

Ephesian World



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Redemptive Historical Memory Verses of Ephesians (20 verses)

(Eph1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

(Eph 1:17) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

(Eph 2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

(Eph 2:19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

(Eph 3:12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

(Eph 3:16) that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

(Eph 4:1-3) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

(Eph 4:13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,^e to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

(Eph 4:22-24) to put off your old self,^f which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed

in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

(Eph 4:30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

(Eph 5:8-9) for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

(Eph 5:16) making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

(Eph 5:18) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

(Eph 5:22) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

(Eph 5:25) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

(Eph 6:1-3) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.

(Eph 6:7) rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,

(Eph 6:10-11) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

(Eph 6:18) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

(Eph 6:24) Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Preface of Studying the Epistle of Ephesian

1. In the contemporary day, as we meet the issue of the doctrine of church, it is a thanksgiving thing to study the Epistle of Ephesians, because we can see the glorious church of God's church in it. It is amazing in our heart to contact to the book that has been called for Ephesians as the source of solution of every issues happened in the church in the church history. "What shall I, as a seeker, pursue?" "What is the secret of glorious church?" "What song should the church sing?, " How can the church live in the world?" and "How can the church overcome the her enemies that attacks to us?" We can listen to the answers to above questions. Eight lectures that we listen to in this book almost are consisted of the quantity of Ephesian each chapter. It was edited as the cinemascope styles (exposition, questions and pictorial concepts).

2. We can get much help as we follow to some directions.

(1) We study the Scripture text faithfully. When we examine the learning contents at the proved verses in detail we can be opened by the illumination of Holy Spirit.

(2) If we are possible we memorize 20 distinguished verses in Ephesians, or think of them repeatedly in our minds. It is difficult to memorize the verses for it is the usage of the function of mind but wonderful grace shall be provided from the Word of God. In the process of repetition to review it we can find the truth in them.

(3) By reminding the pictorial concepts we think of the text. The figures shall serve to the purpose that we may possess the truth in our heart. It is the method to remember the truth in relationship to the figures.

(4) This studying shall process lecture, discuss, assignment Test etc. Although we listen to lectures by one person, after listening to them if we share personal understanding each other, we shall get more wonderful world in our spiritual life. And also as we try to seek the answer to some questions we can get self-supported faith in our lives.

(5) And we need to arrange every text should be taken care of faithfully to attain to continuous studying.

(6) We need proper tension to achieve our goal.

3. As we follow the passion of our Lord revealed in Matthew 7:7-8 we can get the curious world of truth because The Lord give to the one who ask, seek and knock the door shall better things absolutely.

First, it is the passion of *aiteo*. "*Aiteo*" means ask in Greek (request and give some question) as we study the truth if we have many questions it is so natural because the world of truth belongs to the spiritual world. Because we occupy the world by our limited power, it is nature to meet many trouble. So we should ask to the Lord in quiet. "Please open our eyes to see the world." Then the Lord shall answer his will to us.

Second, it is passion of *jeteo*. It means to seek, to search for. As we seek we can get it from God. After we believe in Jesus we lost many things, first

love, first fruit, first calling, first passion etc. We know that every lost thing is put in Christ Jesus. When we find Jesus and his word we can find it. When we seek with passion to find it in the finding process, Jesus Christ shall make wonderful event in our lives. These all things are hidden in Christ and his word. As we find this one The Lord work the wonderful things in us. Just like the Israelite in Babylon received by the command of Cyprus, the promise of God shall be accomplished faithfully to us.

Third, it is the passion of *kuluo*. It means that one knocks the door with fingers in humility and sincerity. When we respect his will and put our issues on the table faithfully, the Lord shall proclaim "your faith is great your desire shall be fulfilled abundantly." Historically through such sincere knocking, the fountain of truth had gushed out.

May the grace of God be with Peniel Presbyterian church to find the third thousand level and live by the grace in them.

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Lecture 1

The Survey of Ephesian

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Mt 7:7-8)

Lesson 1 The Survey of Ephesians

Concepts

1. Total picture- the theme of Ephesians is the glory of church in Christ.
2. A great book and the bookmarks in it – Paul wrote it AD 61-63.
3. The decoration attached on the great books – the features of Ephesians
4. Chains - The epistle of Ephesians was written at Roman prison by Paul.
5. The light of prism - Ephesians was written with easy styles but the contents consisted of great width, great depth and great height
6. The picture on the right side – Ephesians 1:-3: say the doctrine of salvation.
7. The picture on the left side - Ephesians 4:-6: reveal the practice the church should do.
8. A black color book – The Ephesian church stresses the devotion that the church should offer to God.
9. The closed small book - The Ephesians is similar to the Colossians.

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Lecture 1

The Background of the Ephesians and It's Survey

I. Background:

(1) Ephesus city - Ephesus is the center of clonical areas of Rome, which was locaed at werstern coast of present Turkey in minor Asia at the time of Paul. The city is located at the enterance of the river Cyster between Coresus Mountain and the sea. And also the place is the central city of trade and commercial activities as the main road of Asian trade which was made of 70 feets. And it is famous place because Ademy and Diana temple were established there. But now it is the destorated land that the people can not live.

(2) Ephesian church - The Ephesian church was connected with Paul at the second evangelism journey of Paul first. As Paul was absent ot them, Phriskila and Agula worked in the replace of him there. (Acts 18:20-19:1) after that in the the third evangelism journey of Paul, as he taught the Word of God for two years three months, she had experienced a great revival (Acts 19:1-20:1). After that time Timothy had stayed for long time. (ITim 1:3) And it was the church that Onesimo had served (II Tim 1:8) and also it was a main place of Apostle John's ministry. (Rev 2:1-10) The Epistle of Ephesians was a circuirt letter that Paul sent to the Asian church. (AD 61-63)

2. Survey

(1) Theme of the Ephesians

Many different views of that theme are happened for its abundant contents. A certain one considered " the grace of God" in Ephesians 2:8-10, and another " calling of a believer" or, the unity of the church , Christ's body, Although this themes are revealed at some part of the epistle, but can not included the total contents. So we can say that the total theme of the Ephesians is "the eternal purpose of God and the position of his people in Christ." In other words, it means the glorious church in Christ. The epistle of Ephesians reveals the glory of church well. The text reveals seven figures of the church, those are, the people of God (1:2), the inheritance of God (1:11), the building of God (2:19-22), the body of Christ (1:22-23) the bride of Christ (5:22-31) the church (1:22 3:10,21) a new man (2:1-15). The Biblical scholars expressed the Ephesians as followings,

- F. W. Farrar - "It was expressed by the sublimest, the deepest and the most excellent language among the epistles of Paul to the gentiles."
- W. O. Carver - "It is the greatest work in the mankind's history."
- S.T. Coleridge - " It is the godliest work that the man made."

The book that the reformer, John Calvin loved was this epistle. And Scott reformer, John Knox read and meditated the Epistle of Ephesians at his last time, and also John Bunyan was impressed by this book in order to get the allegory of the progress to heaven

(2) The features of the Ephesians

1) Prison epistles- It was one of the prison epistles at the first evangelism journey of Paul. After he first wrote the Ephesians and soon he wrote Colossians and Philemon, and at the last time he might write the Philippians. The expression that he was prisoned is revealed three times in, 3:1, 4:1 and 6:20.

2) General epistle- Although the Epistle was written by easy literary styles, but the wide category of the thought includes the Jews and the gentiles, heaven and earth, past and present and future. "All" term are revealed above 50 time.

3) Doctrine epistles - Ephesians chapters 1 through 3 reveals the doctrine of redemption. This redemption was planned by God and was accomplished through the activity of Christ and was applied by the work of Holy Spirit. Therefore we understand that the saved church is the eternal community that is rooted in the eternity economy.

4) Practical Epistle - And Ephesians 4:1-6: reveals the standard of activities of church. This activity does not say only human ethic but say the natural result that redemptive activities bring about. The saints who stand up on true redemption experience true transformation of their deed that started out of the power of salvation. So this relationship can not be separated each other because it is same the relationship between the tree and the fruit. The church should reveal the glory of salvation by revealing the glory of salvation.

