the nations that destroyed Israel as Syria, Babylon, Egypt. Historically these nations were destroyed really. It was the accomplishment of verse 8. "Then he called to me, "Look, those going toward the North Country have given my Spirit rest in the land of the north." "This is the prosperity of messiah and also it points that before Zurubbabel the great mountain shall be level ground.

Here, we can learn two wonderful things of the Lord.

1) First, the providence of God is very absolute as it was suggested in a picture, "the chariot comes out of the bronze mountain." His works and His providence as the chariot that comes out of the strong mountain shall be fulfilled by the owner.

2) Second, and also we observe the work of the Holy Spirit that four winds of heaven point. He works for the salvation as well as for the judgment. He works as the wind and his ministry shall be absolute and sufficient. The event of cross gives us true sufficient salvation through the wise work of the Holy Spirit. Especially we feel that our salvation is good enough in our heart. We enjoy true contents that come out of the cross, the resurrection and the Spirit.

The secret that David overcomes all his enemies by the goodness of God is the example of Christian life. Although he was persecuted by Saul very much and took many chances to kill him, David did not use his wrong method. Finally he became to the useful channel of God in his life.

1) Do you believe that God works wonderfully in us? We have to work everything according to the sufficient work of Holy Spirit. In this week we have to pursue to true sufficient ministry, the sufficient heart in our school life. So we have to seek to the work of Holy Spirit in our lives. Please, stop to trust the man's good points but pursue

to trust the Spirit in the Word of God.

II. It means to accomplish the peace.

1) In verse 5, the scene of coronation was appeared. "The angel answered me, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world." By this thing the faith of returners, Heldaea, Tobia, Yeodaya and Josiah were restored by God's grace. Especially Messiah, the new branch comes to the world and reconstructs the temple and accomplishes the work of peace. (12 "Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD.") He is the high priest and the king who fulfills the work of peace. Actually he accomplished all things. This is the righteousness, the peace and the delight in the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of 3:10, "In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,' declares the LORD Almighty."

2) Today our world needs the heavenly peace. All the peace of person, family and country comes out of the Christ- centric life. Why? Because true peace comes out of the branch, Jesus Christ. So we have to abide in Jesus Christ. It means to admit the Lordship any

time, any place. So we need to do the habitual prayer and the meditation of the Word of God.

As we know, the greatness of David comes out of to sustain the Lordship of Jehovah. So He did not want to kill the king, Saul against the Lordship. When his friends exhorted his Lordship, he disliked to become an owner at his good chance. Why? Because he knows the true Lord in his situation he could serve the Lord in his heart. This is the way of true peace that comes out of living God.

We have to check up the sufficient and peaceful heart in our ministry. Do you have these things in your heart in your school life? Yesterday, I met two persons in a village. They have no the sufficient heart and the peaceful heart in his life. One person is the abnormal marriage life in his life. He has five wives as a Samaritan woman of John 4: It is very sorrowful life. And also I met a monk who had the bright face. After I greeted to him someday I will meet him at the pagoda in order to give true peace of Christ Jesus. Although his face was so peaceful I could see miserable heart from his attitude. I pray that they shall return to Christ, our true branch by repentance and faith and possess the sufficient heart and the heavenly peace.

Conclusion:

Until now we have thought the wonderful redemption in seven visions in Zechariah. We abide in the blessing, the abundant redemption in our personal life and our pastoral ministry. Moreover we want to proclaim the facts to the world. So As Zechariah revealed in his last parts we have to listen to the urgent command, "return to the Word of God" and also see the glory of the complete redemption.

1. Return to the Word of God! (Zech. 7:1-8)

When we pursue the new things gradually our Lord says that we have to return to the first words. About the question that Bethel people asked to the Lord ""Should I mourn and fast in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?"(4) The Lord answered that you should return to the Word of God. "Ask all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted? And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? Are these not the words the Lord proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?' " (7)

I. How should we proclaim the Word of God?

Here we observe how the revelation of God comes to us. (1) In the Old Testament was come to us as the types of pectoral revelation, dream, vision,

miracles, rim and Dummies to explain them. 8 visions reveal the state of Israel's miracle state of corruption, the cause of corruption and the condemnation and salvation. The symbolism, metaphor and picture provide abundant revelation to us.

For example the event of crossing the red sea means the baptism of church. The descending manna means the Christian spiritual daily food, Christ and His Words. So the Christians who received the revelation revealed by them can proclaim the will of God. (Act2:17)

And also he gave the revelation by the prophets. "Are these not the words the Lord proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?" (7) they made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. (12)

(2) It was revealed by the prophets(7,12) So David was controlled by Gath and Nathan and Paul of New Testament way Ananias and seven churches in the minor Asia by the angels (pastors)of the churches. Then church was established on the prophets and Apostles on the cornerstone Christ Jesus. (Eph2:20) So they admitted the authority of Moses as the God's authority.

In the meaning today pastors have the same authority as they stand on the revelation as the proclaimer of revelation.

3) It is proclaimed by Holy Spirit. "They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. Moses's law is the voice of Holy Spirit and the Scripture is the voice of Holy Spirit. Today the Holy Spirit says through the Scripture and in the Scripture. At the meaning the Scripture is divine and personal character. Really when we received the fullness of Holy Spirit we can learn that it is the sword of the Spirit. Only this one is the true revelation and give make our lives to be abundantly.

II. How do we return to the Word of God?

And again God teaches how we treat the Word of God at the point of history. In one word it is the absolute obedience. Why is the obedience so important? According to verses 10-14 by the disobedience the beautiful earth was changed into the wilderness. " 'When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen,' says the Lord Almighty. "I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations, where they were strangers. The land they left behind them was so desolate that no one traveled through it. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.' " (14) what is the cause of Saul's failure? After he overcome against Amole in the battle, he could not control his covet. Because of his small disobedience he filled down into the

miserable state that he should search for the psychic. (Siam 28:18) The demolition of Israel was brought by the disobedience of God's Word; their revival shall be made by the obedience of Israel. Therefore the returning movement to the Scripture should not be limited in Israel. And also we have to return to the Scripture and try to be examining by the mirror of the Scripture.

2. The Day of glorious Jehovah (Zech.14:1-21)

Introduction

Finally, the issue of reconstruction of the temple and their spiritual problem for 14years was solved as God returning to Israel. Actually Zechariah saw the glory of the New Testament. The text reveals the glory and promise of that day.

I. God establishes the church highly in the world.

According to verses 1-7 Jehovah Himself who made to fight Israel against the all nations shall attack them in replace to Israel. When he stands up on the mountain of Olive, it shall be divided in two parts. When is dark the light shines. In the titration day the light shall rise in the world. And at Jerusalem the living water shall be fountained. The abundant grace shall come on the

church in the New Testament. Especially the Lord is the warrior who fights against the enemy for the church. The full armored of Ephesian chapter 6 means the complete weapon that is Christ. Because these things shall be accomplished in Christ Jesus, we can overcome anyplace and anytime in the complete victory of Our Lord. So Paul shouted that we are more than conquerors. Who can overcome against Goliath of 21centry? Only Jesus Christ can overcome him, Jehovah that is Jesus Christ. Whenever we fight against them, always we can overcome them in the name of Jesus. We can believe that fact always.

II. At that day God dominates the world as the king of kings.

Already we saw that the dominion of God consisted of faithfulness and peace at chapter 8 of Zechariah. Here we see the climax. He shall be the King in the universe world. (9-11) when he rules over them it shall become the nation without any condemnation. (11) No Canute lives there. The curse of God shall come on them who attacked Judah. The almighty God rules over them with his unlimited power. So we can overcome the confused world with the spiritual power fully. Then we should enjoy the blessing that God provide to the obeying people. Really to the people, family and society who entertained Christ as his Lord.

III. that is the promise that keep the feast of tabernacle.

God promised that he shall establish the church and God Himself rules over them as the king and the day when they live as holy people shall come-on the world. Verses 16-21 all nations shall come to keep the feast of tabernacle. They shall keep the feast of tabernacle holy in Christ. Verse 20 say that the term, towards Jehovah be holy" shall be written on the bells of the horse. The letter "towards the Lord be holy" shall be written on all lives of the church. The tradition of holiness shall be completed in Christ which is the true tabernacle. (Rom12:1-2)

Therefore we enjoy the streams of the living water in the Christ who is the feast of true tabernacle. And also we experience the power of the spiritual world. (Jn7:38-39) Really we see the more wonderful things in the Spirit because this precious day came at the day of the incarnation of Christ and will come in the day of the second coming of Jesus Christ. We should rejoice that the sticks of grace and union rules over us in Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

The visions of Zechariah reveal obviously the redemption of Christ in the New Testament. When we meditate these visions in our pastoral ministry, we can see the wonderful, abundant glory in Christ. This is the same vision that Isaiah had seen at the temple(Isa 6 :). Then he bowed down, kneels down and repented his miserable sins to God. Therefore Zachariah's findings that see the glory of the Lord and the

poverty of the man should be the foundation, process and result of our pastoral ministry. Only the glory of God can overcome our contemporary many issues. (Jn1:14)

The Restoration of God's image after returning of Israel

1. Ezra

1. The work of Holy Spirit (Ez 1:1-11)

Ezra is the prophet and the scholar of the laws what God used after Israel returned out of Babylon. What kinds of work of Holy Spirit? First, we see the work of Holy Spirit who He himself began with. The Spirit worked the wonderful event that as the prophesy of Jeremiah at the proper time God made Koresh the king commanded returned to Jerusalem and built the temple in it.

Every work of God is begun by Holy Spirit. The Spirit who worked good things in us absolutely shall accomplish this thing until the day of Jesus Christ. 9 Philip 1:6) Second, he shall raise the man of the Spirit. Although the Spirit works in us, it does not ignore the activities of men without some plans automatically. The Holy Spirit works that like Ezra works through the men of Holy Spirit and the men who are

impressed by God. (5) Third, Only Holy Spirit accomplishes the image of Christ as true temple. For this work we should go to receive the fullness of Holy Spirit. The heart of believer should become the place that God accepts and presents. (I Corinthian 3:16)

2. The prepared worker (Ez 2:1-54) - In order to accomplish the mission for the construction of temple God prepared all methods concretely. What did the text reveal? First, God prepared the descendants of the first immigrant generation. (1-2) the spiritual leader, Zurubbabel, Nhemiah, Ezra etc. were the inspired persons of Holy Spirit. The one who loves the word and believe it directly is so precious. Second, God prepared the singers. (41) They offered the worship that was the center of God's people. As Abraham offered a male goat to Jehovah in replace of Isaac they should become the one who prepares praising in truth and in spirit. Third, they prepared the keeper of the gate (42) It means that the man who keeps the temple and manage it. Like God prepared the shepherds and magus as Jesus came into the world first, the Lord works his work through him himself prepared for himself. Establishing the church God uses the prepared person

3. God uses Holy things (Ez 2:55-70) - Among great confusion God used the godly persons, what did the text reveal to us? First,

Brasilia prohibited the people who did not take obvious genealogy in serving priestly role and also stopped to eating the offering food in the holy place of holy place until the priest that takes Urim and Thumim was revealed. (62-63) God uses the faithful person. Second, God prepared the workers that take care of holy offering offered for reconstruction of the temple. (69) Until the offered beginning and offered things are used exactly is just God. God receives the purified things in establishing the church. Therefore holiness should be emphasized and examine themselves always. God search for the heart that were offered them voluntarily and heatedly in rejoice. We should go through the precious blood of Christ to be holy.

4. Establishing the Altar (Ez 3:1-13) - As Solomon called for 100000 workers to establish the temple, first of all it proves that the altar was restored and the burnt offering are accepted What construction was it? First, it is the reconstruction to follow the Word of God. According to the laws of Moses it was restored. It is natural that the priority of the Word of God as the foundation of temple. (Eph 2:20) Second, the altar was restored because establishing on the word of God should be come by restoration of worship. Making the altar and offering burnt offering, peace offering and the burnt feasts offering were practice by these principles. Third, it was the restoration

of good behavior. Vertical restoration is the fruit of Holy Spirit and the channel of grace.

5. The Temptation we can overcome (Ez 6:1-12) - Although the reconstruction of temple might be stopped because of the accusation of neighbors, God permitted the proper trial made the work of the Lord developed by his grace. What proofs does the text reveal? First, Darius king permitted to take care of them as the authority of the king. (1-5) the king gave an official document to put the temple instruments on the original position. God is the almighty God who accomplished his will, even though using the pagans. Second, they have taken by warning and comfort (11-12). The king commanded that they should take responsibility to provide every materials until finishing the construction of temple and also to give the severe punishment to the offended the laws. The stumbling block before the Christian means that God prepared more grace than before. This is the hidden will of God. We should trust God who permits the proper trial and provides the way that escapes out of the suffering. (I Corin 10:13)

6. The prepared man (Ez 7:1-10) - True construction of temple should be establish not the external aspect but the innate aspects. The fact that Old Testament and New Testament stressed the internal

part comes out of concentration on the importance of our inner parts. First, he was the 18th generation of Aaron. (15) His forefather Binhas stopped the plagues on Israel by offered his righteous activity to God, which he made God coolly. Through his righteous action God prepared the vessel of redemptive historical work. Second, he was the man who sacrificed to keep the Laws. Second, he is the man who sacrificed the laws (10). He experienced intellectually and experimentally. His decision that he studied the laws obeyed it and taught it in his wholeheartedly were so precious. It proves that he received the grace of God greatly. Third, he began to reform from himself. Before he taught the word of God first, his heart that keeps the word of God in his life means the prepared offering for God.

7. The Kindling of one person (Ez7:11-28) - The decision of one person made a great thing. When one person, Ezra devoted himself to study the Word of God made every work been free by giving the political power and financial power. How did the help of God reveal? First, God hold him until the day of complete reformation by moving Athasda king for perfect protection. (11-22) the one who seeks first his kingdom and his righteousness shall experience that God add the others to him by God. (Mt 6:33) Second, it was great that one person decided to the Word of God because he was the role to burn them for spiritual reformation, true reconstruction of temple.

The people who abides in the word of God that always is alive and powerful grace shall be used for God's work. As a small frame burnt all mountains, small fire of the word in my heart can burn all things in the world.

8. Reformation of Worship (Ez 8:1-20) - Ezra devoted himself to the word of God and also he to worship God. True reformation did not finish only knowing the word but applying it to his life to make the man of worship. (Mt 28:19-20) The church should glorify God and enjoy him eternally that is, to offer his whole life to God by offering himself to God. But any priests that work in this precious ministry were disappeared. Then Ezra searched for the proper person for three days and committed the duty to them. Although the Levite was at exit in that time, he found wise persons to serve it. (16-19) Then Ezra declared fasting and seek the help of God. (21) As we worship to God even we have great bad conditions, so we worshipped God not by the external method but by in spirit and in truth we can meet God. (Jn 4:23)

9. Decision of transformation (Ez 10:1-15) - As the Samaritan woman was changed her life by meeting Jesus out of her miserable marriage life, the decision to accept Christ in his center influences

on is whole life. The text reveals the change the life of the woman who lives with the pagans. How did the word- reformation, worship change and marriage life change happen? First, it was raised by the passionate will of Ezra's heart. The faithfulness of a spiritual leader or his calling is able to become a channel of reformation. Second, the decision of the people in the heart brought about transformation. As the Israelite who followed the ark in silence had the destruction of Jericho city, the people who obeyed the word of God can experience the reformation of the world. Third, the work of Holy Spirit was the core of reformation. Only Holy Spirit is the subject of reformation and revival. The one who presented as another counselor is the seven spirit who God sent to the world for reformation of the world. We should bear cross to reform our world to get the wonderful transformation.

10. True Repentance (Ez 10:16-44) - Through the text, the important persons nearby Ezra committed sin more than the others; we learn the importance of repentance. What is the repentance? First, it is to review him in time. He reviewed them for four months from their family. Repentance is like a spark to happen the work of life. The one who examines himself with his whole heart shall have the absolute way to hope. Second,, He reviewed the people who is nearby. Beyond the human relationship the choir members

and priests that took responsibility to the worship. The standing before God's Word should be emphasized always. Third, He wrote the works. He made them approach to true repentance and obedience to the Word of God. True joy was recorded in the book of life and the book of memorial. We should be precious to the awards of God more than this present reward by seeing it always.

2. Nehemiah

1. Nehemiah's prayer (Neh 1:1-11) - If Ezra was a faithful prophet but Nehemiah repaired the city wall and ruled over the people because they need the reconstruction of temple and city wall to protect out of the attack of the invaders. Who is Nehemiah and how did he work? First, he was a prepared person. (2-3) His anxiety that heard of the destruction of Jerusalem wall came out of his good conscience. He loved that the kingdom of God did well and he was worried about that it was reduced because his heart abides in the will of God. Second, he had responsibility and repented before God because it is the key to solve the problem. Third, he depends on the promise of God. (5-11) true repentance had been happened as they depended on God and his promise. The request of the righteous that tried to repent had much working power. We should follow the example of Nehemiah's prayer.

2. God's response (Neh 2:1-10) - God worked through Adaxasda king who saw Nehemiah who was filled with anxiety. How did the thing happen? First, it was happened by godly sorrowfulness (1-3). The care that Nehemiah took proved God's working. God's works include holy trouble and anxiety. Second, It was revealed by giving great impression to pagan king. (4-5). This is the evidence of God's working. Just like through Esther's fasting prayer Ahasuero king was impressed (Es 5:1-3) through Jacob's all night prayer Esau was impressed, (Gen33:3-4) God moved the heart of enemy and had much wisdom to accomplish his will. Third, God worked through faith. (5, 7-8) Nehemiah opened his heart before the king and demanded what he wanted by faith and was bestowed greatly. We should approach to God by the prayer of strong request. Only the payer of gaith can move the great mountain.