5) Devotional epistles - So Paul stressed that the church should devote her to Christ, the head of church. The devotion is the way that we can use the power of Christ who is lifted up to the highest place. Because the church was called for Christ's possession out of dark world, she is the property of Christ. So the church should live as the person who is devoted herself to Christ. (Rom 12:1-3)

6) Twin Epistles - The Ephesians has been called for the twin epistles because the contents of Ephesians include much similar contents of Colossians. The Ephesians treats to the church mainly but the Colossians the Excellency of Christ, the head of church. Because of same epistle of prison, also their contents are much similar.

3. Explanation of Ephesian's terminology.

1) In – 90 times, it means that the union between Christ and the Christians. "In Christ" reveals the fact.

2) grace- 13times It stresses the grace of God and the gospel. (Acts 20:2)

3) spiritual- 13 times, it points the area of truth and the Christian life in the Epistles.

4) Holy – 8 times it reveals the metaphor that the church was united to Christ

5) To do- 8 times, it points the actual teaching in the Epistles. The Christian ethic points all activities in Christ.

6) Belongs to heaven- 5 times, the state that Christian is lifted up in

7) secret- 5 times, it is the truth hidden in the economy of God
(redemptive plan)

4. The Survey of Ephesians

[Assignment]

Lecture 2

Praising of the church

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,"

(Eph 1:3)

Lesson 2 the praising of church

Concepts

1. The person who looks up towards the music signal – the main theme of the prasing that the church should sing is the spiritual blessing in Christ.

2. A arching rainbow - The gospel was put in Christ.

(1) First two musical signas - The Father-God planed the salvation of church

1) First musical sign – The father- God chose the church.

2) Second musical sign – The father- God adopted the church as his son.

(2) two musical signs in the center of the figure - the son- God accomplished the the salvation of church.

1) First music sign - Son-God redeemed the church by his blood.

2) Second music sign - God is the inheritance of church and the church is the inheritance of God.

(3) Two music signs in the last part - Spirit-God apply the salvation to the church.

1) First music sign - the spirit securities the eternal salvation of the church.

2) the second music sign - the Spirit reveals the salvation to the church.

3. the person who was kneeled down and hold the vessel - Paul offered the first prayer for the e[hessian church.

1) rising aroma - Give the spirit of wisdom and revelation and make us known the hope in Christ and hope in Christ.

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Lecture 2

Praising of Church

I. Text: Eph1:1-23

II. Main verse: Eph 1:3

III. Survey:

Because all Scriptures is the living inerrant Word of God that was written by the inspiration of Holy spirit,(II Tim 3:16), we should stand up before God like 70 elders in front of mount Sinai in humility and sincerely. The revelation does not consist of unknowable forms and contents, but has the character that we can understand them and response faithfully to God. So the Scriptures should be interpreted and should response Amen to the interpreted words.

Paul was prisoned in Rome now. He wrote the Ephesians in order to inform the reality of glorious church of God that was planned in the heart of God because he listened that the church that he established up at the minor Asia gradually had lost the character of church by the influence of heresy. Because his exhortation was so sincere to them they began with strong lessons. He claimed his Apostlship and greeted to them (1-2) Soon he remembered what God did for the church greatly and praised loudly the Lord (3-14). Tit should not be the praising of the Apostle and the eternal praise of all redeemed churches. So Paul described the reasons to lose the praising in detail, and requested passionately for the churches of minor Asia. (15-23) He asked that they found the same things reality and praised

God always. Do I have the same melody in my heart like Paul experienced?
Let's think of it in the text.

IV. Exposition:

1. Greeting (1-2)

(1) Greeting person – Apostle Paul. Paul stressed that he himself had the Apostleship of Christ out of the will of God because his proclaimed message is not his but Christ's and God's Word itself.

(2) The greeted persons - The Ephesian saints and the faithful one in Christ. An authoritative copy does not mention "in Ephesus" because it was a circuit epistle that the churches can read it, was not limited to the Ephesian church. Anyway, the object of reader that could read the Ephesians was limited only the saints in Christ.

(3) Greeting contents – His benedicts grace and peace. It is important to come out of where. It is blessing comes out of trinity God. Here grace is the favor that God bestows to the Christian without conditions. It is not the benefits of materials and physical help but the spiritual grace. This is the blessing to come out of only Trinity God. And peace means the safety and harmony that the one who received grace enjoys. To get peace first the grace should pour on us out of God. This is the settled order of God. Do you want to have peace in your life? First he should the grace of God.

2. Praising (3-14)

(1) The great theme of praising- "The blessing that the church received in Christ" (3) Why did he praise? Because he praised for the spiritual blessing. General blessing is the soil of spiritual blessing and its field. (Tertullian). The one who knows redemption feel the grace of redemption greatly.

(2) The contents of spiritual blessing - Paul reveals the blessing in detail. What was the blessing that Paul was impressed in his soul? In a short word, it was the love of God that he was devoted himself to. As soon as the Apostle that understood the abundant love in entering into the level of third heaven had greeted in the suffering environment according to the stream of his impression, he praised God because of the blessing. He was inspired of wonderful grace, as to expression of one sentence in verses 1-13.

A. The salvation the Father-God planed (4-6) - He saw that the mysterious economy of redemption that the Father-God has in the beginning in grace and truth He praised God for his abundant redemption that all things are harmonized in the center of the redemptive economy. (Rom 8:37-39, 11:33-36 I Tim 3:16) Among them two unique things were revealed.

1) He chose them. God decreed and chose not to save every sinner out of his miserable sins, but some people. The purpose that Jesus came into the world was not too save all people but some people. The sheep of the Lord was limited. To the Jewish who did not accepted the testimony of Jesus, He declared that they did not come to Jesus because the father did not chose them and they are not the sheep of the Lord. And although somebody did not come to him finally the other sheep that are not included in this fence shall come to him. So as Paul proclaimed the gospel passionately, he confessed that only the one who God predestinated to give the eternal life repeated their sins and believed the gospel.

2) He predestinated. The predestination and preknowledge is front the election. Because of the salvation of predestination and preknowledge the Christian in Christ always thanks to God.

Because God put me, a sinner into Christ without any causes unconditionally. Although some denomination were divided for which one first, either predestination or, the preknowledge, as we understand the perspective of God first, we can solve that issue. Anyway, it is obvious that the redemption was begun with preknowledge and predestination or predestination and preknowledge.

B. Accomplishment of Son-God (7-12) - The second person of Trinity was accomplished the redemptive plan of the father- God in his heart. Many events and many prophesies in the Old Testament to Christ was accomplished in his birth, his public ministry, his death and his resurrection.

His last shout, "It has finished" means that everything has been fulfilled. According to the words of the epistle of Hebrews As he offered himself to God once of all, he offered an eternal offering to God. (Heb 10:12-13). The Apostle introduced three unique tracts in the secret of redemption that the Son-God accomplished.

1) Redeemed - The redemption of son-God means that he repaid the wage of sin of his own people and purchased as his possession. The value was the precious blood of son- God. Every sin was forgiven by the merit of his death and was moved into the possession of Christ out of the possession of Satan, the blessing of second Adam out of the first Adam curse. The transformation of possession and status is just redemption. (Jn 5:24)

2) United (8-10) - This redemption includes the redemption of all things with the salvation of his many children. God made all things united in Christ. Unless every union and every harmony depends on this one they shall become the power of Babel because God planned that all things shall be united in only Christ. And also the personal spiritual world follows this line. As many events and many thought are focused on Christ, finally the confusion was arranged and the order was established and the peace shall come to us. Before accepting Christ we cannot taste true peace out of true unification.

3) Inheritance (11) - The one who is redeemed in the redeemer is the inheritance of God and God is their inheritance. The level of third heaven (heaven) that the Apostle saw was our inheritance, more important thing is the fact that God Himself is our inheritance. The prophecy was accomplished here. (Hos 14:3, 8). The man who has God as his inheritance possesses the milk and honey of Canaan and the fullness of God. In other words it is possible to interpret it as the heritage of God. It is the wonderful expression to make us as his inheritance to reveal the expectation of God to us. So Paul said that the Christian is the field of God, the coworker of God and the temple of God. (I Corinthians 3:9)

C. Application of Spirit-God (13-14) He was impressed for he saw that the Father-God planned the redemption, the son- God accomplished the redemption and the Spirit- God applied it to his own people as the third Spirit. How he apply the redemption to them? The Apostle observed two things.

1) Sealed. The Holy Spirit comes into the believer as a security. As the Holy Spirit came into us, they were born again and received the baptism of Holy Spirit and shall not leave him eternally and accomplish the redemption. Holy Spirit shall begin the good work and accomplish the redemption until the time in order to make the bride of Christ who has the image of God. Therefore Paul exhorted that we should not consume the fire of Holy Spirit and not makes him cast the anxiety. The Christian has the down payment (security) in him that he can go to the heaven by the

work of Holy Spirit who makes to repent and to transform into the new man, although much temptation attacks to us.

2) Illuminated. Whenever Holy Spirit - God works in us by leading to the truth he always illumine to the revelation. Holy Spirit works with several methods to understand the truth in every thought and every event. He makes us known by opening the Scriptures, making known the reality about how to treat the actual issue and how to escape out of the issue. It is the work of illumination that Holy Spirit opens the eyes. So because the Christian needs it daily life the Holy Spirit works continuously. Of course the father- God and son-God works together. For the salvation of a Christian is accomplished by the work of trinity God, Paul could not help himself to praise God. Oh, Father-God, Son- God and Holy Spirit- God praise the Lord.

3. Petition (15-23)

Paul who knew the reason of praising requested the concrete petition to God. The petition focused on make the church known the redemption and appreciated it and praised to God.

(1) Thanksgiving (15-16) - Paul again appreciates. The reason that he remembers and thinks the Ephesian church is to be settled into the category of the wonderful redemption. The church cannot but herself thank at al circumstance because the church works in Christ that transcendent time and space.

(2) Petition (17-19) - He requested three petitions with praising. Also these requests aim on understanding the treasures that was permitted in believer

The first petition - Make them known God. The Apostle requests that they should know God by the Spirit of revelation because he knew that the ultimate purpose of our faith is to know God as the center of redemption. The eternal life means to know God. (Jn17:3) The Christian life is to know God. So his life has amazing time because the purpose of sanctification is to know God deeply for fellowship.

Second petition - Make us known the hope of calling. It is so important to know the hope of calling after knowing God personally. Personal redemption includes the mission. Because it is the calling for purpose, it has living hope. So Holy Spirit rebukes to the hope of calling and corrects and encourages for the whole life, just like Moses, Isaiah and Peter did so. (Is 6: Lk 5: Ex 3:)

Third petition - Make them known the glorious inheritance. The Apostle wanted to make them known the primitive grace with abundant inheritance. If we do not know what we already receive, we can not know the value of future inheritance. Because the present saints can become the future saints. God made them become a church member and moreover promised to enjoy the abundant inheritance. Just like as the second son returned to the father, he received more grace out of his father, although

he wanted to serve as a servant to father, as we believed in Jesus he provided abundant inheritance to us. If the one who ignores this one lives as a spiritual bagger but the one who knows it shall live as abundant person.

Fourth petition. - Make them known the highest power. The Apostle knew the world, the present place that several issue shall be happened well. Paul who understood that we can overcome all things claims that the believer has the power of God in them. Because if anybody do not know this one he shall be fallen down into the unbelieving, he prayed to God. He claims that the power of God that works in his heart comes out of the power of resurrection out of his tomb. If it is true, the Christian has the power of reformation that can change into something out of nothing and the power of transformation that can change into the light out of the darkness. Also this prayer makes us known that God's love is so concrete love.

Conclusion:

Do you, a member of church have Paul's praising in your soul? Why do you thank God? Above of all can I thank and praise God because of the spiritual blessing? Today many people do not praise this one. They praise God but they did not know true reason. Only the one who know the eternal blessing in Christ can praise such things. It is not a weak praising not in moving only their lips but the impressed praise out of the deep soul toward the high place. We should restore the heavenly melody that

we lost in our live just like the pearyer and prasing of 24 elders in revelation.

Assignment

Lecture 3

The Secret of Church

Ephesian 2:1-22

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."(Eph 2:10)

Lecture 3 **The Secret of Church**

Concepts

1. Total picture- The secret that the church meditates eternally is the redemption of God.
2. Black person at the left side- the past status that has no God in living according to the flesh desire in pursuing on the worldly custom according to the one who rules on the air power.
3. Two men at right side – the Jews and the gentiles who are saved out of their sin.
4. The crowns that two person put on – their heavenly status that the saved one has.
5. the music sign that two persons hold each other- the strengthen barrier between the Jew and the gentile was broken and became a new person.
6. The cross that set among the valley - the redemption of church was depended on the death and resurrection of son- God Jesus

Figure

Lecture 3

The Secret of Church

1. Text: Eph 2:1-22

2. Main verse: Eph 2:10

3. Survey:

The heavenly secret that the church should remember is the redemption of God. This one did not reveal anybody but revealed only the redeemed church. The Apostle Paul who knows this secret, praised God for his great love and explained the transformation of the status that the redeemed has in detail in order to inform the fact to the churches. He described the redemption that the church has deep criteria in chapter one, and in chapter two treated the core of redemption. Here he said what Ephesians 1:7 said about the contents of redemption in order. The core of redemption is to make the one who was died for defilment and sin, resurrected. (2:1) In other words the one who was died at the past day for the sin was risen by the merit of Christ's death. We can learn how the status of church was changed at before and after the calling of God in chapter two.

4. Exposition:

1. The status of the past life (1-3, 11-12)

(1) The Apostle claimed that the status of a sinner before personal salvation was bound by 6 folds chains.

1) The life to pursue on the one who rules over the air - The one who rules over the air means "Satan" and "Devil". And the term, "air" points the category of the activities of all things, that is this cosmos which is invisible and visible. A certain said that the one who rules over the air points the "the morning star" in Isaiah 14:12, but in context it is natural to interpret that one as Babylon. But the principle of Babylon action suggests Satan. Rather, we understand that we see that the angel was cursed because he did not keep his original position (Jude 1:6) under the permission of God temporarily. So the Apostle John exhorted that you should not love the world and all things in it.(I Jn 2:15-16). For this Satan was the author who tempted Adam and Eve in garden of Eden controls much evil spirits (devils), the church always should fight against them. Actually we lived in the past like such activities, that we became his servants to rebel to God always because we were afraid of death, his main tool.

2) The man who was died by fault and sin – The "fault and sin" that is the main tool of Satan put us into the death. Here, death means is not the end of being, but the state that was not connected with fellowship with Good, that is, the separation of God is the death., It is called for spiritual death. The spiritual death is related to physical death and eternal death.

3) The man who follow the custom of world- this verse proves that death is not the complete destruction of existence. The state of spiritual death is the faithful state to the natural life not to follow the God and his righteousness. They had the status that serves it as a servant because of

his fear of death. The standard, purpose and joy of all things comes out of the world. They were fallen down into the spiritual ignorance that live not to know the present, the past and the future by applying the world-view of secular world.

4) The man of disobedience - Another feature is the man to follow the authority of the world. It means that he left God and settled the other god before him and followed it as God passionately. He followed the same feature of Adam's disobedient life in detail.

5) The man who follows the physical desire - The desire that brought up in the disobedient attitude rejected the spiritual things, and became the man who lives in flesh. Here, "flesh" means, "physical desire", "the old man" etc. which was located in the man, the factory that produces the sin, that is, the computed character of sin". Generally if the man leaveth the desire, the man cannot live. The Christian does not live in the state that was separated of desire and character. Only the object which follows is different. It is the life of a sinner not to follow the holiness but to follow burning sinful desire.

6) by nature children of wrath- He is evaluated as a sinner by God finally, and by nature he lives always in the wrath of God. Because their ungodliness although they know God but does not glorify Him and gives thankfulness to Him they live under the judgment of God's righteousness as the condemned and the cursed. This is the past status and the same state of every Christian.