3. Leadership of Nehemiah (Ez 2:11-20) - As soon as Nehemiah had arrived at Jerusalem within three days. Nehemiah began his mission by checked up actual situation. How did he execute? First, he informed the will of God (11-17). He exhorted that they should obey the command of God by informing the ooracle of the king that support all financial issue and the power of all men. He taught that what we obey his will by submitting my will means the prosperity. Second, Nehemiah worked through voluntary heart than artificial

means.(18) But Nehemiah was waited for that they shall devote not by human means but by Gods method obeyed God prepares always living sacrifice to good work. Third, he controlled immediately the opposite persons to establish the will of God (19-20). Although the opposite was strong, they could not break the will of God. Trough the storm God makes them gone more swiftly. The spiritual leader needs such attitude.

4. Recontructed Faith (Neh 3:1-32) - The wall of Nehemiah were repaired as 7 gates (sheep, fish, Ephraim, old, well, beaty) and watch tower. Whoever was so faithful to keep each duty established the wall. (1-2). First, we should establish the destroyed wall of faith, (1-2) We should know my stumbling block and apply the repentance and faith. We should remove the craft of Satan and world and carnal desire and should be filled with the power of Holy Spirit. Second, Only Christ is our wall. (Jn10:28-29) We should enjoy Christ and product abundant fruit by following Him faithfully. No body can not deprive out of us in his hand.

5. The way to overcome the temptation (Neh 4:1-14) - Gods work also meets some temptation. As Sanbarath and Tobia batherd the work of God, how did Nehemiah overcome? First, he prayed (4) He offered his present state to God and seeks the help of God. As we

commit some problems to God and serve the present situation with our own best thing, we can get some power and the escapable way. (9) Second, he encouraged not to be afraid of it. (14) The target of enemy that attacked ten times was to fall down the frustration. Then Nehemiah said that you should not be afraid of your enemy but you should be fearful of the Lord. When we read the Scripture, meditate it and obey it, he can know God and his wisdom than the other because God, who we can overcome every temptation is faithful. (1 Corin 10:13)

6. The Work of Faith (Neh 4:15-5:5)- As faith meets suffering, it shines more. Although the enemy bartered the reconstruction of the city wall by using several methods how did Nehemiah treat it? First, he held weapon in his one hand and held construction instrument in the hand of the other hand. (4:15-20) After the will of God was settled he kept straight directly. What the one seeks should be faithfulness because God himself did it. Second, he solved the poverty of brothers by the Word of God. (5:1-5) He reduced the different gap between rich person and poor person by following the standard of the Word because the faith of fear of the Lord includes mercifulness. True faith makes good event by following the word. As we approach by this faith we can be prosperous.

7. Leadership of Serving (Neh 5:6-19) Nehemiah revealed the leadership of serving. First, he stressed the love of brother. (6-9) He prohibitte that any one shuld not gice some burden lto the poor. In some meeting he rebuked them by making them known the improper activities gainst God's word. The covetous can not become true leader. Second, He warned that the one who despise the brother hood shall be miserable state.(13) because the commandment of love is the fruit of fear of the Lord. Third, the reason that he rejected his privillge was what the work of God is so important. He did not despise the right of governor and revealed an examply of ure person about money. (15-116 18) It was that Paul warned their covet in their partoral ministry.(Acts 20:33). The one who has the fear of Lord shall be remembered by God. We should equppited by such things in my life.

8. As we meet unbelief (Neh 6:1-14) - The people who opposited the reconstruction of wall were happened. About the rebellion of Sanbalath and Tobia and Geshem how did Nehemiah treat to them? First, he kept in silence.(10) So as they called for Nehemiah five times (4-5) he did not confronted them directly but he avoided them, finally he overcome every bad rumor in scilence. Rather although they planned by using woman prophets and rmnant prophets, he could overcome by requesting the work to God.

Second, he saw the great God. (10) The devil focuses on the work that they were fallen down into frustration. As he saw the greatness of God the frustration was left immediately. We should contrast the devil in frustration and disappointment by faith, looking at the God.

9 The influence of God's work (Neh 6:15-7:4) - Within 52 days the wall was established what result were happened? First. The enemy was demolished. (6:16). Although many troubles were happened through their passion the completeness of the wall within short time made them frustrated. They surrendered for looking at the great hand of God. The victory of warfare belongs to the hand of Jehovah every enemies shall be destroyed. Second, the powerful faith of fear of Lord was revealed (7:2) What he hold in the difficult work was the faith of fear of the Lord. As the power was informed to the enemy they were so fearful in their heart. It was same to the Exodus salvation event that God put a dry land in red sea that even though the enemy was destroyed his people praise God because his people received the godly fearful heart and thanked. (Ex14: -15: Refer)

10. Wilderness church returned (Neh 7:5-73) - In the name list that was returned what do we learn? First, the work of God was begun by the Holy Spirit. (5) We find that God himself accomplished his Prophecy through Jeremiah work in the difficult trouble time. The

work of God absolutely was begun with the impression of Holy Spirit and was the power of the Spirit. (Philipian 1:7) Second, total 42360 persons were counted according to the genealogy without taking the high and low of position. Although several gifts were revealed, the revealed union points the figure of true church. They were the church in the Old Testament. The church should grow up as the divine community in the center of God's covenant by believing thing and knowing thing that enjoy the righteousness, peace and delight of the kingdom, because it is the will of God. (Eph 4:13)

11. Beginning of revival (Neh 8:1-8) - The text that reveals a great revival state at the ground before water gate teaches the lessons about Biblical revival. What is it? First, they had the prepared prayer. The heart that the people gathered and wanted to listen to the Word of God is the work of God. (1) This was the gift of saints that they prayed to God in secret place faithfully. Second, as they listened to the word of God the revival was happened. (3) They listened to the voice reading the laws from dawn to evening and then they repented their sins. God's word itself has power because the Spirit worked through the word of God. The Word is the sword of Holy Spirit. (Eph 6:17) Third, as they taught the Word of God detail to the people, it was happened. (8-9) With the repentance of assembly, the priests that learnt the word of God by Ezra as the discipleship training

style, interpreted them to the people and made them informed them to the others. (7) The fire of Holy Spirit works as the stones of the Word was hit each other is happened. We should try to devote ourselves to make disciple. (Mt 28:19-20 II Tim 2:2)

12. The evidence of revival (Neh 8:9-18) - Historically the stream of true revival follows the same line. In what point was like the revival of the early church time? First, he had the heart to know the word of God obviously. (12-13) First, they have the heart to know the Word of God obviously. (12-13) Like the revival of the early church those are; receiving the Apostle's teaching, devoting themselves to prayer and fellowship, receiving the word of God continuously was the evidence of revival. (Acts 2:42-47) And they longed to know the Scripture, the Word of God. Second, the activities that tried to be faithful to the word of God. (14-18) And making the tent revealed to follow the command of God. The feast of tent- making proved their faithful figure to his word. The revival was revealed by the faithful passion that lived according to the Scripture. Third, the holy assembly was revealed. To devote them to gather was the evidence of revival because they knew that God was good, his word was so precious. From my heart the revival should be happened.

13. Lead of Holy Spirit (Neh 9:1-22) - The revival was happened by fasting meeting, prohibition with relationship with the pagans and the worship of God. Especially two responses were happened. First, the crying prayer was brought up. (4) the prayer that 8 priests, the leaders of the people rose on the altar and shouted out came out of the lead of Holy Spirit because the work of God was begun with Holy Spirit and accomplished by the Spirit. The Spirit who worked at creation (Gen 1:3) worked same on the recreation. (Acts 2:17-21) Second, remembering the past they praised God. (5) At the early time, God who descended on the Sinai Mountain led Israel in the life of wilderness by the Spirit. (13) Through good spirit in verse 20 they could be protected by getting every need by the Spirit. Later Paul explained that Christ walked with the Israelite of wilderness. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4) And also on the way that returned out of Babylon, the Trinity God was with them His lead follow to us always in Christ. We should admit the lead of Holy Spirit in any situation.

14. Faithful God (Neh 9:23-37) - How did God who led the Israelite, the wilderness church lead them in the oppression of Babylon? First, God led them by keeping the covenant faithfully. (32) The faithful God led them according to the covenant. Sometimes by miracles (21), sometimes by suffering (29-30) to learn the obedience of God's people. Second, it was revealed by keeping love faithfully.

God led them with love and truth. Despite they received great grace God expressed his love to them who had many changeable character. Finally God gave his begotten son to them and made them become as a bride that loves only God. (Hos 14:8) God in Christ lead us with his love and his truth.

15. **Restoration of Covenant (Neh 10:1-39)** – What does the text, that the names that was sealed by the covenant were written and they should keep teach to us? First, we learn the importance of devotion of the spiritual leader. (10-27) The chiefs, the priests and the Levites in the center of Nehemiah were signatored on ther. the work of God is accomplished by the man of devotion. The life that is offered to God wholeheartedly is the most blessed one. 28-39) Second, The contents of first covenant, the order of marriage, to keep the Sabbath day, offering of tithe etc were astained again. (28-39) The method that keeps God well is not to add some new things and restre the first promise and keep it faithfully. The items that Ephesian church was rebuked should be applied to any situation. (Rev 2:5) We should live as the one who was devoted on the covenant of the first love

16. **Responsibility of settler (Neh 11:1-12:26)** - We learn two thing out of the text that remaks the name lists of the new residents in

Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites. First, the leaders of people made them resided to give the responsibility the other people. (11:20-22) Because to sustain the right relationship is the life of the church. Second, the people who resided at the other city should serve, sacrifice and live according to their teaching for the people of Jerusalem. (12:1-26) This is the figure that the Old Testament church received the grace of God and it focused on the grace of in the New Testament church. The church in Christ has the responsibility to live in center of Christ and to enjoy the privilege that enjoys the abundant grace of redemption. And also duty to proclaim the gospel to the world. We should reveal the fruit of evangelism.

17. Offering accepted (Neh 12:27-47) - How was the dedication of the wall of the city in great impression accomplished by the will of God? First, it is the center. (17-29 36-38) He made them executed the great worship at the dedication time with praising with joy and thankfulness. It was the evidence of reconciliation with God. Second, It is holiness- centric life.(17) He provided their necessity to be concentrated on holiness by choir members door keepers and priest and the Levite in the daily life. So they keep holiness centric life. As we concentrate on holiness and peace, God shall be accepted. We should walk to the way that is not external figure but the internal

life before the invisible God. (19:14) We should devote ourselves to seek the peace in holiness. (Heb 12:14)

18. The Leader to establish the righteousness (Neh 13:1-14) - After the dedicated worship was finished, the sacrifice to establish the righteousness was processed continuously. How did the faithful example of Nehemiah reveal? First, they hold the word of God, as the standard of righteousness. (1-3) He applied the order of Moses's law directly to the present affair. They prohibited the way of Ammon, Moab, and the way of Baalam and followed the obvious will of God. The one who is thirsty for righteousness shall be blessed. Second, He established seriously the righteousness. (17) As Nehemiah did not attend at the place, he did not ignore the affair that was happened; he judged it by the ruler of righteousness. He established the righteousness officially by cutting off the privilege of the relative relationship that Eliaship offered a room in the temple to Tobiah. It was impossible without seeking God and his kingdom first (Mt 6:33). We should seek his righteousness and his kingdom as the righteous.

19. True reformation (Neh 13:15-31) - What example does the text that reveals that God establish his righteousness on the several areas reveal to us? First, At the Sabbath day the individual affair was

prohibited Among the people God prohibited that they took harvest at Sabbath day and transported some burdens to cover God's wrath. (15-18) he wanted that they obeyed the order of creation by worshipping God to get the rest in soul. Second, the pagan marriage was prohibited. (23-28) As Nehemiah saw that even the high priest gave his daughter to Sanbalrath, he deprived his position to keep Israelite holiness. Third, above f all, they were taught by keeping faithfully offering life. (13) True reformation did not finish as negative affair but as positive affair.

3. Esther

Introduction:

Until now we reviewed how the restoration of God's image was expressed through the activities of Kingship, priesthood and prophethy in the history of Israel among the history of Old Testament Historical Books. Now we observe how God worked in the foreign area

as Israel was arrested and lived in the land through the book of Esther. This book belongs to the pictorial revelation that the redemptive history of Exodus was repeated again in the providence of God. Just like God planted the seed of redemption in the oppression of Egypt for 430 years and took care of the young buds

and finally he gave the promised land, Canaan to them, In Babylon how god worked in them for reveal the theocarsy in that land, that is righteousness, mercy and faithfulness through the book. We arrange that in order of Scriptures and examine the elements in the perspective of restoration of God's image.

1.The kingship of all nations (Es 1:1-32)

The theme of Esther is to reveal that God is the king in the pagan areas and Israael iis his people. What does the text reveal to us? First, The kingship shall be continued in all nations except Israel. This world that the gospel came into is ruled over by kignship of Christ. The kingship of Ahauero's kingship reveals the kingship of Christ indirectly. The kingship that is the pictorial revelation of Christ points the absolute kingship of Christ who is the king of Jews, the king of all kings and the Lord of Lords who no body destroys. Second, Wasti's arrogance and Ahasuerus' anger reveals the figure that lost good chance. Among them the Lord establish his will because he is the the God of wisdom. But the wrong things should be judged. We who were called for by God to become the king in Christ, we can reveal his kingship to the world anytime any place.

2. The hand of providence (Es 2:1-18)

The book of Esther that has no the term, God, or, Jehovah reveals strongly the invisible hand of providence of God. First, the the event that was happened in the palace was the hand of God. A great banquet of a dictator, the event that a queen was driven out of queen's position were the hand of God. This is the wisdom of God. Although we meet some frustrated thing, the mysterious hand of God prepares always. (Ecc 7:14) Second, The hand is powerful more than miracle. The persons in the event that was happened surround the event shall be get some consolation out of God. When we approach to the Lord and hold his hand by faith, we shall see the wonderful thing that we could not see before in my life. (Jer 33:3)

3. The faith of Morcai (Es 2:16-3:6)

At the background that through Esther the kingship of God was revealed, Mordecai worked. What does the text about his faith? First, the faithfulness to God reflects the faithfulness to the man. The faithfulness to the king Ahasuerus means the one to God. The life of the believer should follow the the Word of God. God works through the man who apply the word of God. Second, he had the faithful faith not to bow down to Haman. It points the attitude of Morcai that did not bow down to Haman expressed our faith to God. He saw the ungodly attitude in Haman against the fear of the Lord. It was like

Daniel's faith.(Dan 1:7) Our God settles his will and watches our walking state and cried out to God and listens to our petition.

4. Craft of Devil (Es 3:7-15)

At what point is Haman the symbol of devil? First, he observed that Haman try to destroy all people because of personal reason. The Jews are the people of God and the church of Old Testament. Although Devil try to destroy the church always with any channels, Any power of hades never destroy her. Second, because he rebelled the faith of the fear of Jehovah. The Satan who knew the unique attitude of Morcai came out of the fear of the Lord tried to kill Morcai against the knowing God. Satan concentrates on demorishing the block of Satan. Third, He used the absolute power to achieve the purpose. Haman offered some gifts to the king and got his permission to kill all Israel. He planned the detailed stragety to kill them with illegal method. We should be careful to the attack of Satan.

5. The consciousness of mission (Es 4:1-16)

The book of Esther reveals among the gentiles only God is the king. Among them , the fury of king, driven out of queen position,

replacing Esther, the fear faith to Jehovah and the killing crisis to the Jews God rules over his own people. Especially Morcai's faith in Es 4:4 was expressed by calling consciousness with absolute faithfulness. First, he had the assurance that God shall save his people surely out of any troubles. The faith that if Esther did not help the event God can call for the other method is true faith. The reason that God provides extreme situation is that God makes them depended on only God totally. (II Cor 1:9) Second, he had assurance that the position of the queen came out of God for accomplish his purpose. She was a steward that serves actual good condition as the channel to serve God rightly. The chance that devotes himself to the Lord is blessing of blessing. We should offer ourselves to God to establish righteousness.

6. The change of prayer (Es 5:1-14)

What change did the prayer of Esther bring? First, she herself was changed. He had boldness to come to the king after three days fasting. Just like when Moses confronted the face of the Lord, his face was shone by the presence of God in his soul. (Ex 34:29-35) And second, it is the change of the king. The king who did not call for her pulled his scepter before her because he was charmed by her spiritual beauty. Like as Esau saw Jacob who prayed at Peniel, his avenging

violence of Jacob was disappeared and met in tear each other, the prayer makes the enemy melted. Third, the change of situation was transformed. The favor that the king promised to give until the half area of the country was focused on the solution of Esther's issue. The prayer makes everything changed and is the master key to bring the power. By the secret prayer the door was opened. (Mt 6:6)
Absolutely the one who seeks shall receive the best one that is the Holy Spirit, the source of blessing. (Lk 11:13)

7.The prayer of faith (Es 6:1-13)

What situation did the prayer of Morcai and Esther make before Haman's craft that tried to kill all Jews at one day. First, he achieved to transform the heart of the other. The prayer of faith solved more difficult issue and begot greater work. (Jam 5:16) Second, after prayer every environment was inclined to Esther. Owing to his sleeplessness the king reviewed the palace diary and found the good work of Morcai among many writings. It was not accident and God's work of his prayer. The thing that Haman, who came to receive the permission of the king, received the important mission by the king is the hand of God. The thing that he was cooperated to Esther's work was the answer of the prayer. Such swift events were led by God.

Although they met the chance and the accident, God put them in the category of the prayer of the saints. This was the power of prayer.

8. Death to kill death (Es 6:14-7:10)

When we meditate the series of events in the light of gospel in the book of Esther, we think the death of Christ.

First, as the craft of Haman, the Devil planned to kill all people of God completely. The event that Christ was died once of all is gospel. (Heb 2:14) Second, although the devil made him dropped into spiritual death, our Lord, Jesus Christ accomplished complete salvation. His death destroyed the death (Rom 5:8) As we look at the Lord with faith we can get freedom by being solved all weakness and diseases, sin, curse and death. So we can live in the assurance of Paul, that God soon shall bruise the Satan on my feet. (Rom 16:20)

9. New laws proclaimed (Es 8:1-17)

Although Haman was died, the laws of Basa that kills the Jews still was survived. Then Esther did not finish the death of Haman and seek to destroy the laws, finally the new law was declared, that is, the Jews shall be lifted up on day. The work of God's salvation shall not kill the enemy, Satan, the old man, the death, the curse should be

killed by God. (Gal 5:24) God raised the eternal transformation by planting his laws in their heart by sending the Spirit. (Jer 33:3) The death, the resurrection, the ascend of Christ Jesus accomplished our salvation completely. As the Jews were lifted up, the born again Christian shall be sat down in the highest seat in the future by united with Christ.

10. Holy warfare (Es 9:1-19)

The text reveals that our three enemies are Satan, world and flesh obviously. First, as the death of Haman, Satan was destroyed by the death of Christ. Because of this fact Paul could teach that we should live in the center of Christ and his cross. (I Corin 1:23) Second, as his sons were killed, the world and the flesh were died on the cross of Christ. Now the Christian was promised the victory of victory and crown on crown. We should claim that we shall get the crown because we shall overcome this warfare in the name of Jesus. Surely God shall make us enjoyed the victory of the one who was rode on the white horse. Just like this one, although according to requests of Morcai all enemies were killed, but nobody could touch their property. If the Christian does not take care of their victory, they can leave out of Christ because of the activity of honor and covet just like Anania, Saphira, Achan, Gehasi and Balaam. Like Paul did, we should serve

God with obedience and purity.

11. From death to life (Es 9:20-10:3)

God did that wonderful thing by changing sorrow into delight, and lamentation into joyful day. What character of gospel does the text reveal to us? First, the Prum of death was changed to the Prum of life. The gospel always makes the greatest miracle. If anybody believes in Christ only, the dead must be revived because God transferred them from death into the life and from darkness to light. (Acts 26:18) Second, through Morca and Esther the wonderful work was happened. (Philippians 4:5-6) The lifting of Mordcai reveals the lifting of Christ and his descend. As Morcai ruled over the entire world by the grace of God, the Christian became the one who ruled on the entire world in Christ. We should live the abundant grace in the wrld by beliving the gospel.

Conclusion:

In the pagan nation that Israel was persecuted, the hand of God always protected his own people and accomplished his purpose, restoration of God's image. Several events that is, anxiety, crisis, pain, frustration, complain, lamentation and tension made them purified out of their dirty things in their heart by the hand of God. Just

like a craftman that removes the dirty part in the silver in the fire wait for until his face shall be appeared on the surface of the pure silver, God works in us to reveal his character in our life by his wonderful wisdom. Finally God reveals his image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in us until we attain to the climax of theocracy for his glory.

F. Restoration of God's image in the poetry books

1. Psalms

Introduction:

I have treated to ***the restoration of God's image*** or, ***the redemption in the Old Testament*** in my perspective of the Scriptures as the main concept of reformed life.

Understanding the redemption in Psalms shall bring the abundant life. As we understand the reality of many symbolisms and many types and many experiences of covenant people melted in five volumes of Psalms, we shall see the bright light of truth of redemption in the

Psalms. So our lectures are limited by four themes, those are; 1) Messiah's kingship as the head of redemption, 2) Messiah's death as the foundation of redemption, 3) Messiah's revelation, the life-character of the Scripture as the application of redemption 4) and the restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, as the climax of redemption.

1 – Ps 2:1-10 Messiah's Psalms – Christ's kingship

2 – Ps 22:1-13 Messiah's suffering and Christ's Death

3 – Ps 119:33-40 Messiah's revelation - the character of life

4 – Ps 17:1-33 The Restoration of God's Image (1)

5 – Ps 17:1-33 The Restoration of God's Image (2)

1. Kiss to the Son (Ps 2:1-10)

¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

³ "Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles."

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶ "I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷ I will proclaim the Lord's decree:

He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have become your father.

⁸ Ask me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.

¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Introduction:

The text that suggests the coronation of king, David, proclaimed that the blessed shall be one who honors the Messiah. (Refer – Ps.18; 20;21; 45;72; 89;101; 110; 132; 144: are the psalms of earthly king) When shall Messiah come on the earth and How should we love Messiah?

First, He shall come on the world at the time of tribulation.

1) All nations against messiah

As the verses 1-3 reveal that He was the king among the nations against Him, and had redeemed his people out of their tribulation. "Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,"Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

2) But Messiah crushed them with his almighty power.

It is necessary to die on the cross for accomplishing the redemption of his people through the process revealed as true messiah, those are; the king, the priest and the prophet.(4-6). Our Lord, Jesus Christ is just the Messiah.

Second, how can we love the Messiah?

We have to serve Him with fear, delight (11) and lovely intimacy (12). " Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will to be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

1) With Fear (trembling)

Messiah's people should serve Messiah with piety that relates to the fear of the Lord. *yare* means "fear", "terror", "piety" and "extremely fearfulness", "reverence". It means trembling attitude accompanying rejoice. (Philip 2:12) Messiah should be accepted with such the greatest godly heart by his own people.

Actually "fear" is the foundation of the wisdom and the knowledge (Prov 1:7) and it has the same character with Christian faith in the New Testament. So it means that unless he has fear, his faith may be false one. The gospel without godly fear is not the gospel. As the Psalmist did, we should serve the Lord with the fear filled of love, honor and godliness. Why do we take godly fear to the Lord? Because we serve before the holiest God with his living truth, we can not have horrible response but voluntary praising heart in seeing the reality of holiness by the illumination of Holy Spirit as the

service of Seraphims surrounded around the throne of God in Is.6:2-3. "Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" They covered their faces with two wings, their foot with two wings and also they flew with two wings. Their fear came out of self-denial. (Lk 9:23)

2) With Affection (kissing)

Actually the fear includes affection to serve Messiah. So the Psalmist exhorted to kiss the son. *Nassak* (to kiss) in Hebrew means to touch. And it means that *the solemn token or sign of honor which subjects were wanted to yield to their sovereigns.* (Calvin) It makes us thought the eternal fellowship. Through such intimacy relationship with the Son, we can be united with him and enjoyed his abundant grace. Then we can overcome every suffering in serving Messiah. Although our enemies attack us with the strong power, the Son, Messiah (the anointed one) shall bruise their heads, as Moses remarked in Gen 3:15, Then his power shall be worked by the eternal ***koinonia*** between God and us. So our primary work shall be such fellowship in this warfare. When we enjoy his grace and his power as the rod of iron that can break the pottery, we can establish the

redemption, Messiah's main purpose." You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."(9)

Conclusion:

The head of redemption, Messiah is Jesus Christ who proclaimed his kingship that is, the kingdom of God. Historically he came into the troubles of the contemporary day in the world, he established his kingdom in them, now his kingship continuously was executed by the power of Holy Spirit until the end of the world. Finally, he shall establish his kingship in the world with his powerful authority. Now, we live in that day and serve the king in our ministry. As such things, the books of Psalms reveal Messiah as the head of redemption obviously to us. Let's fear Messiah and love Him wholeheartedly. And also it reveals the methodology of fellowship; fear and love.

Summary:

1. The fear of the Lord
2. Messiah came into the world and rules over his people.
3. Responding of Messiah's people

Trembling and kissing to Messiah is the feature of restoration of God's image

2. The suffering of Messiah (Ps 22:1-31)

Introduction

1. We should see the cross in the cradle of Christ's birth because Christ came to save his own people out of miserable sins through his death. With the event, every ministry of Christ focuses on His cross. The Psalms also that is called for the anatomy of our soul is no exception. Rather the background of Psalms is the death of Christ, the head of covenant. The Holy Spirit described through David's suffering the realistic facts of the cross-suffering of Christ at 1200 years ago in the text. Redemption in Psalms never lose to shine the glorious light on the detailed suffering of His cross. So the contemporary preachers should treat the meaning of the redemption of Christ's cross in the Psalms. Now, let's think of the Messiah's suffering in Psalms 22: (Often it is called for the lament Psalms with 6,13, 30,31,32 35,39,51,69,71,91,102,103)

2. What does Psalms chapter 22 reveal about the trial of Messiah to us?

First, the difficult suffering of Messiah was expressed by Holy Spirit.

1. Although David was suffered some distressed events in his life, they could not be reached to Christ's suffering. The Holy Spirit used his suffering event in his life. So we incline to think the naked expression of his suffering on the cross as followings.

1)Verse 1 says, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?"

- Christ was forsaken by God because he was reckoned as a sinner before God for our salvation (Mt 27:46) "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

2)Verse 12-14 says, "Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;"

- The unmerciful action with several stages that the people executed to Christ were described here. Christ was mocked by the ignorant passbys." (Mt 27:39-43) "And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

3)And also verse 15 says, "my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death."

- (Jn 19:28) "jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth."

4)Verse 18 says , "they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

-Literally he described the real fact by the inspiration of Holy Spirit.

- (Jn 19:24) " so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture

which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things."

Second, his trial was stressed by very rugged suffering

1. Verses 16-17 says, "For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet^b—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;"

He was bitten by the teeth of his enemy as the lion. And his heart was melted as the water and his heart as wax. And also David compared with his enemies as the sword, the wild dog, the lion, the horn of wild cow.

And John 19:32-37 says, "So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will

be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

2.As we know, about 2000 years ago, Jesus was died on the cross for the salvation of his own people who include us. His death is the center point to fulfill the redemption in the world. So the Christian church should concentrate on the event and remember it in their heart deeply because our salvation shall be strengthened by e cross of understanding the cross of Christ.

Generally, the church has known seven words that Jesus shouted out on the cross. (It is finished, I am thirsty, I am your son, Eli Eli Lama Sabat Dani, You shall be with me at the paradise. Father, forgive them) Among them, we think of the most important word, "it is finished" that he shouted out just before he was died because it declared the complete accomplishment of redemption. John wrote the event as "30When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

The same event was written by other evangelists as followings;

Luke 23:46 says, "Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last." And Matthew 27:50 says "And Jesus cried out

again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit." And also Mark 15:37 says "And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last."

Although we don't know some detailed facts in the event obviously, he seemed to be died at the same time as soon as he had finished two words; the first is "it is finished" and the last is "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" We believe that clearly he was died at a certain point in the earth according to the record of the Scripture.

But we assure that he fulfilled his mission, that is, the redemption accomplished by his complete death expressed by one word, "It is finished" according to the plan of the father.

Third, he took four confidence of hope in his severe suffering.

1. He was one who praises God (22-23 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! He got the eternal life (25-26 "From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted^d shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!")

He was a proclamation to inform the repeteance to the world. (27-31) "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it."

Conclusion: David was a shadow of Christ in concerned in his cross and his glory. Although we can not agree with the facts that he was suffered literally in his life , his reality , Christ Jesus as suffered absolute suffering of cross for a substitute offering for his own people. His one death made the eternal fulfillment of redemption that shall bring up complete effective of salvation in his chosen people.

Summary:

1. Reality of Messiah's suffering
2. Result of Messiah's suffering

Messiah's suffering and death is the source of restoration of God's image

3. The Life-Character of the Scripture (PS 119:33-40)

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.^f

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!

37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.

39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

40 Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

Introduction:

1. We find the glory of redemption for the covenant people through some symbolism and types of Christ, and also we see the prominent character of Scripture, the life-character, that psalters praised it as he did to God. Why? Because he understood the eternal life, God's life in the Word of God, that was the source of restoration of God's image in their lives. The glory of redemption should be revealed in the ethical life of covenant people.

2. Ps. 119: proves the fact strongly to us about the genius of redemption. So I like to call the chapter for the experimentalism of the Scripture. The chapter consisted of 22 phrases, so was called for, the Psalms of Alphabet that includes many evidences of unique character of the Word of God. Although many scholars claimed that its authors was David, or Ezra etc. our concern is the contents and its character. Actually the character is the character of our redemption, that is, the life-character. So we deal with the 54th phrase here.

3. A personal decision is very important in order to follow our Lord by reaching the spiritual victory life. Paul had made decision as soon as he called by the Lord, for following Him forever with his whole life to accomplish the mission of calling at Damascus. After he confessed that I finished my running way and my heavenly reward is waiting me. His first decision influenced to his sustaining ministry

until the point of his death. Act 20: says "He considered his mission as more valuable thing than his life. A spiritual decision makes us experienced a marvelous thing in the world. The same case happened in the text. As you know ps. 119 had focused on the praising the Word of God. So when we can read the text in detailed we can find much testimony of the value of the scripture by much testimony through the contacting the Scripture. Above of all, the author made decision at limited hour in his life. What decision did the saint take in relation to the scripture, the Word of God?

First, it is keeping the Word of God until the end.

"Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end." What the saint had learned in his life is to keep the Word of God in his life. Ezra had learned the Word of God in order to live according to the word. (Ezra7:10 For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.) Because the Scripture secures our eternity he obeyed devotionally. We have to learn that three things, studying, obeying and proclaiming of Ezra took in his ministry.

Nevertheless Mark John had not kept his decision to his mission because of many troubles. So he gave up his ministry. Even rough later he was called for his son by Paul at that time his attitude is so

sorrowful. Especially we have to make decision to keep quiet time every day. If you made decision to your ministry before God, You shall meet wonderful things.

Second, it is to keep them wholeheartedly. (34)

Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart." And he devoted himself to keep the word of God. The devoted heart means to keep the word of God. After that the successfulness shall be followed in your life. (Mt6:33) "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Our decision made not by my human volition, but by my heart, and my good conscience. Then from that our heart will bright and full hope and great vision. When we listen to the sermon in our chapel we have to learn to meditate the word of God. At that time when we hear some text and his exegesis by any preacher, we have to believe that it is whisper voice word proclaimed by living God. Accept his word as your heart. The decision of heart can control our physical and our whole lives. So we have to prepare our heart as the main seat of our whole personality. When we have good soil that means good heart, perseverance and obedience, shall product 30, 60 and 100 fruit in our lives.

Third, He accepted it as the source of his life. (36)

“Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.” Because he assured that his foundation is to keep the Word of God, he wanted to keep them devotedly, faithfully. And he knows that it is the success of his life. Today we should keep the Word of God in our actual lives the successful purpose in our lives as like Daniel did.(Dan1:8) But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.”

Conclusion:

Learn sound attitude of the saints. Then you shall experience wonderful things in your lives. Follow the role model in your life. Although you have any suffering, don't give up following the Word of God. I believe that our contemporary day needs the decision of Richard Baxter did in his life. He wanted to serve one church. One day he went to the town Kidderminster where filled with poverty and sins in the houses. After he finished his ministry the miserable town was changed into blessing place and good men. May be grace of God be with you and your decision before the word of God.

Summary

1. Messiah's revelation is the Scripture
2. The Experimentalism of the Scripture
3. The character of the Scripture.

4 The Vision of the restoration of God's image (Ps 96 :)

Introduction:

1. In this session we are thinking about the redemption in Psalms, **the restoration of God's image**. Until now we have thought that the truth of self-image in Messiah's kingship, Messiah's death and Messiah's revelation. Today we think that Messiah's complete Lordship according to Psalms 96:

2. Basically Ps 96: was classified into the Psalms of heavenly kingship with Ps. 47: 93: 95: 97: 98: 99:

It means that He, as a Sovereignty king rules over all the earth and all the heaven

It means that as He controls everything in us, we reveal the image of God, those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

3. By observing the text we can understand his heavenly kingship, his sovereignty Lordship in all in all by applying 10 principles to the text.

I. observation & interpretation

1. What should we sing to the Lord? (v1) – New song – his salvation, his righteousness, his righteousness. His mercy.
2. What shall we do towards the Lord? – sing, tell, declare,
3. Why should we sing to the Lord? – Because he is creator, redeemer and provide.

II. Application

1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

[9](#)Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;^a

tremble before him, all the earth!

[10](#)Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

[12](#) let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

[13](#) before the Lord, for he comes,

for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,

and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Principles;

- 1) The Lord reigns [v10]
- 2) The Lord is Sovereign in righteousness and justice [vv10-13]
- 3) The Lord is Sovereign over the gods [v4-6]
- 4) The Lord is Sovereign in creation [v1-5] [v10-13]
- 5) The Lord is Sovereign over the nations [v1, 3, 9]

- 6) The Lord is Sovereign in judgment [v13]
- 7) The Lord is Sovereign in his holiness [v9]

III. Summary:

1. Only Trinity God has kingship and Lordship in earthly and heavenly.
2. His ultimate goal is filled with his character in all in all. (Ephesian 3:19 "and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.")
3. The fruit of restoration of God's image shall rule over earth and heaven. The Psalmist enjoys the reality of restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

5. The Restoration of God's image Revealed in the Psalms. (Ps17:13-15)

13 Arise, O Lord! Confront him, subdue him!

Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,

14 from men by your hand, O Lord,

from men of the world whose portion is in this life.

You fill their womb with treasure;

they are satisfied with children,

and they leave their abundance to their infants.

15As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

Introduction:

The one who stays at the holy mountain is the man who walks with God. (Ps.15:1-5) Verses 2-5 reveal ten qualified items as the 10 commandments. What are they? "²The one whose walk is blameless, (the blameless) who does what is righteous, (the righteous) who speaks the truth from their heart; (the man who says truthfully) ³ whose tongue utters no slander, (the man who does not utter slander) who does no wrong to a neighbor, (the man who takes with good relationship) and casts no slur on others; (the one who does not criticize) ⁴ who despises a vile person (the one who hates the evil) but honors those who fear the Lord; (the one who loves God-fear) who keeps an oath even when it hurts, (the one who keeps the promise) and does not change their mind; (the one who does not change) ⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest; (the one who gives the benefits to his neighbors) who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. (The one who deceives the innocent)

In a word, they are the men who reveal righteousness, goodness and faithfulness through the fear of the Lord. I think them at the perspective that the qualified items relates to God's image.