In summary, He lives to serve the devil, the life that despises the word of God miserably, the life that disconnected to the spiritual communication, Illegal life that despises the spiritual order, the life that admits the worldly custom as his absolute standard, the life that contrasts the will of God with his own will, He is the one who trents to his vcovet passionately , the extreme egoist who should snatch something out of his neighbor against the word of God, the ne who his flesh ruls over the soul, the one who was fallen down into the easy going, the one who can take craft very well to fill his desire with every means, and the tool, vessel and dwelling place of the devil who was used to master in decieveness . Oh you are the man of wrath of God!

(2) The life without God (11-12)

The Apotle reveals the reality of common reality of a sinner and then shew the figure that the reality are surrounded by 5 covers.

1) In the flesh, the gentile and "the uncircumcision - When they are compared with Israel, they are the gentiles without circumcision. The gentiles were not related to the grace of God providentially. Although you were the Jew, the one who had no a mark of circumcision is cut off and the gentile was not related to the covenant.

2) The external person at the outside Christ- Christ who was born into the Jew first of all came into the world to save his own people. (Jn1:11)

3) The person who lived at the external place of Israel - He was not related to Abraham's covenant and Davidic covenant.

4) The external person of covenant- The object of grace covenant essentially was only Israel, it was transferred to the gentile because they refused Christ. The Ephesian church was not related to this covenant.

5) The one who has no hope in the world - In this world they were not related to the grace of God and no hope completely.

The minor church in the center of the Ephesian church had no God in their past life. The products they who had no God, the absolute standard brought replaced the seat of God. In the result their lives became to sit under the shadow of darkness and the object of God's wrath. Although they had seemed to have hope, delight and happiness in them, actually only frustration and lamentation and unhappiness were waiting them. Because they lost God who was a source of the spiritual blessing. (Rom 1:18-32)

2. The status of the present life (8-10, 13-22)

The sinner who had no hope in his past because he was abandoned was transformed into new identified man, The Apostle emphasizes two facts as he defined their identity.

1) They became the new creatures (8-10) "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^bThe old has passed away; behold, the new has come. " (II Cor 5:17 refer) It does not mean the renewal but the complete transformation of identity. It is more complete creation than the creation of Genesis. Although they live in the world, they live by depending on the heaven. (8-10)

What is the purpose? Like verses 7 and 10 say, we who were born in Christ should reveal the abundant goodness of God in the world. Therefore the people should look at the image of God through me.

(2) They became a member of a church. (13-22) Personally the man who was made as a creature is related to Christ deeply. If it is compared to the body, she became the part of Christ, and if we compared her to family, she is the family of God, and also if she was compared to the nation, she became the people of God's kingdom. So the church are the multitude that was pulled out of the world (ekklesia), the possession of Christ (Kerk). Here, the Apostle thought the church as a part of universal church and claimed that every man in Christ becomes oneness. In the early time in the high priestly petition as the Lord prayed " ", the request was realized actually. Although the text reveals to the object of the Ephesian church, the church-view of Paul included the wilderness-church in the Old

Testament, the Jewish church of the New Testament, the gentile church and American church, South Korean church and all the churches in the world that is happened after long time shall be united in Christ by receiving the baptism of Holy Spirit and accomplished that is he considered the universal church that consists of variety and union.

No body cannot destroy the barrier between the Jew and the gentile is so strengthened. However Conellius's family invited Peter and listened to the Word of God, the Pentecostal event was happened in them again, (Acts 10:2-8) and through the evangelism of Paul's company, the strong block between the Jew and the gentile was destroyed and the door of the gospel to the gentile was opened. They proved that God destroyed the block for himself intently. The destruction was the miracle of miracles. this is the church. So Paul expressed the church as a new man, or, a temple. 2:15 says, " " and 2:20 says, " " .

3. The method of redemption (4-9, 13, 16)

Like the beginning of heave and earth, the transformation of status was limited to the the people in Christ is obviouse, the Apotle described the motive of redemption and the criteria of redemption.

(1) Motive of redemption - Because the great love of God" the love of God was the motive of redemption. They hav no any condition to be saved out of miserable sin and became the saved by thebgrace of God. ztherefore the Christian has no some merit to be saved in himself. They was debted

only to God. As God loved them unconditionally they were saved out of their sins. So the believer take the pride the grace of God.

(2) Criteria of redemption- The love was revealed through the cross event , the sing of his death. (Rom 5:5) the concrete deed of salvation is the death of the Lord. Because of his death his resurrection and his ascend have true meanin. His death is the substitution and atonement price that paid our wege. This was accomplished by great union. His death is the one of church. His resurrection is the one of church and his ascend is the one of church. (5-6) so now we can approach to the throne by depending on the merit confidently. Because the merit is so strong we has the securiry of complete salvation eternally. The life of the one who depends on the merit of death lives by the power of heaven on the earth.

Look at verse 11, the term "therefore consider". This verse emphasize that the church should meditate their state of the past deeply, she can search for the right attitude of the present and the vision of future. Christian life does not remember the past status and remember the past status and keep the present grace. This meditation provides the impression to us and makes us lived in humility and sincerety.

Conclusion: Do I know the secret of this church? Everday do I meditate this truth? Did we have detailed transformation in us? Can we say that we became the new creatures? The life of the one who was recreated lives on the erth by depnding on the heaven. Therefore if we are cut off out of

this gracious line we can not help to live ourselves. We should praise God greatly by understanding the secret of redemption. The one who stays in the past thing lives in the frustration and disappointment, but if at the present position, he meditate the past time and know the gracious activities of God have voluntary sacrifice that tries to attach to God. Were our berries destroyed? Like the block between the Jew and the gentile was destroyed, every block should be destroyed in Christ.

Assignment

Lecture 4

The Worker of the Church

Eph 3:1-21

"in whom we have boldness and confident
access through faith in Him." (Eph 3:12)

Lecture 4 **The Worker of the Church**

Concepts

1. The chain to bind the ankle of a kneeling man - Apostle Paul exhorted to Ephesian church in tribulation.
2. A kneeling man – Paul requested second time to God.
3. A great ground at the right side - Paul requested that the inner man of Ephesian church shall be stronger.
4. A figure of two hands which hold the signal. - Paul prays to produce the fruit of faith
5. A figure of shaking hands - Paul prays to produce the fruit of love.
6. Whole picture – The worker of church is the one who is filled with the remnant suffering in his body.

Figure

Lecture 4

The workers of church

I. Text: Eph 3:1-21

II. Main verse: Eph 3:12

III. Survey:

In this part, Paul was proud of the fact to become the worker of church and exhorted that they do not shame his prisoned state. (1) The worker of church is the worker of gospel. The gospel here is expressed "economy of grace" "the secret of Christ" (3). Paul first admits the fact that this secret was revealed by the revelation of Holy spirit and the purpose that was revealed so is glorify God by informing the purpose of revelation, the activities of redemption to the world. And he was suffered to proclaim the gospel for the church and was revealed as a faithful worker of gospel by filling with the remaining suffering of Christ. The church of the minor Asia that was the parts of the church by his proclamation needed the life that knows the secret of church. So Paul requested sincerely for them. This is the second prayer that was revealed in Ephesians. This prayer reveals the life of the revealed that is, the reflection of revealed life.

IV. Exposition:

1. The worker of gospel, Paul (1-13)

Paul in the tribulation (1, 13)- Suffering makes the Christian work and produced the fruit. So the Psalmist praised that "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word." "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes." (Ps 119: 67, 71). The Ecclesiastes that Solomon wrote at his last times of his life applauded the mysterious wisdom of God that led us with the both ways of trouble time and prosperous time. (Ecc 7:14, James 5:13) And James revealed the reason that we should persevere at we met some trouble times (James 1:2-3) for suffering makes training, training endurance and endurance hope. (Rom 5:3-4)

What is the gospel, the secret of church?