I. Only the one who has the restoration of God's image can stand firm on the holy mountain.

The Psalmist reveals 10 items as the qualified conditions that can stand firm on the holy mountain.

1. First, it is righteousness.

1) Verse 2 reveals the righteousness. "2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;" What is righteousness? ***Chadek*** in Hebrew means the rightness in every area, justice, righteousness of salvation. It points the absolute criteria. God is the absolute criteria and the Word of God the right standard in all areas. This is the foundation of every virtue just like a building that was stood up on the foundation. Without it any good life and any faithful life shall be meaningless. The hypocrisy shall be appeared into the external areas. The goodness without righteousness is not goodness. The faithfulness without

righteousness is not faithfulness. So God gives the righteousness to his people in order to save them out of the unrighteousness. Although we have no any righteousness, for by faith we accepted Jesus' righteousness as mine, we could possess the righteousness of God. Rom. 3:21 says "²¹ but now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in ^[h] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

2) For the righteousness of Jesus Christ, we were saved out of miserable sin. Actually we cannot reach to the standard of God's righteousness but, God admitted our faith that we accept Christ's righteousness as our righteousness. Then we become the man of righteousness in our lives. So Paul emphasized " Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you ^[a] free from the law of sin and death." (Rom 8:1-2)

The text expressed righteousness as "² The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous," and "⁴ who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;" We have to live

honestly, rightly both before God and to the our neighbor, because we start at righteousness and walk by the righteousness and finish with righteousness and receive the crown of righteousness in the kingdom of righteousness. God shall bless us to shine the ray of righteousness come out of Christ.

2. Second, it is goodness.

1) The text explains goodness as "3 whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;" and "5 who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent."

What is goodness? Generally the Cambodian is good. Most children are very good. Our students are so good. Can I believe that? But I mean that the goodness is not before the man, but before the eyes of God. Christians have to have good heart and good behavior before God. Mt 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." I Peter 2:12 says "12 live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." And also Paul says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom 12:21)

2) Especially the goodness is the fruit of relationship between the person and the person. We have to have the good heart that can produce 30, 60 and 100 good fruit in our relationship. It means that we have to live the sacrificial attitude.

For example Banaba was good person. (Act12:24) "24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord." Holy Spirit is good spirit. (Rom 8:26-27) "26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." The gospel is so the good news. So whoever knows the real gospel love that absolutely.

What is the goal of our studying? It is to accomplish the goodness. Even though we are persecuted without reasons we have to bless to them.²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (Lk 6:27-28) This is true power. This good man can stand firm before God.

3. Last, it is faithfulness.

1) The text says faithfulness as "who speaks the truth from their heart;" "who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;" Righteousness and goodness were depended on faithfulness. Without faithfulness, no righteousness, no goodness. In your future, if you choose your partner in your life, only search for faithful person. Then your family shall stand firm before God. The text teaches that the faithful people can stand firm before God. He shall eat before God and he can stand firm on the holy mountain. What is Holy Mountain? It is throne of God that was filled with the presence of God. In other word it is the heaven.

In the world where is the heaven? Is it the place that much money exits? Honors, or, power, or, wisdom? No, only if faithfulness exits in it, it is heaven. In your heart without faithfulness you cannot taste the grace of heaven but shall sustain in the suffering of Hades. So the fruit of the light is righteousness, goodness and faithfulness. Today let's pursue these fruit consistently!

Conclusion

As we think that the life-character of the scripture is the same line to his life of his resurrection. The strong power in Christ shall work in understanding the Scripture. The redemption of Christ shall be revealed by the resurrected life in the world. So we are amazed because of this life.

If we are the men who do not walk with God, we cannot reach to the standard. When we follow the Spirit by believing Christ, it is possible to produce three kinds' character, righteousness, goodness and faithfulness by the work of Spirit. Every day when we approach to the throne of grace we can be changed gradually as the image of the Lord. If we lost the standard, we have to abide in Christ Jesus. Because He is the absolute standard, God bless us in order to stand firm on the holy mountain and enjoy the abundant grace.

II.The Source to restore God's image

1. The covenant of grace (Redemption)

The Source of the restoration of God's image is the covenant of God. The redemptive covenant that Trinity council made before creation is the source of all restoration (redemption). The saints of Old Testament enjoyed the source. David's remission through true repentance depended on it. Ps51:1-19 reveals it obviously to us. David who committed great sins repented to God by receiving the conviction of the prophet, Nathan. How did he apply the redemption to his state?

First, he contrite on the love and righteousness of the Lord.(1) He knew that only love and mercy of the Lord can forgive us (1) and seek that he believed that he will be cleaned up his sins by the blood of Christ (7). And he examined his own sins before the righteousness of God.

Second, He admitted his own sins. He know his detailed sin, (3, 14) took the guilty feeling (2) and also he knew the influence of sins. (9) And he confessed his reality in his heart. (6) He wanted that his deceitful conscience will be changed not he good conscience. (10)

Third, he made decided to live the faithful life. He made decision the honest life (10) the life to abide in the Holy Spirit (11) the devoted life voluntarily, (12) the life of witness (13) the praising life (14) and the life of sacrifice life (19).

2. Revelation

Psalms 19 focuses on the praising of the revelation or, the praising of the scripture. Verses 1-6 reveals the revelation of the nature or, general revelation and verses 7-14 reveals the revelation of salvation through Torah (the Law) is very obvious and sufficient.

Personally I love that psalm so much because it reveals the experimentalism of the scripture. I claim that every Christian should experience the sufficiency of the Word of God in his daily life. I mean

that the vitality of the Word of God should be tasted in his heart by the help of Holy Spirit. As the Psalmist's testimonies that the scripture has the precious character, we can confess the same confession in our conscience. Do you have the same confession?

First of all, David considered "the heaven", or, "the sky" as the means that proclaims the glory of God (1)"¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." and he confesses that although there are not the words and the voice, the knowledge and the sound that is communicating with all the world works actually.(2-4) "² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.⁴ Yet their voice^[b] goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." God reveals the abundant revelation that appeared his divine character through the nature and the conscience. (Rom1:19-20) David was opened his spiritual eyes and found the fact that the knowledge of God was filled with in the world.

Actually before I did not know the unique character of our nature, after I got the dangerous state in my physical disease I found the new world in our natural things in the earth. I studied the Herblogy in the oriental medicines and I learnt about 300 kinds of herbs at the university at the America. At that time I was surprised at the

knowledge of many kinds of plants. I have received some grace from observing the plants. In Cambodia also I found the wonderful love to us. Cambodia has many herbs in the earth as bitter melon, Durian, Biak ku, Mango, tamarind, Maringa and lotus root. Etc. More importance is to find the love of God, goodness of God, wisdom of God. When God created the world, God hide his abundant love and truth into all nature. After Adam was fallen down into the sins, we cannot see that reality. But by being born again in the spirit our eyes was opened and seen the reality, those are; love, goodness and faithfulness.

David saw the light of the nature in the light of the salvation. And also we see the light of nature in the redemptive light. So we have to praise the Lord for his common grace in our lives.

Second, David assured that the only written revelation that is able to save us out of the sin is the Scripture and proclaimed the effective and the characteristic of the Word that the mankind may depend on it.

Here the law that was expressed as testimony, regulation and teaching that is the 66 books of the Scripture. And also he assured that the Scripture is complete, exact, honest and pure. It makes us opened our eyes and to become wisely and purely and make us

tasted the sweetness of eternal revelation. The psalmist is experimentalist of the scripture. I mean that he could taste the unique character that is the vitality, the character of life. As Hebrew 4:12 said, "12 for the word of God are alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." He found and enjoyed that the word and the verse talks to him as the word of God. I assured that the Psalmist experienced burning heart, cooling water and bright light in contacting the word of God in the meditating world. As Emmaus disciples listened to the explanation of the resurrected Jesus about the Scriptures. It is experimental of the scripture. I expect that every Christian should experience such things in his devotional time. Because God is alive and works and the Word of God still is continuously living word. Do you take such experience in your school life? Every day we have to expect such thing. As Moses did, he enjoyed his love and truth in the morning time. If we taste such experience at that day, we have to feel the serious thought before God. We have to seek his mercy.

Moreover he believed that the only way to solve the sins is to follow the Scripture and accepted it by meditation and obedience. We have to believe that the salvation comes out of the thought that depends on the revelation. The scripture is special revelation. We

should sit down under the light of the revelation and enjoy the healing ray of the righteousness. This is Christian real life.

III.The channel of the restoration of God's image

1. By abiding In Christ

The text that suggests the throne ceremony of the king, David proclaims that the blessed is one who honors the Messiah. (2:1-12) who is the Messiah and How must we love Him? When does he come to us?

First, He comes on us in the time of tribulation. As verses 1-3 reveal that he is the king among the nations against Him, and he had saved his own people out of their sins.¹ Why do the nations conspire^[a] and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." Actually the history reveals that he came at the day of confusion. When Jesus came into the earth, the Israelite conspired. Mt 2:2-3 says "and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him." and Acts 4:24-26 say, " When they heard this, they raised

their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the ruler's band together against the Lord and against his anointed one."²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They quoted Psalms 2:1-3 in the persecution of enemies. And also when Jesus came on the earth in the second coming the same situation shall happen. So Paul said "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people." (II Tim. 3:1-5)

If you stay in your struggling environment, accept your real situation with faith. Then you can make new thing in your life in the Holy Spirit. When shall the grace of God come to us? It is the time when we are

suffered in our lives. Therefore we have to depend on the messiah and his merit. Why? Because it is necessary for Jesus Christ to die on the cross for accomplishing the redemption as the true messiah, the king, the priest and the prophet in his kingdom (4-6). Jesus Christ, our Lord is just the messiah. "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain. (6)"

Second, how do we love the Messiah? We have to serve Him with fear and delight Verses 11-12 say "Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him." Through the intimacy with the son, messiah, we can overcome every suffering and approach into the new world.

Do you see the wonderful world in your actual life? How much do you enjoy intimacy with God? Whenever you study the Bible and research the Word of God, you have to enjoy God.

Paul says that we need fear to complete the real salvation in our lives. So strongly exhorted that we have to complete your salvation with fear and trembling.

I understand that reformed Christians may criticize all things very well but at the same time they have the master key to solve the problems.

So they are very strong, very graceful and very merciful. Actually he cannot hide in the secret room for the fear, rather than the stand firm on the rock against the enemy to plant the will of God in the hell. Like a Samaritan did to the man who was attacked by the burglar in the mountain. When the other people passed away him for the fear, but the Samaritan gave compassion to him. "and he saw him, he took pity on him (Lk10:33)" The mercy (pity) means the state to break his heart for some severe situation because of the merciful heart; he provided his all possession for his whole healing automatically. (Lk10:35) He had the responsibility to cure him without considering his sacrifice. "How wonderful gracious it is! So the reformed Christian should have the responsibility to all people and Cambodian situation.

2. **By meditating the Word of God**

Psalms chapter one, that has been called for the introduction of 150 Psalms, defines that the blessed man is the person that mediates the Law day and night. "2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

Who is the blessed man?

1) The blessed man has to leave the sins, (1-2) "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,"

He leaves the wicked device in the thought. And he leaves the way of sinners in the activities and also he leaves the seat of arrogance in the position. In a short word, to fight against the sins is the blessing.

What is the sin? It is the separated state that refuses God and God's will by the disobedience and the rebellion. Generally the secular desire begets sins, sins grows up the death. James 1:15 say "Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." And sins make the evil state and arrogant state in our lives the sinner is the man of pride. The result shall be destruction. Who is the blessed man? He fights against the sins until bleeding in his life.

2) What is blessing man? Negatively he fights against the sin and positively he enjoyed the law, word of God, the scripture. "His delight in the Law." Do you enjoy to reading the Scripture? In other word, do you meditate the word of God always? "The blessed man is to meditate the Law."

What does meditating mean? To meditate (high) means moan, growl, utter, speak and muse. And also some thought considering, studying

(observation interpretation and application). In other word, it means abiding in the Word of God. As a hen embraces an egg in order to beget a chicken, meditating means the state abiding in the scripture the word, the idea and the teaching. By investing much passion and much time, in observing them, interpreting them and applying them in his heart. As the Berea church did after listening to the Word of God preached by the apostles, they examined for the truth to apply them in their lives. (Acts 17:11 ^{now} the Berea Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Abiding in the Word brings the delight in the soul. It points enjoying the Word of God. Therefore the blessed enjoys the Word of God day and night.

Therefore we need to think the Word repeatedly and comparing them of our lives and our environment through the meditating process. Then we know the burning heart, the cooling heart, the joyful heart and the crying heart before God. Actually it is Coram Deo (in the presence of God). Then we know the fear of Jehovah. And also we can understand that the fear of God points meditating the Word of God.

For example, the meditation of Yoga concentrates on his favorite idea and mutters it repeatedly and attains to the self-reflection, but the

meditation of the Word of God is to concentrate to the Word of God, the Scripture word, idea, concept, and to make them to relate to my thought and mutter them repeatedly and to reach to understand the truth. Then the Holy Spirit illuminates us through some truth to make known them obviously in our heart. And he brought up the abundant fruit any seasons in his life. "3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prosper."

Someone likes to think that it is prosperous and successful and victorious life, but we tell that the state is sufficient heart in Christ. The state that is filled with all God's possessions.

If you want to have abundant life in your life return to the meditating world right now. You have to find out the wonderful findings.

Otherwise, the wicked shall be destroyed because of their sins. They live in the state disconnected with God. "4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, or sinners in the assembly of the righteous.⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction." Here are four results in their lives.

1) He shall take the emptiness of the life - nihilism

- 2) He shall take the oppressed feeling (guilt feeling)
- 3) He shall not join into the righteous assembly
- 4) He shall bring the eternal destruction.

Although they live in the healthy, prosperity, success, and safe death, the wicked shall be destroyed eternally.

Aspiration - The text teaches to truth of longer for God as we fall down into the frustration. (5, 11)

First, The motive of longing (3, 4). There are the mocking of the enemy, the frustration of soul and the anxiety of heart in the motivation of longer. When the enemy asked him "where is your God?" The poet made his weeping as his food day and night.

Second, the contents of longing, He longs not the secular desire as material and pleasure but the Lord Himself. Those are living God, (2) God as the rock (9) God of the life (8). And also he was thirsty to God as the thirsty deer pants the stream of water. (1) At least he moved to three places and prayed to God. (6)

Third, the result of his longing, He was controlled by God's love.(7-8) He felt God's love in the sound of the fall and wave of the sea. And his prayer came out of them in the midst of spiritual darkness. It makes us to be happy in our lives.

Conclusion:

The restoration of God's image in Psalms reveals the fruit more obviously than the others to us. It explains all pictorial revelation about R. G. I. We can find the abundant contents in it. Psalms is the Roman in the Old Testament. We can see the complete image of God in it. The main elements of the Torah, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, reveals in it... And also it teaches us to get the restoration in our earthly life through "abiding in Christ", "meditating the words of God", "the aspiration of God's grace". (Jn15:5, 10:10).

3. Proverb

Introduction:

First of all, the structure of the Proverbs that is consisted the headings of seven collections (1:1, 10:1 22:17, 24:23, 25:1, 30:1, 31:1) (P9 Bruce Waltke, *the book of the proverbs chapter 1-15*) is a herald that leads us to understand well the redemptive life in the Proverbs. The essay aims to reveal the meaning of such life under the light of the gospel. In other word, it is a study of the restoration of God's image in the proverbs.

We should presuppose the fact that the redemptive activities of Christ had been revealed as several types progressively before Christ came into the world. The transformation that has the original image of man, that is, the restoration of redemptive glory is expressed by revealing the divine natures through the life of the covenantal people.

In other words, because the divine characters, those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness should be revealed through the people, the people who relate to divine character should see the glory of God's image. The observance shall make themselves transformed the image of God. (II Corinthian 3:18) His omnipotence and his omnipresence, that is, the absolute character are based on just such characters. According to Paul's theology, through the work of Holy Spirit, the restoration of God's image, that is, the image of new man should be featured by three elements those are, righteousness, holiness and faithfulness (Col 3:10, Ephesian 4:24) in concrete areas of their life.

And we understand that the restoration of redemptive life means to stress the aspects of ethical life as the expression of redemption. It may be called for the redemptive ethic, that is, the fruit of redemption that should be expressed in the ethical relationship to ethical creature, the man.

As a limited theme, "the redemptive ethic in the Proverbs" means that the doctrine of the wisdom should reveal the life of wisdom that is rooted in the redemption. I shall approach to the doctrine of God, the doctrine of the man, the doctrine of salvation and doctrine of Christ by the ethical perspectives, those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

I. God in the Proverbs

The fact that Jehovah, the term is revealed in about 89 times but God, the term 5 times in the proverbs proves that the Lord of covenant people is faithful in keeping His promise. The Lord of the proverbs is the subject of the covenant and its consummator. So any aphorisms (22:17-24:22) should be interpreted by applying God because the applicatory wisdom comes out of God. Then the ethical fruit makes the doctrine been obviously and abundantly. And for the fear of the Lord that the proverbs reveals is the foundation of knowledge and wisdom, it lead us to the faith of the gospel and makes us become more abundant grace and more strengthening. God in the proverbs is God in the redemptive life.

The life of restoration of God's character is to express God's attributes by revealing them in the mirror of human character.

II. The man in the proverbs

And what is the man in the proverbs? Of course, it reveals the image of a man that consists of the soul and the body. (Gen.1:26-27) So it reveals the soul- centric life, not the body -centric life or, the spirit-centric life, not the flesh-centric life because true view of man should be depended on true view of God. Above of all, they should keep the heart. Here keeping the heart is another expression of the sound faith. (Pro.4:23)

The soul can become soundly as it listens to the wisdom and possess it and follow it and be united with it. So the self-image of the man in the proverbs should be admitted by the soul-centric perspective. The man who is restored into God's image belongs to the divine wisdom because the redemptive ethic must be limited to the covenant people, the Christians. The man of the proverbs should be the man of Holy Spirit. Therefore we interpret the proverbs in the light of the image of covenant people.

III. Christology in the proverbs

The feature of the doctrine of God and the doctrine of the man in the proverbs reveals the redemptive historical view by introducing true wisdom, Christ.(Chapter 6) Especially the woman of wisdom who is expressed by the symbolism and the metaphor is Christ who

anthropology as the preexisted one, the creator, the provider and the redeemer. Who is the wisdom in chapter 6? It is not abstract concept but a reality revealed in the gospel. Actually the wisdom points the Word (logos) in John 1:14 because Christ is revealed to us. (Lk.) The ethical figure in the proverbs is expressed only in Christ in nature. Without Christ the redemption and the ethic shall be fallen into humanistic ethic and shall make them invented other religions. So the proverbs stresses that the only way that overcomes the temptation of the adultery woman is to possess the wisdom and to follow it. Finally it leads us to the sound faith of Jesus Christ, the reality of the wisdom. The wisdom is Jesus Christ who is the redeemer, the provider and the mediator in the redemptive life.

IV. The salvation in the proverbs

The sin that the proverbs say has the absolute character. The salvation of the Scripture is not autonomus, but heteronomy, that is, depending on only God. So the proverbs blessing and ethic should be interpreted by the perspective of redemption. For example the long life, the prosperity and the protection in the proverbs should be read by the redemptive historical view, because they were rooted in the eternal life. True long life should be produced in the root of the eternal life, that is, to know Christ. (John17:3) Although the proverbs

are the revelation of the Old Testament, it should be interpreted by the gospel in Christ.

V. The redemptive life of the proverbs

The sound redemption aims to the redemptive life. It is real contents of the proverbs to express such life in detail. It is related to the apostolic ethical life deeply. Holy Spirit has planned to reveal the abundant redemptive life through the proverbs. In other words, the life of covenantal people revealed in detail in it. The redemption of Pentateuch should need the life of the proverbs in the covenant people. So the long life of the proverbs is related to the eternal life of gospel, the prosperity all spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph1:3) and the protection in the absolute perseverance of Christ. (Rom 8:38-39) The method that the covenantal people should reveal the righteousness, the mercy and the faithfulness in all areas is to love the wisdom. This is the purpose, the method and the result of the long life. In other words it is another expression of the eternal life. The wisdom expects the redemptive life.

Conclusion: The contemporary stream of unbiblical interpretation of the proverbs should be changed into Puritan interpretation that they admitted the proverbs as the standard of Christian life, as Jonathan Edwards did. Moreover we need to understand the

redemptive ethic in the perspective of Christ- centric life. Then we can build the redemptive sound life that cannot be shaken. (Col 2:6-7)

I. The restoration of God's image in the New Testament

The reason that the restoration of God's image in Old Testament revealed in the New Testament obviously is to reveal the revelation progressively. The redemption that was stressed in symbolism and typology was summarized in Christ who is the accomplisher of redemption obviously. The Apostle assured that the example of the image of God is only Christ. I mean that as God made the man God expected the sons of God united to his begotten son. So the theocracy of Old Testament revealed in the kingdom of God of the New Testament. As Jesus Christ who is the king of the kingdom of God came into the world the kingdom came and his second coming shall be commutated in it. It means that this reality is more obvious than revealing God's image, those are, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness through the creation in Christ. So the people of God know righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, because Christ himself is righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Without Christ, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness are a counterfeit. As the gospel reveals all every words of Christ and his works were focused on realization of His kingdom, that is, his image. We found the face

that in the teaching on the mount of Jesus and teaching of the Apostles.

1. Restoration of God's image revealed in Teaching on the mount

Teaching on the mount is called for magna karta of Kingdom of God and was revealed in Matthew chapters 5-7 and Luke chapter 11. The one was arranged by the deductive method by Matthew but the other was written historically by Luke. The structure of teaching on the mount consists of eight blessing, the principles of the life of the people of the kingdom, warning paganism and legalism and stressed the possibility of the laws accomplished in Christ. Among them the first of eight blessings, the poor state in Spirit is the foundation of all blessing and the root of every thought and every activities. It means that the expression of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness depends on the deed of the man, but the divine grace. Only the man who found his own state rightly can reveal the image of God.

In the eight blessings that he who found that he is a sinner, soon he approaches to the repentance before God. The repentance reveals in lamentation and in meekness before God and man. At the same time he seeks in believing only the righteousness of God is my

life and longs the thing with thirsty heart. In fact, this heart is the product of regeneration that was found his reality in the illumination of Holy Spirit. The one who receives the grace that is, the one who restores the image of God's image seek naturally peace n holiness ad mercy and although he was persecuted by the other, he took responsibility and bore cross his own cross and follows Jesus. This is the principles of eight blessings. This reveals the whole process of the restoration of God's image. The man who takes the relationship of God rightly lives naturally as the light of World and salt of world. It does not reveal he image of God for himself, but understanding his weakness, trusting the complete merit of Christ and revealed his figure. The declaration to accomplish the one jot and one little of the Lord means to accomplish the restoration of God's image, because the foundation of the laws is divine character, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. In other word, the foundation of the laws is righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, that is, the divine character. And also the Lord, through the golden laws, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Mt 7:12) reveals the genius of the restoration of God image.

2. Restoration of God's image revealed in Romans

The foundation of restoration of God's image stressed again in the teaching of Apostles and the prophets. It is natural that among them in the theology of Paul; and his faith, the same principle revealed again.

The Apostle which in the contemporary day, confronted against the heresy teaching that was fallen down into dualism established the principles of the restoration of God's image by explaining both characters of continuity and discontinuity obviously.

At the point of the restoration of God's image in the Old Testament and the New Testament are depended on the divine character and came out of it, it has continuity character, At the same time, as we compare the Old testament and the New Testament, at the fact that has great different point, it has discontinuity character. Like the glory of sun, moon and stars are different one another, in the gospel accomplished in the New Testament, the restored image of God could not be compared of preparatory image, the Apostle saw the glory. If he saw it, without taking on the glass of discontinuity, as three disciples on the transfiguration mount, they might not make Jesus been fallen down into the level of Moses and Elijah in ecstasy and also into emotional dimension that they desired to make three tents for them, because they could not occupy the glory until before

the Holy Spirit came to them. This is the reason that Hebrew cult and Galatian one misunderstood the excellence of Christ was just this one.

Although they claims the continuity character of the laws and the gospel, they was fallen down into the danger that they began with Holy Spirit but finished with the flesh, because they did not see the grace that cannot be separated of each other. But The Apostle Paul who lifted up the third dimension and saw the complete restoration of God's image, because he himself was transformed into the image of God, he can confess so. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God." (Rom 8:18) And also in II Corinthian chapter 6, he contrasted between the covenant of Old Testament and the one of the New Testament, God who gave the grace in the Old Testament for salvation poured out his unique grace symmetrically in the New Testament to them. The restoration of God's image was accomplished in Jesus Christ now that is, in the new covenant was glorified by the unique glory.

So the church in the New Testament, although the great prophets in the Old Testament receives the same grace, they received the unique

grace out of God. Like the Apostle John they looked at the glory of grace and truth, knew, touched, ate, drank and enjoyed that they spread the grace to every area and became the source of blessing. Under such experience for they received the privilege that all lives and all works should be fulfilled, how glorious it is! The restoration of God's image was transformed by the glory of God.

However we have to remember that to attain to the demand of the laws, God's holiness is not abolished in the gospel. The Apostle proclaimed that the legalists who try to accomplish by self-power was not able to be escaped out of the snare of humanism but the gospel-pursuer was arrived to the demand by the work of Holy Spirit. It is not by self-power but by the work of Holy Spirit to restore God's image by faith. Therefore the motto of the reformed, justification by faith was the method and the means to restore God's image. The character of God's righteousness, mercy and faithfulness comes out of only grace and only faith.

3. Restoration of God's image in the Acts

After reviewing the gospel of Luke, the history of the Acts shows that how the restoration of God's image reveals through many events.

The gospels treat that in the event of Lord how the purpose is connected but the age of the Apostles' activities how Christ understood it through the Apostles. The Holy Spirit who descended on the Pentecost day to the church influenced on the whole parts like the mustard and the yeast. Although the degree of time and space is different, as four seasons come to us exactly, the power of the image according to the power of Holy Spirit produced fruits concretely. In other words, the will that God established the theocracy on the earth was accomplished until Jerusalem, Judah and Samaria, and also the end of the earth. After that the power passed over the block of culture, ethnic and language revealed the fruit of God's image. At each event until that time the one who works is Christ. Through working in Holy Spirit, he reveals His essential purpose in the world gradually.

- 1) First, it was revealed at Jerusalem.

The coming of Holy Spirit who was revealed at the upper room in Jerusalem was the same presence of the Spirit of God before creation. In the world of spiritual darkness, chaos and emptiness the presence of the Spirit reveals more effective fruit to the world. As he made practical recreation (redemption) the role of the Spirit was more wonderful. At

Jerusalem like the den of thieves, the righteousness, mercy and faithfulness of God revealed new beginning. By transforming of 12 apostles metrically it is enough to occupy the world by the gospel. At the harmonized between Legalism and paganism the work of Holy Spirit opened new horizontal way. This original figure reveals the work of Holy Spirit was the original power in the history of gospel. The coming of Holy Spirit, the restoration of God's image was revealed marvelously.

2) Second, it is Samaria.

The progressive spreading was the way that God used. Gradually he accomplished his purpose. Then his used method was persecution card. The trial that God permitted providentially was the important channel to reveal the restoration of God's image. The Christians who were escaped into Samaria revealed the image in the persecution. Today our village, our family our business place may be the Samaria. Anyway the gospel should be proclaimed swiftly and reveal the righteousness, mercy and faithfulness of God. Philip who the was used by God proclaim the gospel and enjoy the privilege that the theocracy was applied in the pagan first

3) Third, the end of earth.

Next step, the gospel shall be proclaimed into the entire world. The restoration of God's image was spread to minor Asia, Rome, Europe, America and Africa and until Southern Eastern Asia. At the place that God's righteousness, mercy and faithfulness were despised, the Holy Spirit accomplished the purpose finally. Just like God hit with a stone come out of the above to make filled stone in the all the earth, Christ himself accomplish the work. In other words, the kingdom that shall be ruled by the kingdom of God. Soon shall come to the world. The mission should be the target and the purpose.

4. Restoration of God's image in the revelation of John

The last pectoral revelation revealed by the Revelation of John drew the accomplishment of restoration of God's image. In the revelation that was described by many symbolisms, the son of man and the heavenly system Apostle John saw, are filled with by the image of God, the character of God and the glory of God. The figure of the one who sat down on the throne, those are; jasper, emerald,

spphire point the expression of God's image. It is the world was ruled over by righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, the salvation and the judgment was revealed by this one, and the glory shall be shone by second coming of Jesus in the world. The picture of heaven shall be fulfilled of theocracy of God that is, the day which was filled of the reality of God's image, which we can enjoy by eating and drinking the reality.

Chapter 5

Historical development of studying the restoration of God's image (Anthropology and Soteology)

Now the truth of restoration of God's image should be reviewed how to be develop church historically. We think of two themes, "God's image anthropologically and "restoration" soteologically.

How did the church to be born by descending of Holy Spirit treat this theme? Through the stream of early church, medieval church, reformation church and modern church we think of it. We answer about following questions, 1) how did they understand the image of God? Among them, how does threefold position of Christ, king, priest and prophet to know the stream of development are related to righteousness, mercy and faithfulness? 2) What relationship does the salvation and restoration take?

1. Through understanding the Scripture and the image of God we can strengthen our theme. Karl Barth who is a neo- orthodoxy theologian, compared about the explanation of Image of God of several fathers as followings. Ambrose observed soul, Athanasius rationality and Augustine pointed in comparing of third function of

Trinity, those are, soul, memoria, and intellectus. But the reformed dogmatic theologian, Herman Bavinck defied three elements in his dogmatic. 1. Trinity reveals out thought to the world. 2. The image of God includes three relationships that is, personal relationship, male and female relationship and human relationship and 3) the image was reflected through the organized character of original sin. (Gen 1:-2; 9:6 I Corin 15:12-58 Rom 5:12-19)

Although it may be a mysterious thing because to understand the image of God means to understand trinity God we can define it by the pictorial revelation of creation and redemption of God are understood the image of God because the revelation of Scriptures reveals the pictorial revelation and the explanation revelation to know about God and to know God.

The image of God that we remarks in the above in Genesis 1:26-27, as the Apostle Paul pointed, His ethical character, righteousness, mercy (Mt 23:23) or, the state that righteousness and love (Lk11:43) was harmonized each other. So the image of God's image points the character of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Here the redemptive fruit are revealed into the ethical fruit. What is the restoration? Restoration means redemption. Generally if

we understand the redemption as a simple rescue and do not include the union and enjoying his glory, as we cannot say Biblical redemption, if we defines that redemption means to return to the original seat of Adam who had no sin, it is not Biblical restoration. Moreover if we do not include the identity of God's son and the holiness of God's dwelling place, it is not Biblical restoration. So the restoration of God's image is to see the glory of God, to be transformed into his image completely and the state of participating into his glory. (Jn 17:24)

So we need to investigate this issue, how the theologians treat the restoration, in the perspective of soteologically. In other words, this make us moved into soteological understanding of God's glory.

Although our issue, restoration was revealed first, by revealing Genesis 3:15 promise and taking on the leather cloth that symbolized the redemption, God suggested to returned to the Garden of Eden after the solution of human sins in his monologue, (Gen 3:22). The first knowledge that Adam learnt was that the only way to communicate with God is the altar of blood until Christ comes into the earth through many symbolisms, in the eschatological day the Christ, the image of God was died on the

cross substitute and the restoration way was accomplished through him.

In the last revelation, the revelation of John, we see the restoration of Eden of Genesis.

But this restoration is external restoration real restoration has deeper contents. The beauty of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness that Adam lost for sins is the reality of unity between Trinity God and his people and participated into God's glory by meeting holiness to holiness and to arrive to the complete restoration. In other word it means that before Adam committed sin the state that overpassed on the Adam state, the state that we cannot commit sin that is, in Christ they approach to the state, holiness and glory that his all things are united with God as oneness.

Through this studying I arranged this issue by depending on the understanding of M. G. Kline about the Scripture. He interpreted it as two meaning, one is it means the son of God, the other is sanctuary of God. He explained sharply that in the center of human character of the image of God, how God the issue as the role of priest, king and prophet treat Biblical theologically. After that through the messianic threefold positions, kingship properly the fact that God revealed his character to the world is the economy of God.

Chapter 6

The Restoration of God's image as the purpose of life

Now we apply the theology and faith of restoration of God's image apply to the personal salvation and its growth. Because it is our ultimate goal.

1. Salvation is begun with restoration of God's image

The salvation of a person reveals to have the image of God. Here the God's image means that Holy Spirit planted new life in us for regeneration and makes us have new life in him. Then we systematical theologically, observe the process of predestination reappointment, calling and sent Holy Spirit and make us repented and believed through the moving of heart. For this event God justified him and accepts him as the righteous. Through this thing he has the same life, eternal life, the spirit of God's adoption, Holy Spirit. His confession is spontaneous response of union with God Therefore although he lives the world; he has divine character by the restoration of God's image. In other words he has divine character that have the restoration of God's image. This was started by the work of Holy Spirit.

2. The restoration of God's image needs the process.

The one who has the divine character needs the process to grow up towards God's complete character, not because God has the short power, but because God wants to have sanctification to imitate Christ gradually. Just in Canaan God left the Canaan tribes to train Israel and to make them know Christ deeply by changing their nature to know God; God permits the process of Christian growth. How should they grow up?

Paul said seven virtues, those are, faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherhood and love. These may be summarized by righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, the restored fruit of God's image. Faith is related to godliness, mercy to patience, brotherhood and love, and faithfulness to knowledge and faith.

A certain man compare the growth of love, mature step, love is summary of all personality, but the fruit of Spirit is begun with love because Love include reaming fruit. So the total state of every fruit of the Spirit is love. Billy Graham reveals first three fruit of the Spirit are related to God; second three fruit are related world. And also last three fruit are related to us. So love is the harmonized character of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. If as love exists, righteousness is no there, or, righteousness exists, love does not be there they are false.

3. Restoration of God's image is revealed as the figure of Christ

Restoration makes us approached into the mature state. Maturity means that our personality is imitated to God's character by the work of God. This is the state to live like God in the world through the process of suffering by following Christ gradually that is the figure to live in theocracy.

After some days, Jacob was revealed as the mature person in his life. Self-centric life was changed into neighbor-centric life. God revealed this one through the process of suffering. Through the process of Jacob's long trial he revealed the transformed person that is the figure of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

The Christian aims to the maturity of all sanctification and transforms into the image of the Lord by the work of Holy Spirit and his mercy and also reveals the image of God on this earth obviously.

4. The restoration of God's image should be revealed the light in the life

The life that compared of the light out of the Scripture reveals to us. The light comes out of real light and spiritual light but reveals as the light of ethic. "Reveal the light" in the Scripture stresses the

Scriptural ethic.

The restoration of God's image means to put the ultimate goal to the life. It means to focus on the life and the ethic life. Although becoming is so important but doing, revealing is so more important. When we understand to be and to do well, we have Scriptural ethical life. The division of the Apostle about two aspects is so important. One aspect is to become. After we understand our identity and next step we stress doing.