(1) Paul who was suffered the tribulation for the gospel of Christ consoled the Ephesian church because of his suffering. "So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. " (13) The reason that he comforted the other was to enjoy the great joy in his soul by knowing the gospel. He could accept his actual suffering for Christ because he understood the present immeasurable grace of God thankfully. (7)

(2) What is the gospel that made Paul become the worker of gospel? Like he revealed it in chapters 1-2, the Apostle said repeatedly. Here, it was revealed "the administration of the mystery (9) or, "the mystery of Christ (4). The administration of mystery means the gracious activity of God who he bestowed without condition that is, the economy of God that trinity

God planned in the beginning by including the gentile. And the mystery of Christ was the fact that was hidden until Christ will be revealed providentially. Therefore the gospel is not revealed the study of the man but understood by the Spirit of God, that is, the work of Holy Spirit. (5)

Why did God make them known the gospel? Because God wanted that his abundant grace shall be informed to the entire world. (8) In the meaning the church is the channel of grace to inform his grace. (5-6) like the Apostle is the organ of revelation, first the saved one should be proclaimed the grace as a tool to the world. (9-10)

2. the second prayer of Paul (14-21)

At the first petition in Ephesian chapter one, the Apostle who seeks the knowledge of revelation requests his spiritual necessary things to keep the grace continuously in the world in chapter 3.

(1) The attitude of prayer -) He kneeled down before the Father who gave the names to all nations and offered his petition faithfully.(14) After the death and resurrection of Christ, He has all authority of heaven and earth and made all names kneeled before God and risen the incense of prayer. (Mt 28:18)

(2) The contents of request - The contents of prayer are the dream of the praying person, the attitude of the life and the expression his own plan that focuses on the great plan of God. In his petition to zephesian

church, the pinkprint of church that knows the gospel that he drew in his heart was to reveal the image of God, that is, the life as the disciples. The prayer was summarized with four petitions.

1) First petition - Make the inner man strengthened.(16) – Here, the inner man points the regenerated soul that is, the one who is ruled over by the Holy Spirit. (1Cor. 3:1) As the inner man was strengthened like a good growing tree, faith, love and hope are harmonized. So the Apostle first seeks the strengthening of inner man. It is the life that the spirit rules over the flesh, the life that the inner man rules over the external man that is the life who is filled with Holy Spirit. (Eph 5:18)

2) Second Petition: Strengthen their faith (17) – “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,” Already Christ abides in them. Why did he request that Christ abides in him? This is to pass over the legal dimension but to point the experimental dimension. It means that Christ is not only the savior but the Lord in every area and they want to live as a servant of Christ. In the early time, the life of covenantal people revealed by Israel in the Old Testament is realized by the essential principle in the gospel, “Jehovah is the Israelite God and Israel is the people of God”. The faith is related to the united relationship which can not separate of Christ. The strengthen faith is the united relationship that is united with

Christ. So the believer is new Israel and a new man and needs the life of new people.

3) Third petition: Make me lived abundantly (17) - "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him," (17) True love is the flower and the fruit that comes out of the root of true faith. (I Cor 13:13) Therefore, hope and love comes out of faith. The intese of Paul that thought that love is the first in three things stressed that the foundation of all grace and all gifts is love. If we have no the fruit of love, it itself is dead and false. The deed of James is the love of Paul ffinally. This one should be enjoyed in te Christian life, the Apostle claimes that the root and the foundation of faith should be strengthened. So he used the metaphor of tree and house. (Col 2:7) What covered the departure of faith and the process of growth is the love of God. It is impossible to cut off the relationship of the love of God in any things. Therefore Paul seek that the relationship of God's love sustain and be abundant and all grace shall be flowen abundantly.

4) Fourth petition: Fill with them with all fullness of God. (19)- "and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might" To fill church with the fullness of God is the ultimate purpose that the church should go towards. (MacArthur) It means that in the first question of the Westminster Confession Shorter Chatechism, "What is the ultimate goal of the man?"

the answer is to glorify God and enjoy God eternally. In other words, it is the life to reveal the image of Christ by restoring God's image. The true contents of saints are the result that comes out of fullness of God's fullness. The Apostle told that we need two things to achieve first. First, to know the width, height and length, and second, to understand this love with all saints together. To strengthen the inner man means to accomplish the united community that was made by the power of love through receiving the love of God out of the root of faith tree. God pleases that as the world admits that the church is the children of God. This complete redemptive figure is to be the Holy Spirit that God poured on the church.

(3) Benediction - The Apostle finished the end of his prayer with the praising of faith (20-21). First, He confessed that God can make their petition and their thought filled with abundant things and can accomplish his purpose. At his first prayer he who was impressed because of seeing the plan of redemption and its application and praise God, glorify God by seeing the glorious church that was filled with all things of God through offering petition and praising. Here we see that the glory of church is same to the glory of Christ, because he saw the complete accomplishment of covenant. Which Christ is the Lord in church and the church is the servant of Christ.

Conclusion:

The church is the workers of gospel.. So I who is one member of the church has the mission that proclaims the gospel. The method proclaiming

the gospel is to reveal the image of God in our lives. What suffering do I suffer for the gospel? So the church should obey the mission until Christ will come again in the world. Until the Lord comes to the world the church should fill his body with remaining suffering. We should possess the strong inner man above of all. We should become the man of strong inner heart. We should be filled with the power of Holy Spirit not to be fallen down by attacking of Satan and not to be accepted the temptation of Satan and not to accept the storm of sin but become the man of the power of Holy Spirit. This power shall be provided to the faithful; leaders. The contemporary church needs such spiritual man. Through such a man, the church gradually grows up. Finally the church that stands up firm on the foundation of faith and love shall become the bride of Christ who reveals the image of Christ, goodness, righteousness, and faithfulness by being filled with fullness of God's things.

Assignment

Lecture 5

The Union of Church

Eph 4:1-32

"until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. "(Eph 4:13)

Lecture 5 **The Union of Church**

Concepts

1. Total figure- Live the worthy work to your calling.
2. The book put in the center of picture- It is the life united with God in his center.
3. The people who stands up on the upper – The presents that God provides to the church
 - (1) The man at the last left person – the apostles who is the foundation of church and the organ of revelation.
 - (2) The man who hold a cane – the prophets
 - (3) The man who holds the scroll - evangelists
 - (4) The man who takes on the suit - pastor and teacher
3. Two kinds of man who stand up in the book – The concrete deed to unite with church is to throw away the old man but to put on the new man.
4. Divided line - the union of church was accomplished by uniting to know Christ and to believe him through Holy spirit.

Figure

Lecture 5

The Union of the Church

1. Text: Eph 4:1-32

2. Main verse: Eph 4:13

3. Survey:

As we reviewed for several lessons, Ephesians chapters 1-3 reveals that the doctrine the church should remember is, in a short word, redemption. Paul tried to strengthen the Ephesian church by explaining the secret of redemption because as the church understands the deep criteria of redemption she can take the wonderful role in the world. From now we study that church should produce the fruit of redemption, work. Actually teaching and life, salvation and practice, knowing and doing are not separated. So the church that was established on the truth of redemption should follow the life of ethics and morals that are proper on the redemption. In other words before we listen to what we do, we should now the reason to live so obviously. Then the ethics and morals of the Christian become the flower and fruit that are rooted on the redemption. This principle is the main consistent stream that was revealed in all epistles of Paul. Moreover this principle was revealed at the Holy Spirit. The unity was accomplished in the lifting of Christ essentially, and by providing his presence to the church it shall be accomplished in the Holy Spirit.

4. Exposition:

In the chapter four, Paul said the importance of universal church. Paul who had taught the redemption in the chapters 1-3 summarized in the saying, "Do the worthy life of calling" at the first part. What is the calling life? He interpreted "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. " (3). Let us think of the life of unity and the basic attitude of unity.

1. the Union of Spirit (1-13)

(1) The fact that Paul treats the union of church importantly comes out of the union is the important position in the accomplishment of redemption. The church that has a life in one Holy Spirit has a calling hope and serves one Lord, one God by receiving one faith and one baptism. This is not the eternal unity but internal unity. (1, 10). The union of the saved church should be the union that consists in the center of God's will in Christ.

(1) God who establishes the church, the body of Christ by giving proper grace. (7-16). The Lord who was lifted up did not stop but accomplish the union of his church by providing grace. For the benefits of church Christ established the Apostles, the prophets, the evangelists. They worked temporarily to establish the canon that the universal church should be stood firm and after the Scripture was completed the function were disappeared but now Christ works his ministry constantly through the teacher and pastor. So Calvin told us that it is so mysterious that God make the pastor informed the word of God through their miserable mouth.