Conclusion: We reviewed that the restoration of God's image reveals how to reveal in our lives through five steps. The process is as natural as we see in the perspective of soteriology because it is the purpose of God towards God's people. What the church concentrates on this work is growth, maturity and revival.

Chapter 7

Church Ministries to attain The Restoration of God's image

After we reviewed the life of restoration of God's image, we should review the method that it shall be accomplished in the history of the Scripture and of the church actually. So in this chapter we think of four important methods to reveal four important methods to reveal the image in God's working continuously.

1. Thought that is depended on revelation

The Biblical foundation that the meditation that is depended on the revelation is the method of restoration of God's image was the assurance that my teacher, Jung Am, Dr. Yun Sun Park experienced in his whole life, that is it was supported by teaching of Herman Bavinck about the view of the Scripture. I It is vivid in my heart now that as he shouted out the proposition that we should believe in the Scripture unconditionally in the first class of Biblical Theology in my seminary studying time. Why? Revelation is only Scripture, dependence is true faith to cast ourselves to the Scripture, speculation is as the basic unit of our whole life, we should think of Biblical thought. Then true salvation must be happened, through a unique perspective of "Only salvation shall be gotten by thought that

is depended on the revelation.” Actually his claiming interpreted as the purpose of restoration of God’s image, its method and its fruit. This is the foundation of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the Apostles’ preaching. And the example and principle that the Lord and the Apostles pursued. Certain misunderstood the term, speculation as simple thinking and secular meditation, but speculation (thought) means the devotion al activities of whole life.

As the weak tree cannot overcome the insects disease and the plague, our little thought was Biblical zed, that is, as our thinking shall be depended on the revelation faithfully, we become a strengthen tree that many birds can take rest in it. It means that as we were ruled by the Word of God, our all thinking and our whole lives shall reveal the image of God: righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. The Scripture is the soil, the background and the source. So the Scripture itself stresses the experimentalism of the Scripture as the word of God. The experimental event in Psalms chapters 119 and 19 points that it is not simple knowledge or, low wisdom but reveals the figure of the one restored into the image of God into righteousness, mercy and faithfulness by devoting his whole body to that. This means to be transformed into Christ’s image by receiving salvation and working of Holy Spirit.

2. The life that depends on the Spirit

Without illumining and making us opened by Holy Spirit, a sinner cannot be opened. So as the sinner is awakened for finding two realities: the one is finding his sin; the other is finding the greatness of the Lord, by opening his blind eyes of the illumination of Holy Spirit. The one who found the stream of two mineral vein streams should have the consciousness to pursue only the truth and have to spotanciously response. Therefore as Paul told, he can understand the command that pursues the Holy Spirit deeply and made him lived so. The Spirit is the Spirit of glory in creation and the original image of God's image as God made the man. And he works as the real leader who leads them into the truth in the valley of suffering. He is the reality that the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire points in symbolisms. Owing to this thing, the unrighteous man, unmerciful man and unfaithful person, he shall be transformed into the one who the character of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness rules over by the work of Holy Spirit. The thought that depended on the Scripture is the life that depended on the Spirit.

3. Word- centric life

As we already arrived to the purpose, the stream of

Scriptures is the beam that shines continuously in the redemptive historical stream. Because the foundation of the word is the revelation of God, the revelation of God is the expression of God's divine character as an existed of divine character. Any Scriptural passages have the relationship to the restoration of God's image. The character is the essence of revelation and the nutrition of revelation. In other words, the Scripture stand firm on the mountain. Although it was expressed personal unit, nobody can destroy it. The Apostle Paul in the II Tim 3:16-17 says that the Scripture as the creature of God, that is the divine character was changed into the Word of God. Just like God breathed to Adam to make a living soul, the letter and thought of the man was connected to God's thought and it was filled with God's character. So the assurance that to love God means to love the word of God is the conviction of the men of God. So as we meditate the Scripture it is called for blessing and through the Word of God provides the nutrition of salvation to us to achieve the salvation as the word of the Spirit.

Without meditating the Scripture we cannot expect the restoration of God's image. So James claims that if anybody looked at the Scripture carefully, he can get the transformation continuously.

4. Prayer-centric life

And we know that the other method to restore God's image is prayer. This prayer is not different one but the response of the one who understand the Word of God. When we pray to God we are able to be changed by God's grace. Prayer is the place that Endemic reality shall be revealed. Adam who walked between the stones of fire that were filled with God's presence in the world of prayer. This world of the Word of God is the world of prayer. And also the world of prayer is the one of the prayer. So most transformation in the Scripture was happened up in the world of prayer.

Experiences the fellowship with God since the lost paradise. The prayer room that it is called for blessing is that all Christian easily go to meet God. As we pray without pause the door of heaven shall be opened before us and the wonderful presence shall be come to us.

5. Godly worship- centric life

Through the worship the one who restore God's image long more the restoration, the person and parts of church is located in the center of the work of church community ministry. The church is the present place that preaching the Word of God should be practiced and brought the result and the fruit to us. Because the worship was filled with the image of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness Holy Spirit and truth rules over on it. God who search for the one who

worship in the truth send in Spirit shall be filled with the image of God. The worship is to be presented with the dominion, presence and power of God.

6. Bible Studying centric life

The fact that the purpose of education is the restoration of God's image comes out of it is the important thing of great commission of the Lord. The educational ministry to teach and to make us kept them was the purpose of Abraham's calling, Genesis 18:19 says, "For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." The church should reveal the character of God, the image of God righteousness, mercy and faithfulness through the family.

Contrastedly t although the secular education try to make good personality but the church reveal the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness by many training and suffering.

7. Evangelism- centric life

The normal life of church follows the principle to your neighbor as yourself, the life of serving means to reveal the restoration of God's image, Although they gives some alms to the other we should reveal

the divine character to the our neighbors as the response of Christ-centric life. God's character should be globalized.

8. Mission-centric life

This restoration of God's image wants to be faithful to the great command of the Lord. The church should arrive to the place that proclaims the gospel and reveals the restoration of God's image. So the areas of great commission of Mark 16:15 that reveal to evangelize all creation aims to establish the theocracy in the earth. We have to make every world that are related to politic, economy, culture , society and science to become Christ as the king and to make them ruled over by Christ. This is true mission. By the witness of proclaiming the gospel the power should be produced to everyone.

Chapter 8

Restoration of God's Image as the purpose of pastoral ministry

1. The revival of Ephesian church as restoration of God's image

As we know that the restoration of God's image is the life of complete salvation, revealing the divine character, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in the Biblical redemptive light. We take the moving that the pastor applied to his pastoral ministry. It means that the theocracy, kingdom of God that is the original plan of God should be built by God himself on the earth. The church first, as an assembly of the called through the pastoral ministry of a pastor and teacher that God gave to the church as special present should reveal the image of God. So the church needs a faithful pastor.

As Paul remarked that a faithful pastor should pursue three spiritual characters. (1Tim 6:11). It means that they should take righteousness, godliness to God, faith and love to his neighbors and patience and meekness to himself, which points the restoration of God's image.

Revealing the image in the pastor in the church is the church order God appointed. So Paul stressed that the trained pastor through suffering to become a worker that can discern the Word of God rightly.

Paul who was called for by God and was led by the gospel and was devoted himself to God, in the journey of second mission, he kept his vows at Cancer and pondered a wonderful vision in Christ to evangelize the minor Asia and Rome and worked for the purpose. It was not his sudden ministry but the plan of God executed before the creation. In other words, he had a vision to reveal restoration of God's image in the world.

As to Acts chapter 20 reveals, he took care of Ephesus church for 3 years, those are, he taught the gospel for 6 months every week, and separated his disciples of them and taught the word of God very day for 2 years, until all minor Asians listened to the Word of God. In such situation the revival of Ephesian church. The fire of the revival spread to Rome through God's providence that is, Paul who was captive as a prisoner arrived on the Rome and dwelt at the rental house and proclaimed the kingdom of God to the Roman people. And after that this gospel was spread to Europe, North America, South America, Africa, and South Eastern Asia out of Rome. In other words it means that the restoration of God's image. Although the contemporary day was filled with the image of humanism artificial work, the image that was spread by the power like mustard. Finally shall cover on the world.

After that through the Pastoral Epistles that Paul sent to Timothy pastor, we can see the God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness should be the image of personal faith and the image of church officials, as the qualified standard. The three elements of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness are the purpose that the pastor and church herself should pursue. This one is the original image that God should establish on the earth through the church obviously. So our contemporary church and Christian should establish the restoration of God's image in the world, And also mission field churches should move to follow to this purpose, God's will.

2. Experimentalism of Scripture – Biblical view of the Scripture, Biblical interpretation.

The purpose and method of restoration of God's image is the experimentalism of Scripture, the Word of God. It means that Biblical view of the Scripture and the view of Biblical interpretation as the center of restoration of God's image. In other words, the Scripture is the image of God that is, the revelation that consists of his divine character. It means that the Scripture itself has the foundation of three characters, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. As the psalter found in Psalms chapter 19, the character of the Scripture, "perfectness, conviction, righteousness and purity" is the same o

God's character. So we accept the divine character in the Scripture as God's character directly.

This fact requests the experimentalism of the Scripture. Psalms chapter 119 that consists of 22 sections

As the alphabet psalms expresses the experience that is related to deep relationship. This experience reveals the restoration of God's image. We find the original image in the Scripture itself of restoration of God's image,

So the one who sees the image naturally he got the power of discernment to the Scripture. As John Owen who was one of greatest theologian observed that Adam is a theologian because he can interpret the fact that Adam was created in the image of God as the restoration of God's image. As anybody interprets the Scripture that was filled with God's image because he was made in the image of God, he can transform into divine character. This is the purpose and method to understand the Scripture. Therefore the one who is restored to the image of God can interpret the Scripture that is the original state of God's image rightly. So the one who restored into the image of God is the one who experiences the character of the Scripture.

3. The Restoration of God's image as the purpose of preaching ministry

The view of apostolic preaching is the preaching for restoration of God's image. The fact that receives the word of God by preaching publically and transformed into the image of God is the work that Holy Spirit made in them through receiving the Word of God. So preaching has unique character that was separated of address, teaching. So the theory of Puritan operative preaching that William Perkins defined that is, preaching is to gather his sheep but to drive out the wolves to the outside, reveals the main principles of the means of the restoration of God's image.

So preacher, preaching predation, preaching acts and preaching response are consisted of the Restoration of God's image centric elements. The preacher who was restored by the image of God understands the sermon text that consists of the character of restoration of God's image and proclaims the messages to the people of God to transform them into God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. And then after they was evaluated by the light of restoration of God's image finally the image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness shall be filled in all the earth. This is the duty of preacher and the main mission in him.

4. Restoration of God's image as the vision of the early church- Acts 2:42-54

In my pastoral ministry my vision is revealed in Acts 2:42-45. The vision of church that the puritans took on 16th – 17th century was the revival of early church that is, the restoration of God's image. It is the vision we should pursue always.

It consists of five features, those are, 1) the teaching of Apostle is main foundation 2) They devoted themselves to pray 3) they devoted themselves to gather. 4) The life of pure family 5) in social life they was admired. Here everything are the image expressed righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. The early church was stood up on the righteousness, was expressed by mercy and was covered by faithfulness reveals the original state of theocracy. This is the idealistic figure.

Also Cambodia that I serve with the Word of God, realizing the vision is our strong desire. At the Buddhism country that has 95 % in population 1400 millions, who their thought and habit, had been melted by humanism image, satanic image And had been strengthened; only the restoration of God's image must be their hope and their way. It is the purpose that God built

the church here and God opened the door of gospel. W should response to the Lord's calling to the vision faithfully.

5. An Example of restoration of God's image, Apply the restoration of puritan reformation

The pastoral ministry need examples among them historically at this day that reveals the examples of God's image we need the examples of puritan reformed revival. The puritans were the stream that controlled the reformation and revival of England church on the 16th-17th centuries. In a short word, to left the stigma of the restoration of God's image. Contrasting to Catholic, they wanted to understand the gospel and to teach to themselves and their families and finally made the revival stream of godly life with passionate prayer in that time. The influence transferred to the contemporary church and pastors historically. It means that they a were the example that reveal the restoration of God's image. Actually the influence has been the center of protectant revival and mission in the protestant movement.

For example, the snake symbol that is popular is related to sanctify idols in their background. According to Hinduism it has meanings of 25 elements, those are, power, wisdom, honor, deity,

long-life, peace, supernatural energy etc. They pursue the artificial works of human in the imagination of the man. When we observe their desire in the light of the Scripture we can find the divine character, restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. They made miserable artificial work by thinking, studying, living and traditional taking habit repeatedly. Therefore anytime, anyplace, the restoration of God's image should be the purpose, method and application that the church should pursue in their all activities.

Chapter 9

The Life – Direction of Restoration of God's Image

Unit now we have thought the principles of restoration of God's Image and personal life and the application of their principles to ministry. Then we are impressed that our contemporary needs the

implication of the principles. Now we have to think the obvious direction by reviewing how effective shall be brought to us in the pastoral situation and missiological situation. For this purpose we shall use the true Christian life that John Calvin used the true Christian life and doctrine that had used at the French reformed church. And also I had used these materials to teach to ITCS students for several semesters.

1. The program of Basic Bible Study of Restoration of God's image

The restoration of God's image is begun with the salvation that is based on the Scripture. So it needs some helpful program to make them strengthen the biblical assurance. And we can use 90 days devotional time notes, 60 Bible verses memorizing and 1000 redemptive historical verses memorizing.

2. The program of the doctrine Bible Study for restoration of God's image

Calvin's edition of Christian doctrine study consists of basic theme of Institute, the Apostle Creed and Lord's Prayer. This is the foundation of Westminster confession the shorter catechism. This is

the important Christianity doctrine that Christian should build the structure of life to walk with God.

3. The program of the life Bible Study for restoration of God's image

And Christian life consists of total 5 volumes. It is depended on the practical principle and life which Lk 9:23 expresses as restoration of God's image. The life was revealed as five themes as followings.

- 1) **First, Humble obedience**- Before God who demands holy life as God's holiness, the Christian should live, the obedience that comes out of humble heart. That is, it points the state of the poverty in spirit in Matthew 5:3. The life is begun with accepting the Scripture as the criteria of their lives and makes us taken some wisdom against hypocrisy.
 - (1) The Scriptures is the norm of the life.
 - (2) Holiness is the important principle.
 - (3) Holiness is obedience to Christ
 - (4) External Christianity is not sufficient.

(5) Spiritual development is needed.

2) **Second, Self –Denial** - Christian Second Step is to walk the way of self-denial.

Self-denial is not self- ascetics or, self-discrimination, but he denies his ownership, and also it is to approach to the positive seat out of negative seat. The whole life of Christian stays juts this step. The one who examine himself and keep himself can go to the next step. Self-denial includes self- acceptance. It is more positive life than social life to seek God's glory passionately. Following contents reveals the concrete life of self-denial life.

(1) We are not ours but Lord's

(2) Seeking God's glory is self-denial.

(3) Self-denial includes sincerity, righteousness, and self-control.

(4) True humility is to respect the neighbor.

(5) We should seek the benefit of the other believer.

(6) We should seek the benefits of our friends and our enemies.

(7) Social goodness is not sufficient.

(8) Without God's blessing no happiness.

(9) Let's worry about getting wealth and honor.

(10) Lord's all way is fair.

3) **Third, Cross-Bearing with Patience** – This step is to live as a warrior more positive than self-denial. It means to follow Christ to bear his own cross. For we can expect that the bearing-cross man can expect the power and the life of resurrection, the restoration of God's image is accomplished by this thing. Bearing-cross life means providential suffering. To keep the state of poverty continuously is the main point of Christian life that the Scripture taught repeatedly.

(1) Cross-bearing is more difficult than self- denial.

(2) Cross makes us been humble.

(3) Cross makes us been hopeful.

(4) Cross teaches obedience.

(5) Cross disciplines us.

(6) Cross makes repentance.

(7) Persecution provides the grace of God.

(8) Persecution shall bring spiritual delight.

- (9) Cross makes us been different.
- (10) Cross makes us obeyed.
- (11) Cross need for our salvation.

4) Fourth, the Hope in the Future – Although we have present suffering we have hope in it. The restoration of God's image makes us praised God in the suffering, and glorified in the belly of Shell. Rather, the power that does not fear the death comes out of this hope.

- (1) Without cross no crown
- (2) We evaluate this world extremely.
- (3) We should not despise the present blessing
- (4) The earth compares of heaven
- (5) We should not be afraid of death and look at the above.
- (6) The Lord shall come again. Maranatha

5) Fifth, Right Drection in Present Life – Then is our actual life the voyage in the suffering ocean? Nay, we have taken rest in seeing the hand of God and enjoy his image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in him and also provide some benefits to our neighbors in enjoying properly the common grace in Christ.

- (1) Avoid the extreme thing.

- (2) The present World Life is the gift of God.
- (3) True Grace prohibits Self- Discrimination
- (4) Live the proper Life
- (5) We should be sufficient in our poverty.
- (6) Be faithful to our calling.

Summary: The life of restoration of God's image is to live as a mature Christian, that is, it is the life that he should pass away from the assurance of salvation, through the self-denial to devotional life that he offers living sacrifice. By him it is the life to reveal the character of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. In other words, the center of the covenantal relationship between the Lord and the servant

Chapter 10

Conclusion:

The restoration of God's image should be revealed in the movement of church revival and reformation through devotional life and faithful ministry by fighting with flesh (*Sarks*).

While I have written my theme, the restoration of God's image, I realized that the main theme was expressed the other terms, redemption, salvation and theocracy and covenant etc. not claiming my independent isolated claim in the world of theology and faith. I focus on the small root, practical elements of our Christian life and church life in the world, that is, the devotional ethical part, redemptive ethic, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness that I wanted to reveal divine character in the personal devotional life and pastoral ministry and mission field. In the short word, it points to settle the restoration of God's image in the target of the theology and it's faith in our contemporary day.

Recently we listen to some complain that although many reformed Christians say many Biblical terminologies, actually they are failed into practical life by their hypocrisy, as hyper-Calvinists, dry heart persons. Then this theme may stimulate their dull heart and make them awaken by the work of Holy Spirit. Moreover although I had planned to edit simple contents , in the processing I was tempted to add my Biblical study about the theme in t each books in the Scripture, actually as I have taught every theme to ITCS students in all areas of the Old Testament, I wrote my theme in my files. These essays were used in my edition. I got assurance that this theme

shall give some help to proclaim the sound doctrine to Cambodia Buddhist world for the pastors and the teachers and the missionaries in finding the Biblical target in their ministry. I assure that the contents shall offer the short way to achieve at our telos, life-changing, ministry-changing and evangelizing changing in Cambodia.

These contents took some chance to break out the wrong character that tries to build their Babel tower in their life and their ministry and realize their true self-image in Scripture. I want that our contemporary church should pursue to the revival of Ephesian church in the contemporary mission field. According to the commands of Luck 9:23 we should follow to Jesus teaching, self-denial, cross-bearing and following Jesus to establish the kingdom of God in the valley of death. In summary I claim that the restoration of God's image shall be made in our lives. Our life is fighting against *Sarks* in the devotional life and the reformed faithful ministry to reveal biblical revival and reformed Christian life. (The end)

Appendix # 1 Doctrine-Bible Study for the restoration of God's image

John Calvin made an edition that was named as Truth for All Time about the question and answer of Christian doctrine for French reformed lay person. It consists of the Apostle Creed, Ten commandment prayer and sacrament. I had used that edition at the

congregation of Peniel Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Chapter 1 God- knowledge and Self- knowledge

Lesson 1 the man live to know God

Lesson 2 Difference between true religion and false religions

Lesson 3 What should we know about God?

Lesson 4 What we should know about the man.

Lesson 5 Free will

Lesson 6 Sin and death

Lesson 7 How can we go to the saving life?

Lesson 1 The man live to know God

Text: Eph 1:17

Introduction: The knowledge of God is the most important one among all knowledge that the man should know in his life because it is the foundational light of every knowledge.

- a. Whom does the man live to know?
- b. Whom should we long for with our whole heart to get true peace and true rest?

- c. Why did Adam and Eve live in the Garden of Eden?
(Gen :26-27)
- d. How did the knowledge of God exchanged by entering of sins?
(Gen 3:1-7)
- e. What does Acts 17:22-27 say that the man is religious?
- f. Say the evidences that the knowledge of God was planted in the man.
- g. Why is true peace remained in only God? (Ps 16:1-3)
- h. What is my favorite truth in my today studying?
- i. Homework : to study a memorized verse and a mediating text
- j. Conclusion:

Lesson 2 The difference between true religion and false religion

1. What do Ecc.3:11 say the fact that the man was born a religious being naturally?
2. Why cannot the man leave the consciousness of God's condemnation about the sins?
3. What is the true godliness? (Rom1:18-19 James 1:27)
4. From where does true godliness come to us?
 - 1) Mt 5:3
 - 2) Mt 5:4

- 3) Mt 5:5
- 4) Mt5:6-8
- 5. What is my favorite truth in my today studying?
- 6. Homework: to study a memorized verse and a mediating text
- 7. Conclusion:

Lesson 3 what should we know about God?

- 1. In Psalms 19:1-6, what did the Psalmist say as seeing at the creation?
- 2. What character of the Word of God does Ps 19:7-10 reveal to us?
 - 1) Verse 7
 - 2) Verse 8
 - 3) Verse 9
 - 4) Verse 10
- 2. How The Psalmist who understands the relationship between the creatures and the life? (Ps 19:13-14)
- 3. What is my favorite truth in my today studying?
- 4. Homework : to prepare a memorized verse and a mediating

text

5. Conclusion:

Lesson 4, The things we should know about the man.

a. What did the Apostle Paul say about the man was made in God's image by God? (Eph 4:22-24)?

b. Say what the conversion of Saccaus expressed about the above three elements. (Lk 19:1-10)

1) Truth (3-8)

2) Righteousness (8)

3) Holiness (8)

c. Where did the man who lost the knowledge of creation drop down? (Rom1:24-26 Pro 6:16-19)

d. What is my favorite truth in my today studying?

e. Homework : to study a memorized verse and a mediating text

f. Conclusion:

Lesson 5 Free Will

1. Describe the free will of the man in Isaiah 53:6?
2. What did Paul say about the state of man before believing in Jesus? (Eph 2:1-3)
 - 1) Verse 1
 - 2) Verse 2
 - 3) Verse 3
3. Say true freedom by comparing the free will of Adam (Gen 3 :) of the one of Jesus (Mt 4 :). (Lk22:42)
4. What is my favorite truth in my today studying?
5. Homework: to study a memorized verse and a mediating text
6. Conclusion:

Lesson 6, Sin and Death

1. What does the Scripture about the origin of sin? (Jud 1:6)
2. Say your understanding about the origin of sin in reading Genesis chapter 3.

- 1) The beginning of sin (1-3)
- 2) The process that the sin comes into the world (4-6)
- 3) The result of sin (4-14)

3. As soon as the sin comes into the world, how did God open the way of salvation? (Gen 3:15)

- 1) God put the enmity between the serpent and the woman.
- 2) God bruised the head of the serpent
- 3) the descendent of the woman

4. What are the human corruption that the Apostle Paul remarked and

the only way of salvation? (Rom 3:2-22)

5. What is my favorite truth in my today studying?

5. Home work: to study a memorized verse and a mediating text

6. Conclusion:

Lesson 7 how can we approach to the life of salvation?

1. As Paul took conversion at Damascus, what was happened? (Act 9:1-19)

1) the motive of changing (1-5)

2) The contents of changing (6-18)

3) The direction of the changed life

3. Say what Paul found the knowledge of self and the knowledge of God? (Phil 3:7-11, Acts 26:15-18)

Chapter 2 Ten Commandments

Lesson 1 The First stone of the first commandments

1. Point the important terms in Exodus 20:1-2.

2. The Old Testament teaches the salvation by keeping the

laws but the New Testament teaches salvation by faith. Is it right or, wrong? Why? (Lk 10:26-29)

3. What is the purpose that Jesus came into the world? (Mt 5 :)
4. What did the Apostles understand by comparing the gospel of the laws? (Heb 1:1-2. II Corin 6:1-2)
 - 1) Uncontinuation
 - 2) Continuation (Jer 3:22-24 Eph 3:21-26)

Lesson 2, The Second Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in Second Commandment?
2. As we pursue to the materialism and the secular prosperity trends, in what point are they the contemporary idolatry?
3. Interpret following verses.
 - 1) III Jn 2
 - 2) I Chron. 4:9-10
 - 3) Lk. 12:16-21

Lesson 3, The Third Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in Third Commandment?
2. Why are following sayings made us committed to the third commandment?
 - 1) Amen

2) Hallelujah

3) Lord!

Lesson 5, Second Tablet, the Fourth Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in fourth Commandment?
2. What is the teaching of the Lord in the fifth commandment?
(Mt 7:9-13)
3. In today studying lessons what is your favorite verse?
4. Assignment: memorizing verse and meditating verses.
5. Conclusion:

Lesson 6, The sixth Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in sixth Commandment?
2. What are the things demanded in sixth Commandment?
3. What are different points between hating Satan and hating the enemy? (Mt5:43, Jn 5:16-17 Jam 4:7)
4. In today studying lessons what is your favorite verse?
5. Assignment: memorizing verse and meditating verses.
6. Conclusion:

Lesson 6 Seventh Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in seventh Commandment?

2. What are the things demanded in seventh Commandment?
3. In today studying lessons what is your favorite verse?
4. Assignment: memorizing verse and meditating verses.
5. Conclusion:

Lesson 7 Eighth Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in eighth Commandment?
2. What are the demanded things in eighth Commandment?
3. In today studying lessons what is your favorite verse?
4. Assignment: memorizing verse and meditating verses.
5. Conclusion:

Lesson 8 Ninth Commandment

1. What are the things prohibited in seventh Commandment?
2. What are the demanded things in seventh Commandment?
3. In today studying lessons what is your favorite verse?
4. Assignment: memorizing verse and meditating verses.
5. Conclusion:

Lesson 9 The Tenth Commandment

1. What are the prohibited things in seventh Commandment?
2. What are the things demanded in seventh Commandment?
3. In today studying lessons what is your favorite verse?
4. Assignment: memorizing verse and meditating verses.
5. Conclusion:

Chapter 3 Faith

Lesson 1 We hold Christ with faith...

1. How did God give his son to us?
2. What is faith? What does abandoning the gospel mean?
3. Why do we believe in the gospel? (Jn 1:5, 3:19)
4. Who is the man who did not accept the gospel naturally? (Jn 6:44)
5. Who is the man to enjoy Christ?
6. What does to accept men? (Jn 1:12-13)
7. Who can follow Christ continuously?
8. What are the features of the sheep in John 10:27?
9. Whom and what did you hold and how do you live?

Lesson 2 Election and Predestination

1. In Rom 8:29-30 what does the fact that the chosen people were saved say?
2. How did the salvation of the chosen people reveal? (Acts 13:48)
3. In Ephesian 1:1-13 what relationship between predestination and salvation reveals?
4. Who is the man who God gave to Jesus in John 17:24?
5. How do you know the chosen people?

Lesson 3 what is true faith?

1. Without contacting to heart is biblical knowledge true faith?
2. What assurance should the faith to attach to? - It means to attach to the assurance of the mercy of God in the promise of gospel.
3. What is the foundation of faith? – God's promise.
4. Define the faith that Hebrews 11:1 points.
5. Who is the complete object of our faith?
6. What is the faith without false?

7. What does the work of faith mean? (I Thessalonian 1:3)?
8. What did the doctrine of justification by faith that the reformers claim influence?

Lesson 4 Faith is God's present.

1. When do we realize that the faith is present?
2. What does I Corinthians 2:11 reveal true faith?
3. What relationship between faith and illumination of the Spirit take?
4. Explain the seal of Spirit Paul pointed? (Ephesian 1:13)
5. How did the relationship of the Father and the son restore in Christ? (Rom 8:15-16)
6. Say what you feel the value of faith.

Lesson 5 we are sanctified by faith in order to obey the laws.

- 1) What grace did God given by the intercession of Jesus?
- 2) Why did the Spirit come to the believers?
- 3) What does it mean to write the law in the heart of believer by the Spirit?
- 4) How did the obedience of the law accomplish to us?

- 5) What does it mean that the laws in the lamp in our soul?
- 6) What is the protection to take care of us by freedom?
- 7) Describe the relationship between the laws and the gospel.

Lesson 6 repentance and new birth

1. What are two core of gospel?
2. What relationship do repentance and faith take?
3. What is the repentance?
4. Say the relationship of repentance and regeneration.
5. What relationship does receiving Spirit and regeneration?
6. What process does a sinner have to get the complete salvation?
7. How do you know that you take true repentance?

Lesson 7 Relationship of Good Deed- righteousness and Faith-righteousness.

1. Say the relation of justification and good work.
2. What good work does God please?
3. Why does not God accept only good deed of justification?

4. In Ephesian 2:8-9 what result shall the righteousness of faith bring?
5. Say the relation of love and justification.

Lesson 8 Creed

8-1 I believe in the Spirit

1. Why does the creed make us believed in Holy Spirit?
2. What is the work that Christ works through Holy Spirit?
3. What woks Holy Spirit in the Christian heart?
4. What is the reason that without helping Holy Spirit, the faith life is impossible?
5. What is the personal life that Holy Spirit rules over?

8-2 I believe in the church

1. Say what the church is.
2. What does it mean to become one body of church?
3. What does the church that has a unity in verity mean?
4. What is the catholic communication?

8-3 I believe in forgiveness

1. What should we stand up on for the firm salvation?
2. Why is the forgiveness so important for Christian life?

3. What does to stand up on forgiveness mean?
4. What influence does the conviction give to Christian life? Say the process that Christ's blood cleans the sins.
5. What does it mean that forgiveness shall bring via the church?

8-4 I believe in resurrection

1. What does the creed say of Christian resurrection?
2. Here what is the meaning of eternal life?
3. Where shall we enter into?
4. As the Christian enter into the heaven in what state shall he go there?
5. Where the unbelievers spent their eternal life?

Lesson 9 what is the hope?

1. What is the Christian faith in the Scripture?
2. Say the relations of faith and hope.
3. What should you live in such hope?

Chapter 4 Prayer

Lesson 1 the necessity of prayer

- a. What are three things that true Christian should know of the teaching of faith?
- b. What should the true Christian think of?
- c. What is the motive of prayer?
- d. What does thing without praying in Christian life?

Lesson 2 the meaning of prayer

- i. What is prayer?
- ii. How shall we pray to God?
- iii. Describe the reasons that the prayer needs following things.
 - 1) Self-denial
 - 2) Trust
 - 3) Prohibition of covet
- 2. What stimulate us in prayer? - promise
- 3. What does the prayer contain?

Lesson 3 Lord's Prayer

1. The First petition

- 1) What does calling for the name of God mean?
- 2) What is the majesty of God mean?
- 3) How should we admit the thing God did?
- 4) Where should the praise to God come out of?

2. The Second Petition

- 1) What does God's dominion mean?
- 2) What petition should we request to get the presence of God?
- 3) Why should we destroy Satan?

3. The Third Petition

- 1) What is the petition to seek God's will?
- 2) What attitude should the seeker to offer above petition?
- 3) What do we learn out of the above petition?

5. The Fourth Petition

- 1) What does the petition to seek the daily bread mean?
- 2) What attitude should the seeker to offer above petition?
- 3) What do we learn out of the above petition?

6. The Fifth Petition

- 1) When should we offer pardon and forgiveness to God?
- 2) Why should we seek such petition?
- 3) As we think of wicked desire to the other, why should not we call for God as our Father

7. The Sixth Petition

- 1) Why does God permit temptation to the Christian?
- 2) What means did God give to overcome temptation?
- 3) What should the Christian ask before the devil?
- 4) Say the principles that the Lord changes us.

Lesson 4 the sustaining character of prayer

- 5) Why is the sustaining prayer so important?
- 6) What does the sustaining prayer after passing over the moment mean?

Chapter 5 Sacraments

Lesson 1 the Necessity of Baptism

2. Why do we need sacraments? – It was established to train the

faith by God.

3. What do we realize through the actual education? - It makes us understand the spiritual secret for carnal ignorance.
4. What is more important thing than executing sacraments?
 - 1) It understands of the Word of God.
 - 2) What does John 6:53-56 reveal the importance of the role of the Word of God in our lives? – Five bread and two fish are the symbolism of Christ's body and blood and the word is its reality. If we are failed in eating the word of God eating bread and drinking vine wine shall be lost.
- 3) What benefits shall the sacraments bring up to us?
 - 1) The faith shall be strengthened
 - 2) Sins shall be stopped and hated
 - 3) The fullness of Holy Spirit (1 Jh 1:9 Eph 5:18)

Lesson 2 what is the sacrament?

1. What is purpose of sacraments? - It is the external means to help the weak faith to proclaim the good will of the Lord.
2. Why do Catholic sacraments be wrong? – Because it teach to pass over the word of God by the artificial method.
3. From whom did two sacraments of Christian come out? - The

Lord taught it for himself before he left out of the world.

- 1) Mt 28:19-20) – To make us learned the unity by church life.
- 2) Communion (Mt 26:26-28) – Memorial of Christ's death

Lesson 3 Baptism

1. – What is the baptism? – To clean with the water points to forgiveness of sins.

2. What are baptism of water and the baptism of Spirit? (Lk 3:15-17)

3. What are two things that the regretted Christian should understand?

1) To be cleaned (Jn 13:10)

2) The flesh was buried (Rom 6:1-5)

4. What effective does the infant baptism have? (Acts 16:31-34)

5. What should you who were baptized pursue as a baptized Christian?
(Rom 8:38-39)

Lesson 4 Lord's Supper

1. Why does Lord's Supper have spiritual secret? - Because everything of a Christian is depended on his death. Although he left

out of them after his ascendance, he always executes to feed them with grace, to take care of them by the grace of his death

2. - In John 11:50 what is the purpose of gospel that Jesus points? - He wanted that his scattered children should be gathered in Christ.

3. What is the growth of spiritual secret?

4. What is the meaning of participating into communion?

5. As we take the memorial of the death of Christ, what should we think of?

1) He assures to have eternal life (Jn 5:24)

2) He assures the spiritual protection and the spiritual life.

3) And he assures the unity with him. (Jn 17:17)

6. What result shall we have as we treat to the communion wrongly?

– To become weak, diseased and died like Achan, Anania, Shaphira, Ndab and Abihu. (I Cori. 11:13)

7. What does this communion give to us in the future? - Enjoying the life in heaven.

Appendix # 2 Christian Life Bible Study for restoration of God's Image

Life – Survey of True Christian

Volume 1 Humble obedience Life

Volume 2 Self – Denial Life

Volume 3 Cross- bearing life with patience

Volume 4 Hope Life of the future

Volume 5 Enjoying the present life in self-control

Volume 1 Humble obedience Life

Lesson 1 The Scripture is the Name of new life.

Lesson 2 Holiness is the important principle

Lesson 3 Holiness is to obey to Christ

Lesson 4 Only external Christianity is not sufficient

Lesson 5 we need the spiritual development.

Lesson 1 The Scripture is the Name of new life.

Text: II Cor 5:17, II Tim 3:16

True Christian begins with listening to the Word of God. Also the Scripture, the word of God is the norm of life that the image of God, that is, the norm of thought and life that righteousness, mercy and faithfulness are melted in.