Therefore the church member should cooperate one another to accomplish the union of church.

(3) The union will be accomplished by becoming oneness in believing the son of God and knowing him. (13) This union should be become oneness that should stand up on the foundation of the knowledge of truth and sound teaching. (Eph 2:20) When the church knows the word that is revealed in the will of God and obeyed it, she shall become the complete man that is, the complete temple. Then the church can be revealed the image of God. When the church reveals the image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, it shall be beautiful. Daniel and his three friends were used by God among the gentile world. And his servants greatly came out of the restored life of God's image; honest and faithfulness. They are the example of the church in the Old Testament. The background of revival of the Old Testament church reveals that the people who lived to reveal the image of God served God faithfully like Paul did. This principle is the truth that is not changed in the history. So the church should concentrate on knowing God and believing Him before taking the other activities. This is just the movement of Scripture. When we read the Scripture and meditate it and obey it and proclaim it to the neighbor, true revival shall be happened. The background of all revival has had the fellowship with the Scripture. The revival that left the Scripture is not the revival but only it is the present place that Satan works. The church should not listen to the word of the dead Lazarus but should listen to the Moses and the prophets that is the Scripture. Then she can know God and enjoy the spiritual blessing that he

make their eyes opened and know the reason of devotion for his glory and makes them lived positively.

2. The Method of Union (17-32)

The obstacle elements of church growth is not to have no the variety of theory and the external union but the issue of the self that is, the old man who is working in the church members. So Paul exhorted for the union of church. "to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."(22-24). According to the expression of Lord it points the self- denial. When the church becomes the figure to be denied the self, finally she shall become the divine united community that the Lord wants. (Reference Mt 16 :)

Calvin who understood this fact summarized the life of normal Christian as six things, those are, the humble obeying life, the self-denial, the cross-bearing life in patience, the hope in the future, the right direction of present life in his Institute. The alpha and omega in this life is self- denial like the Apostle revealed.

(1) The feature of the old man

Although the Apostle compared the identity in Ephesian chapter two, here, he arranged three features of old man. The old man points the

corrupted character that rules over the old life before salvation. Although the man was born again by Holy Spirit, the corrupted character still leave in the Christian, just like Israel was left in the Canaanite by God and made them driven out gradually in order to achieve to keep the land and to train them. This old man that was translated flesh, body, and flesh desire and self is the most severe enemy that destroys the union of church community. This enemy is revealed with three types.

First, because of dark intelligence it makes us become the man of ignorance. It makes them fallen down into spiritual ignorance. The reason that it always contrasts to the thing of God's Spirit is not to know God.

Second, The heart that left out of God's life become strengthen like rock because he lives as the person who left out of Christ. As the church was corrupted, because she was changed into the arrogant heart out of the broken heart and the poor heart in spirit he become to the church of a monster image as the den of thief.

Third, finally he was not inspired and has prodigal life and executes the dirty things in covet like beast. His external figure is appeared to be godly but his inside was filled with hypocrisy. So the Lord commanded that first deny self and bear his own cross and pursue the Lord.

Although we was put on new man, if we neglect the life that put on by new man, we reveals the feature of old man. He lost the knowledge of truth to know God in the spiritual ignorance, and he does not know the sin

and commit his precious heart to anything and live in chaos. Paul gave eight directions that the church should do in their lives as followings. (25-32)

- 1) Throw away the false and say the trustful things.
- 2) Do not commit sin in the fury state.
- 3) Do not permit any space that devil can enter into.
- 4) Do not steal and give sacrifice with his hand and share your wealth to the other.
- 5) Do not say the dirty word out of your mouth but say the words that establish the virtue.
- 6) Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.
- 7) Throw away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander with all malice.
- 8) Forgive with love and mercy.

The above contents explained the relationship between the man and the man in the later part of Ten Commandment. So Paul remarked obviously that the love of mercy of God can overcome through the relationship between the man and the man. The church takes responsibility to cure the weak brothers for his failure with the mercy of God.

(2) The feature of the new man

The Apostle did not take contents the negative exhortation that reveals the simple standard but revealed the positive dynamic direction of new man as following verse. "and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. " (23-24)

Here we meet three features of church that should be filled with God's fullness. In other words, we see three character of the new man. The reformers love to explain that three characters are related to three fold position (prophet, king and priest) and the threefold position of church (pastor, elder and deacon). Although it seems to be a extreme explanation, it is a proper interpretation to reveal the real glorious figure of redemptive church.

First, it is the image of righteousness. Righteousness is standard and backbone. As the foundation of God's kingdom is established, the peace shall rule over them. Because the death of Christ was admitted as righteousness by God, the church was saved for the righteousness of the church that believes on the merit of Christ. It is the meeting between the righteousness and the righteousness. The church is meeting of righteousness. it is the throne that righteous God is sat down. This righteousness was expressed by the righteousness and the word is the righteousness itself. So the church reveals the image of righteousness as she believes on the Scripture and obeys it. In the contemporary day a certain evaluates that "Korean church lost the righteousness like the

medieval church did and also finally they shall be dropped down into low ethical standard in confusion." It means that they lost the righteousness, the ethic foundation. Although they stresses the righteousness of salvation but they lost the righteousness of life was lost, then they are inclined to the antinomian.

Therefore because the church lost the power of righteousness she cannot execute the role of king. The elder should supervise the church by righteousness, but he despises the righteousness the church was fallen down into the class society and also was stayed in it.

Second, it is the image of truth. Truth is related to honest, faithfulness and righteousness. Faithfulness is the core of the work of prophet. Truth is only God Himself and his Word. And also only God is righteousness and truth. The ministry of pastor is the extended ministry of prophet to proclaim the truth and to make truth entertained. The church should hate the false and listen to the voice of good conscience. The challenge to the view of the Scripture resulted to reject the sound of truth and to lift up the tower of false. We should become the community that was equipped by assuring that the Scripture is truth.

Third, it is the image of holiness. One more we should assure that the church is a holy community. The life of the priest is holiness. We, who follow the principle that every Christian is a priest should hold holiness as the life and should serve the Lord. After our salvation we should walk to the way of living sacrifice that offered our body to the Lord (Rom 12:1-2),

that means to pursue the image of holiness. The heart of priest should be filled with holy image.

Among three elements point the image of Christ and the image of church. Paul who rose at the third dimension of heaven might see the image of glory of Holy Spirit, that are harmonized by righteousness, truth and holiness, as true image of church. Holy Spirit came into us to accomplish this purpose and is working in us without pausing like pumping of heart since the Pentecost event had been started anytime and anyplace. Finally He shall accomplish the glorious church of God and then she shall be changed the image of the union which was filled with God's fullness in the eternal heaven.

Conclusion:

Because the church that was filled with renewel by taking fellowship with God always lives in the image of God, the righteousness of God reveals in his life.

The divine figure of God, faithfulness shall be producted in the church life. The fact that John Calvin who was one of reformers points that church is the spiritual mother emphasize that as the church left out of church union, she never have the complete growth of faith. Then although because the actual situation reveals the difficult union, it may frustrate true saints, God shall accomplish these things. Although different opinion and various styles are gathered as they stand firm on the foundation of Christ, then the

union of church shall be accomplished in Christ. This theme of this union is the purpose the church should approach. The one who despise this union and left it he become the one who contrasts the kingdom of God and rebels the will of Christ. We for this union we try to kill self in Christ.

Assignment

Lecture 6

The Example of church

Eph 5:1-6:9

"for at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord. Walk
as children of light (for the fruit of light
is found in all that is good and right and
true), " (Eph 5:8-9)

Lesson 6 The Example of the church

Concepts

1. A beam towards the crown- The church is the people to imitate God.
2. The crown-the life of the children of light
 - (1) First diamond - Faithfulness
 - (2) Second diamond- Righteousness
 - (3) Third diamond- Goodness
3. Neighbor-relationship of the church
 - (1) First figure- obedience and love in the relationship of couple aims on the unity of church.
 - (2) Second figure- Obedience and nutrition in the relationship of father and children aims on the growth of church.
 - (3) Third figure- the life of obedience in the relationship between the owner and the servant should imitate Christ.

Concept Figure

Lecture 6

The Example of the Church

I. Text: Eph 5:1-6:9

II. Main verse: Eph5:8-9

III. Survey:

Paul explains how the redemptive church lives in the world. At the above lesson, we thought that what the church seeks first is to unite in the center of the kingdom of God and its righteousness and revealed the standard of ethic that try to kill the old man. Like God is complete, our completeness is the standard of church. (Mt 5:8) So Paul taught that the model of church is just God in the first part of Ephesian chapter five. Like God loves the world so much the church has to incarnate the example of love. And like God is the light of in the world, she should live as the light of world.

And the church that lives in the day of grace should live in the wisdom of heaven, Paul exhorted, with more great confidence and abundant grace before the second coming of Christ. He wanted that the couple relationship of a family, the relationship between the parent and the children and the relationship between the owner and the servant should reveal goodness, faithfulness and righteousness. The lesson of social life does not limit to a certain unit of family but tried to accomplish the universal church (invisible church) completely.

IV. Exposition:

1. Follow the example of God

The Apostolic revelation reveals that the example of church is trinity God Himself. Love, faithfulness and holiness should be love, righteousness and holiness. So in the pastoral epistle, the epistle of Timothy Paul gave the pastoral direction, to a pastor, Timothy, that is to become a example of devotion in his life itself. The person and the church have the lots of problems naturally because it is the day that the wicked comes and schatters wheet in the world. The first job of the church leadership should be a divine example. If the example exits the work shall be followed. What kinds of example should we do?

First, Do in the love. **(1-3)** - First, it reveals that we should follow the example of love. Like God gave his son without condition and Christ loved his enemy until the end, the church should reveal the activities of love. Because the standard of love is so higher, unless know the love and taste it in his experience, he can not live in love positively.

Second, Do like the children of light (4-14) - The term "God is the light" reveals the divine character as a metaphor. Paul remarked what the fruit of light is in detail. They are 1) all goodness 2) righteousness and 3) faithfulness. This is the other expression of God's image in summary. It means the image that the man lost for his sin was restored in Christ. The church reveals the image as the sign of salvation at the every area. So they

should not participate into the dark things, rather they rebuke this works. Then what they was rebuked should become into the light.

Third, do the wise life (15-22). - Biblical wisdom is not the means of our life and its skill. It means the application of knowledge that comes out of the fear of godliness; It is the wisdom of life that comes out of godliness. The wisdom of redemption does not come out of himself but out of God and his teaching.

What shall we do? The Apostle taught two things, (1) the consciousness of time. The command, "save the time" means that he should use time and chance that was permitted to him for goodness. He should escape out of childish thought that has no the concept of time and should live in meaningfulness with the consciousness of extentionalistic consciousness although the church is happened something in any place she should admit that God is her Lord and devote herself to establish the will of God. And also the church accepts that she wants to live the man who God uses as the most purpose because all things shall be accomplished the goodness in accord with together. (2) It is to seek the will of God. The will that was accomplished at the heaven hall be fulfilled at the earth surely. We should assure that every thing that challenge and contrasts God's will shall be destroyed and should have anxiety to search for the will of God in all things and concentrate on it. The will of God is widely the word of God, narrowly is the detailed element that the word of God points. Identifying that the commands, "always rejoice, give thanks in any circumstances and

pray without pausing" is the will of God is the example of church. When Habbakkuk laments before God with some questions that comes out of his reason, God reveals his will, and made him understood the high will of God and enjoyed God Himself although he should admit that only God is power. The will of God is to accomplish the plan of redemption completely. Because God wanted to establish the will of God in the believer, the channel of redemption God made them understood the will of God sufficiently in the present prosperity and suffering. But God wants that the church know the will of God and response it in every thing.

Fourth, receive the fullness of Holy Spirit. (18) - The Apostle did not want to reveal the example of church to restore the image of God as a standard and to teach how to accomplish it. It is the life to fill with Holy Spirit. So he commanded "fill you with Holy Spirit" the will of wills of God. Without the fullness of Holy Spirit, everything is impossible.

The Fulness of Holy Spirit points the life that the Spirit rules over. It means that we participate into the applied work of Holy Spirit and follow his lead faithfully. More important thing is not concentrate on the sign to reveal his guide but to follow faithfully to his guidance that leads to the truth. The thing that the church receives the fullness of Holy Spirit was revealed by the experience of the Apostles in the early church time on the Pentecost time. As the Holy Spirit came on them the life of disciple drew the separated line in the life of disciples essentially and shew the different fruit in their life. Such experience should be happened repeatedly progressively because only Holy Spirit knows the redemption well in Christ.

How do we receive? We need two conditions; 1) Repentance and 2) Faith. As the church repents sin and accepts the redemption of Christ, the Spirit comes on them. The church that already received the baptism of Holy Spirit should seek the baptism of power to ministry and sanctification because our primary job is the fullness of Holy Spirit than discussing the issue of the character of once of all and continuity. The dynamic theory of puritans about the power of Holy Spirit seems to be more persuasive.

When the fullness is revealed what event shall be happened? The influence shall be spread to the family, occupation and society. The fact that the grace of church go to the grace towards world is God's plan and the way Holy Spirit leads. The Apostle commands 1) sing a spiritual song out of the heart because true praising comes out of the fullness of Holy Spirit. 2) He should give thanksgiving at all circumstance. 3) They should love one another and should obey. This revival can burn the city of devil and make the entire world become the kingdom of God.

2. Neighbor- relationship of the Church (5:22-6:8)

The fullness of Holy Spirit should be revealed by ethic and moral of human relationship. It means that in the relationship of couple, Father and children and owner and servant the will of God should be established.

(1) Couple relationship (5:22-33) - The Apostle thought and commanded that in the relationship between the husband and the wife, establishing God's will shall be revealed by the fullness of Holy Spirit. When

we are filled with Holy Spirit, personal spiritual transformation shall be happened and the family shall be transformed by the power because the personal transformation shall influence to the family transformation.

(2) Above of all the unit of family is the core to make redemption in the plan of God for redemption before creation. So God himself made the family system according to the principle of creation and commanded that the wife should obey her husband and the husband should love his wife in order to reveal to the example of the kingdom of gospel and also to go towards heaven centric life in the world. So the Apostle treats that the transformation in the gospel should be revealed in the transformation of family. He said that the complete one in the family life should be the qualified condition of the worker of church. And he points that the sin to destroy the family is the sin of spiritual adultery that challenges God severely. And treating pagan marriage as the sin of death and the sin that should be cut off out of Israel points the importance of family. Therefore modern unbiblical feminists claimed their purpose with several reasons; to shake the basic order of family is not the will of Holy Spirit.

The Apostle stressed here love and obedience. It means that he demanded the love like Christ loved the church and obedience like Church obeyed Christ, because this are accomplished the covenant in Christ for the new covenant people. In other words, it means that the great principle that God is your God and you are my people should be learned at the family meaning the church is the enlarged state of family and the family is the reduced state of heaven. And the wife should be trained obedience by

obeying her husband, and husband should be trained love by loving his wife to establish the glorious church in the world.

(2) Relationship of parents and children (6:1-4) the work that his will is established in the relationship of family shall be developed into the relationship of parent and children. The children should obey his parent in the Lord and honor and the parent should nurture their children with Lord's teaching and rebukes. This one is the figure of the church. The church devotes her to apply the word of God to accomplish the unity of God's will. At the meaning the church should be the school of Christ and the house of the word.

(3) Relationship of the owner and servant (5-9) The effective power that was applied to the family should be expressed in the society that was related to the people. The culture and cultivation is the product of society. The church should not be compromised with the world, or, should transform the culture and establish the kingdom of God there. The moral and ethic of a society should be an important ministry that church should take the responsibility. It means that we should accomplish the society to the word of God by the fullness of Holy Spirit. The servant should obey the owner with fear and honor like the church did to Christ and the owner should prohibit to control his servant with violence and threatening. It means to reveal the relationship between God and church. The confidence of puritans who arrived on the continent was "they came to errand to the wilderness to build the kingdom of God." was depended on the Word of

God in order to establish the kingdom with the ethic and moral of God. Finally they could establish the most beautiful kingdom that personality right is respected in the world. Just like this kingdom, the fullness of Holy Spirit is the actual experience that attains to the ultimate goal of church.