1. What is the new life? (II Cor 5:17)
2. What is the purpose of new life? (Eph 4:24)
3. Why do you pursue new life in your life?

4. Why do we need the Scripture in our new life? (II Tim 3:16)
5. What different point between the Scripture and human philosophy? (II Cor 10:5-6 II Peter 1:20-21)
6. What feature does the Scripture take? Search for the answer in Ps 19:7-14?
 - 1) Verse 7 -
 - 2) Verse 8 -
 - 3) Verse 9 -
 - 4) Verse 10-
8. Why do you need the Scripture in the new life?

Lesson 2 Holiness is the most important master key.

1. In Christian life what are two roles of the Scripture?
2. Explain the meaning of Leviticus 19:2, " ". (I Peter 1:16)
3. Why did Jesus Christ call for us who walk into the wrong way?

4. What is the channel to unite with Jesus?
5. How can we be holy in our lives?
6. Who can stand up before God? (Ps 15:1-2 24:3-4)

Lesson 3 to imitate Christ is to obey Christ.

1. What is the way to attain to holiness?
2. Why can only Christ make us become holy?
3. Why does God make you become the child of God?
4. If we do not imitate the creator passionately, why is it rebellious action?
5. Why should we take care of defiling our life?
 - 1) Because the fidelity of Christ
 - 2) Because the indwelling of Holy Spirit
 - 3) To get the crown of life
7. How can we approach to God? (Rom 6:4, 8:29)

Lesson 4 Only external Christianity is not sufficient

1. What is the most dangerous thing in Christian life?
2. What did the Apostle Paul who knew the dangerous things exhort?
3. Say what I experienced about that?
4. What does it mean to accept the gospel in Christian life?
5. What influence does the gospel bring to Christian life?
6. What should we hate in our lives?
7. According to Ephesian 4:20 what should true Christian reveal in his life?

Lesson 5 we need the spiritual development.

1. Why were John's receivers fallen down into the heresy?
2. What did they claim in their lives? Why is it dangerous?
3. What did Paul command to the church?

4. What kinds of humble attitude does the Christian need for advance?

Chapter 2 Self-denial

Lesson 1 we are not ours, but Lord's

Lesson 2 seeking the glory of God

Lesson 3 Self-denial include faithfulness, righteousness and self-control

Lesson 4 True humility respects our neighbor.

Lesson 5 we seek the benefit of the other

Lesson 6 we should seek the benefits of our friend and our enemies.

Lesson 7 Only social goodness is not enough to us.

Lesson 8 Without God's blessing, no happiness

Lesson 9 does not seek the Lord and the honor.

Lesson 10 The way of the Lord is fair.

1. Lesson 1 We are not ours, but Lord's

1. What is Christian duty? (Rom 12:1-2)
2. When we devote ourselves to the Lord what should we think of?
3. In I Chronicle 10:31 what can we learn for glorify God?
4. Woes are you and how should you live?

5. What does it mean that you are not yours but God's?

1) Thought

2) Emotion

3) will

6. Say the areas of Lordship in our lives.

7. What is the most evil poison in you?

8. Where is your best refuse in your life?

9. How can we serve the Lord? Answer following questions.

10. Explain Ephesian 4:23 as your own word.

11. What does Galician's 2:20 mean?

Lesson 2 seeking the glory of God

1 What thing should the Christian concentrate on?

2. Explain the meaning of "the Christian should throw away all egoistic thought".

3. What should the Christian admit in all things? (Proverb 3:5-6)
4. By what should all Christians be evaluate?
5. How should Self-denial control followings?
 - 1) Arrogance
 - 2) Pride
 - 3) Boasting
 - 4) Covet
 - 5) self- affection
6. Say the character of danger that the one of self- denial can meet.
7. What rewards and to whom did God promise?
8. How can we cure the world of evil hidden in their soul?
6. To who does true salvation transfer?

Lesson 3 Self-denial includes faithfulness, righteousness and self-control.

1. Arrange the Christian life Paul taught to Titus. (Titus 2:11-14)

2. What are two stumbling blocks Paul taught? Explain them.

1) Ungodliness - superstition, all things that privates respectable heart to God.

2) Secular desire- secular affection, the commandment and everything that we want to control for our desire.

3. What does Paul teach three elements about complete new life? Explain the meaning.

1) Self- control - Using temporary blessing with the attitude of self-control for salvation, patience in poverty. 2) Righteousness - every righteous duty to get proper value.

3) Godliness - separating of the dirty of world and uniting with God with true holiness

4. What should we put our hope to live holy in the corrupted world?
5. Why shall Christ come again to the world and what shall he do?
6. Why should the Christian live as a pilgrim?

Lesson 4 True humility respects our neighbor.

1. As we consider the other better than me, what should we propose? – We ourselves should cure.
2. Why does the man despise or, flatter the other? – They come out of his arrogance.
3. As we are criticized by the other if our meekness shall be shaken what is the reason? – Because of our self-affection.
4. What should we look at to be humble? – our blameful points
5. How can we reach to true meekness? – We should reduce ourselves and respect the others deep heart.
(I Corinthian 4:7)

Lesson 5 we seek the benefit of the other

1. How can we deserve the duty of love? – As we try to seek our neighbors.
2. Why does the Scripture teach that the grace was bestowed to us? – For the other's benefits.
3. Whose benefits should we seek more than our own benefit? Our neighbor.
4. How many benefits do the laws of love include?
5. Why are the alms for our neighbor holy sacrifice? (I Corin, 13:4-8 Ps 16:2,3)

Lesson 6. We should seek the benefits of our friend and our enemies.

1. What is the love the Scripture says? – Longpatience not to be angry
2. Why did god made in the image of God? – To respect the precious being.
3. How can we overcome difficult thing? – To love our enemy and to bless to cursing.

4. What should we remember to remove the evil of neighbor? – We should remember the fact that we was made in the image of God/ (Heb 13:16 Gal6:10 Is 58:7 Mt 5:44 Lk 17:3,4)

Lesson 7 Only social goodness is not enough to us.

- 1) If we do not accomplish the duty of love, what shall we arrive? - practical self-denial
- 2) What makes us overcome arrogance, criticize and despise? - compassionate heart
- 3) As we look at the weak attitude, what responsibility should we take? – We should think that it is my responsibility.
- 4) As the Christian love the other, what attitude should we take? – smile face, amazing mood, polite greeting above the other should be revealed.
- 5) Why should not the rich claim his richness? – Because he should help to the poor.

Lesson 8 Without God's blessing, no happiness

1. What makes us to be tired? The things to escape poverty, but to seek desire and covet.

2. What should all blessing be depended? – Only God's blessing how should we reveal our development? Only the will of God that makes us to be prosperous should be followed.어떻게
2. Although suffering comes from whom the prosperous way come out of? It comes out of only God. What should we think of everything's without God's holy blessing? – curse

Lesson 9. Do not seek the Lord and the honor.

- 1) What should we seek more than honor and richness? We should please our portion the Lord gave us and also seek his lead.
- 2) What should we do without stealing something out of our neighbor with extreme covet? – we should take purification and self-control
- 3) Who gave us his blessing? The blessing comes out of God who thinks pure and righteous thought. To whom does true Christian attribute his prosperity? - We have to admit that its author is God.
- 4) What attitude should we take as we have conflict because development of our neighbor and my poverty? – We should wait for God's time in quiet and low attitude.

5) In Psalms 131:1, 2 what is the basic attitude the believer should take in David's heart?

Lesson 10 The way of the Lord is fair.

1. What should we do to keep self-denial? - Devotion As we meet every suffering what should we think of? – God keep fair attitude I very thing.
2. What does a faithful believer think at every miserable state? He meditates God's mercy and his goodness.
3. As great suffering comes to us what should we do? – We should accept it thankful and peaceful heart.
4. What thought does true devotion come out of? Only God has Lordship of prosperity and advert and the righteous God permits every goodness and evil fairly.

Chapter 3 Cross-bearing with patience

Lesson 1 Cross-bearing is more difficult than self-denial.

Lesson 2 Cross makes us become humility

Lesson 3 Cross makes us become hopeful.

Lesson 4 Cross teaches obedience.

Lesson 5 Cross makes us t trained us.

Lesson 6 Cross makes us repented.

Lesson 7 Persecution provides grace.

Lesson 8 Cross makes spiritual delight.

Lesson 9 Cross changes us

Lesson 10 Cross makes us obeyed

Lesson 11. Our salvation need cross absolutely.

Lesson 1 Cross-bearing is more difficult than self-denial.

1. Why did Jesus command to bear your own cross to us? (Lk9:23 Mt16:24)

2. How did Jesus, the begotten son bear cross? (Mt 3:17 Mt 17:5)

3. Why did Jesus take cross? (Heb 5:8)

4. Does it give true comfort to join into suffering to us? (Rom 8:29
Acts 14:22)

5. What way did Paul mean that knowing to participate into suffering?
(Philippian 3:10)

Lesson 2 Cross makes us become humility

1. Why should we bear cross continuously?
2. In Psalms 30: what are two things David understood? According to Ps30:6-7 when shall the believer learn the humility?

Lesson 3 Cross makes us become hopeful.

1. What can strengthen our hope? (Rom 5:3-4)
2. What makes us been arrogant?
3. What make us walked to trust to God for hope?

Lesson 4 Cross teaches obedience.

1. How did Abraham bear the cross? (Gen 22:1-2)
2. What did Peter say that what is more precious thing than gold fined in fire? (IPeter 1:7)
3. If we have no patience, basically what do we have no?
4. What shall make us obeyed God?
5. Among them to what we have n, mark 0.

- 1) The power to sanctify us ()
- 2) The power of assurance ()
- 3) The power that trusts God ()
- 4) The power that escapes out of difficult thing ()

Lesson 5 Cross makes us t trained us.

1. How shall we be fallen down into pleasure and covet?
 2. What is our essential character? (Duet32:5)
 3. What can the prosperity and the success make us into?
- 1) What benefits does discipline give to us? Make o on right things.
 - 2) To get wealth makes us been arrogance. ()

- 3) Honor makes pride. ()
- 4) Prosperity and health make us to be flesh arrogance. ()

Lesson 6 Cross makes us repented.

1. As we meet some suffering what do we review?

2. As we stay in suffering what do we admit?

1) We know the mercy of father. ()

2) We make our heart developed peace. ()

3) It makes escaped out of the worldly condemnation. ()

3. Why does God give discipline? (Heb 12:8)?

4. As we meet suffering what attitude do the believer and unbeliever take? (Prov 3:1-12, I Corinthian 12:32)

Lesson 7 Persecution provides grace.

1. As we are persecuted for righteousness who is the only comfort?

2. What is the persecution for righteousness?
3. Why are we persecuted by the world?
4. What kinds of persecution shall approach to the Christian? As we are persecuted how can we have delight? (Acts 5:4)
5. What result shall followings bring to us?
6. Torching and despising - we shall be rooted in Christ.
7. Rebuking shamefulness – God receive more great glory.
8. As we killed – he shall get eternal glory.
9. The reason that the Christian does not endure some persecution is to consider the present life eternally. (o x)

Lesson 8 Cross makes spiritual delight.

1. Who is glorified in our suffering?
2. It is more difficult the suffering of high pride"
- 1) I Peter 4:14
- 1) I Tim 4:10
- 2) II Corin 6:8

Lesson 9 the cross changes us

- 1 What kinds of fighting shall the suffered believer is happened as he endures and takes self-control in II Corinthian 4:8-9?
- 2 What did the Lord who was suffered say? (Jn 16:20)
- 3 Why does this suffering give blessing to you?(Mt5:5)
- 4 What suffering did the Lord take in the Garden of Eden? (Lk22:44)
- 5 What result did the suffering bring to him?

Lesson 10 Cross makes us obeyed

1. What should the devotional believer do in order to escape out of all frustration?
2. What are two things that the frustration can make easily? - Block and courage
3. What does the Scripture say as we meet frustrated suffering? - It complaints the patience of saints and make us take spiritual delightful fullness and make us experienced the comfort of God.
4. Why does the frustrated emotion bring the fighting of heart? – Because we try to escape or, to take fearful heart.

5. Why does our devotional passion fight against suffering? – I makes us obeyed the will of God.

6. In case of Peter, as he tried to die for himself, what did he take? – Rebellion and covet

7. Why did he escape and how did he die for the Lord? Fear and calling made him difference.

8. What is our hope in the day of frustration? - We have to seek great fear of Lord and it has infinitive obedience.

Lesson 11 our salvation need cross absolutely.

1. Why is it dangerous to have the consciousness of our duty to obedience to God? Because although we obey in our need but as it disappeared it is terminated.

2. Why does every suffering happen in the saints?

3. What does the one who follow his providence and his will think of?

4. What is the purpose God make us bore the yoke?

5. If we do not take patience, what kinds of danger shall follow? – It is rebellion to God's justice.

6. How does God take discipline to us for our complete salvation?

7. As we know the purpose, what grace does cross give us?

8. How can we overcome to the suffering of cross? – The delight of the Spirit.

Chapter 4 Hope of future

Lesson 1 without cross no crown

Lesson 2 we evaluates this world extremely.

Lesson 3 we should not despise the present blessing

Lesson 4 the earth compares of heaven

Lesson 5 We should not be afraid of death and look at the above.

Lesson 6 The Lord shall come again. Maratha

Lesson 1 without cross no crown

1. What is the excellent method of Lord not to be corrupted?

2. What makes us not seen the eternal thing? – Wealth, power, honor, covet, ambition, warfare, riot, divorce weak children, disease and danger.

3. To learn true peace in the world what shall we do? – we should look at the heaven

Say what God use to inform the emptiness of world- war 𐄇fare, riot, stealing, excavation feminine, poverty, divorce, weak children, chronicle disease etc.

4. How did God make us put our hope on not the world but the heaven? – Through training to bear cross

Lesson 2 we evaluates this world extremely.

1. As we enjoy the worldly blessing continuously what result shall be happened to us? – We shall commit sin constantly.

2. Why does the man ignore death? Because of arrogance and covet.

3. What is the way that can escape out of present indulgence? – We should listen to the warning of God.

4. Why should not despise the present blessing? Because it is the channel to protect the light of life and the light.

5. How should we accept present blessing? It is the present of God's mercy.

Lesson 3 the earth compares of heaven

1. Why should we look at better world in the sinful world?
2. As this earth is a journey place what is that world? – Our home as this world is tom what is that world? – It is the place of real life.
3. Say the evaluation that Paul compares this world and that world in Philipian1:20. As we enjoy the world as we lives in the earth what is the reality? (Rom 14:17)

Lesson 4 We should not be afraid of death and look at the above.

2. Why should we look at the eternal heaven?
3. Explain II Corinthian 5:24.
4. Apply Titus 2:13
5. Explain the meaning of Lk 21:28.

Lesson 5 The Lord shall come again. Maratha

1. Why did God permit that we lived as stained lambing the world? To resemble Christ.
2. What did the ungodly person fallen down in the world? Then what attitude should we take?
3. Seeing coming world what shall the godly do? As we entered into the world what blessing shall we receive? – We shall enjoy comfort, righteousness, reward, glory.
4. Then what shall the evil person do in the hell?
5. In Psalms 73:2 why did the believer drop down?
6. How can the believer overcome against the devil, flesh, and sin? – When we see the power of resurrection, we can overcome it.

Chapter 5 the Right Direction of our Present Life

Lesson 1 Avoid the extremities of all things.

Lesson 2 the present world's life is a gift of God.

Lesson 3 True Grace prohibits Self-Discrimination.

Lesson 4 Live the Proper Life.

Lesson 5 we should be sufficient in our poverty.

Lesson 6 is faithful to our calling.

Lesson 1 Avoid the extremities of all things.

- 1) In the Scripture what is the ultimate purpose of our life and how should we use it in the world?
- 2) What should the Christian life be in the present life?
- 3) What should the Christian do in pilgrimage?
- 4) Are worldly things a blessing? Why or why not?
- 5) As we think of worldly things, what principle should we follow? (I Corin. 7:30, 31)
- 6) Since we may use worldly things incorrectly, what kind of danger may we fall into?

Lesson 2 the present world's life is a gift of God.

- 1) For what purpose did God create all things?
- 2) As we look at the present world with this knowledge, what role does it take?
- 3) Why did the Psalmist confess such things?
- 4) Do Psalms 104:15 reveal that the material of the world is God's gift or the result of a curse?

Lesson 3 True Grace prohibits Self-Discrimination.

1. Why do we oppose the will of God by self-despising and asceticism?
 2. What should we fight against?
 3. For whom did God make all creatures?
- 2) How do we glorify and what's the opposite of glorification?
 - 3) What influence shall materials and pleasure give to the fear of Jehovah?

Lesson 4 Live the proper life.

- 1) How should we live in the world?
- 2) What are two principles that Paul pointed for the proper life?

Lesson 5 we should be sufficient in our poverty.

- 1) As the Christian sees the abundance of heaven, how should he endure it?
- 2) If we do not endure this, where shall we fall into? Find the following:
 - (1) They do not grow up in the school of the Lord. ()
 - (2) They cannot follow the way of the disciple. ()
 - (3) They shall fall down into worldly boasting, external figure, eating- boasting ()

3) When we are content, what follows close behind very easily? –
Arrogance and pride

Lesson 6 Be faithful to our calling.

1. Why did God give his work to each person? To protect from arrogance and confusion
2. Why should we be faithful to God's calling? Because of our own desire and temptation.
3. What is the result of the one who does not surrender to God's calling? He cannot walk in a sound way.
4. The one who keeps his calling lives a balanced life.
5. As we respect his calling, what shall we overcome?
 - 1) Self- discrimination ()
 - 2) Unhappy consciousness ()
 - 3) Secular anxiety ()
 - 4) Present suffering ()

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