Conclusion:

The example of church is God Himself. As we imitate his character, the church can do his original role. Above of all the church should the character of God and hold the character of righteousness that can not compromise. So the church should have the character of faithfulness because this character is depended on the truth. We find through many examples in the Scripture this fruit of the light. What this light is applied in the life is the will of God. The parts that are attached to the church come as the light of God, although it is so dark the world shall be changed into the light.

As we know, our present time that we always contact to many issues through the internet and the television is so dark. Then if we live as divine light the darkness shall be disappeared immediately. This time that the people seek true example of church, we should seek the fullness of Holy Spirit to become the example of godliness, The one who bestowed his son unconditionally shall provide surely the power to us.

Assignment

Lecture 7

Fighting of the Church

Eph 6:10-24

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. "(Eph 6:10-11)

Lesson 7 **The Fighting of Church**

Concept

1. The dark environment- The enemy that the church should fight is the evil spirit.
2. The armor that a soldier put on - The full armor that God prepared for the saints
 - (1) Helmet – the assurance of salvation
 - (2) Shield – the faith that depends on only God in all things.
 - (3) Breastplate – the righteousness of God
 - (4) Belt – the heart to love the truth
 - (5) Sandal – the life that proclaims the gospel of peace
 - (6) Sword – the word of God
 - (7) The attitude to look at ahead- The life of prayer without pausing

Figure

Lecture 7

The Fighting of church

I. Text: Eph 6:10-24

II. Main Verse: Eph 6:10-11

III. Survey:

Because the saints live in the spiritual warfare until he left out of the world, the Apostle draws the figure of glorious church and consoled the Ephesian church and exhorted that they should live the relevant life of redemption and should fight against the spiritual enemy with Apostolic command. By the spiritual warfare executed until the end of world, the church is strengthened more, like the most sparkling part of a diamond; the church reveals the light of children of the creator, the provider and the redeemer God. Just like Israel who entered into Canaan and enjoy the abundance of honey and milk should fight against the remnant tribes in order to imitate the image of God. In Ephesians we have observed the themes of "praising of church, the secret of church, the worker of church, the union of the church and the example of the church learn in the last part, what the purpose of spiritual warfare, the object of the warfare, the method of spiritual warfare is.

IV. Exposition:

The Apostle who had experienced the spiritual warfare from his conversion at Damascus to his life in Roman prison continuously reveals that the church always should live as a warrior. The church that looked at the glory of redemption and praised should have tension that run to catch up what it is ahead. This is the biblical reality of the prosperity of all things. The man in Christ should stand up, the one who stand up should take sacrifice to occupy the earth. Just like Caleb occupied the mountain of Hebron which was impregnable pioneered by him at 86 years old, the same courage, passion and tension are demanded to us. This is the reason that the Lord remained the state mixed the grain and the weeds together.

1. The purpose of Spiritual war **(13)**

Why did God permit the spiritual warfare to the redemptive church? The Apostle explains three purpose for spiritual warfare here.

First, verses 10, 13 and 14 mentioned "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might....Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,". It means that the church should fight spiritually in order to become the mature believer in the Lord and the one who is filled with all thing of God. The redemptive church that remains in Christ and was filled with Christ's Spirit by being transformed to the new man out of the old man should walk in the narrow

way in the world until Christ will come again. So the church has the lots of larmemt things until the day of complete redemption. And all things also longs that the children of God shall be revealed and larments. And the craft of devil, the temptation of world and the corruption of flesh attack the church as various means to make them cut off the relationship with Christ. And also he has passtionate desire that makes us not remained in Christ by making the gospel confused.

And he cast the doubt into their thought to cut off the fellowship with God temporarily. However the church makes the foundation of Christ's victory, the eternal rest in Christ, by following the command of the Lord and by using higher means than Satan's one. So It is wonderous that the church does not concentrate on the visible work but attain to the muture seat. The church become holier, stronger, and deeper through taking the fellowship with Christ by this warfare. If the church has no warfare she shall be fallen into spiritual depression and be approached to the serious corruption.

The second purpose is not slipped down in the Lord. Especially Paul exhorts that they should take the warfare life not to be dropped down into corruption. The history proves it. The long Israelite history of the Old Testament reveals that although they took the special privillage, because of their spiritual idleness and their rebellious activities, they were fallen down into idolatary and covet miserably, and as the medival church was fallen down into the external tendency and despised their warfare to the internal corruption, finally they made the dark generation. The contemporary day is more dark generation. Moreover under the name of

godliness, the time became the day that the moral was disappeared because the church takes rest the spiritual warfare. Therefore the church should not take rest the spiritual warfare by sacrificing to deny the self. This is the way to keep holy character.

Lastly we should try to fight for the purpose to accomplish the mission of the church. The church of the Lord that remarked at the above should be devoted to the great commission of Lord to the family, the society and the neighbor. The great commission of Lord is not the local affair but to reveal the glory of church to all tribes until the second coming of Christ. Christ in Matthew 28:19-20 is the chief of command has the all authority of the heaven and the earth. The mission is to call for the chosen people and to make his disciples. It means that they reveal the image of Christ in the world through evangelism, worship and education. For this purpose the Lord secured as Imanuel that is to be with God always. In other words, this important mission is to reveal the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness at every area those are, all nations, all families, all people, all culture and all region. Therefore the church should devote her to this purpose to contrast to the Amargodon warfare.

2. The objects of Spiritual War **(11,12)**

The purpose of spiritual warfare regulates its objects. As we know why we fight naturally we can know the objects of warfare. To whom does the church fight in the world?

(1) Evil spirit- The rulers, the authorities, the cosmic powers over this present darkness and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places belongs to the devil, Satan, the one who rules over the air. This evil spirit attacks by uniting to the politics and culture of the world and makes their heels harmed. The Apostle called for the evil spirit to be the schemes of the devil. (11) And II Corinthians 10:4-5 mentions that It is the all theory and thought that was lifted up against to know God. Satan who made Adam and Eve slipped down tempted Second Adam, Jesus but he was been failed by the wisdom of God. So he attacks to the church who is his bride, the church with several methods. Especially by making them accepted he made church enjoyed the eternal life, to know God temporally.

(2) World- This evil spirit wanders around the world, his activity field and tempts. Sometimes he try to devour us like a lion, sometimes to tempt charmingly like an angel of glory and try to cut off the fellowship with God. The world is not the visible things but invisible things, the desire of flesh, the desire of sight and pride of this world. Because the church has the important responsibility to change the world, she was tempted out of the world. Therefore the church in Christ should caution the craft of Satan because she lives in the world.

(3) Self- Satan and world is the object of spiritual warfare in church, but more serious and trouble object is the flesh (Sarks) that was located in us. The self that are expressed by flesh, covet, physical desire etc. are

connected to the world, is used to do the role of slave. It made Peter followed the temptation of Satan momentarily to reject the way of cross, although he confessed a great faith, And also it made Argan pursued the covet in the dilligernt environment by casting the desire to possess several gold and garment made by Sinal. So Luther the reason of the man is like a prostitute. As the man used to fight against the changeable flesh, he can follow the Lord very well. The object of the long fighting in a believer is the warfare to the flesh in him.

3. The Method of Spiritual War

After the Apostle makes sure of the obvious object of warfare, the Apostle offered the detail method of his warfare. How can we fight? By what can we overcome it? Here are the negative element and the positive element.

(1) In the negative method, we first should recongnize that it is the spiritual warfare not the warfare of the flesh and blood. The method of blood means to do by him. It means that the Self- centeric method that the world uses masterly can not overcome it. So the man has no the key to overcome that warfare. For example the desire of Peter who wanted to follow Jesus till the spot of his death was changed into the person who denied Jesus by attacking of Satan momentarily. And also the method that he tried to kill Margo with his sword belonged to the methodology of flesh. Such method was failed. Allthough the miraculous water comes out of the

rock, they could not enter into Canaan. The kingdom that was accomplished by the methodology of flesh It does not become the kingdom of Christ. The Lord want that the purpose and the method by God Himself.

(2) In positive method the Apostle reveals the method that takes on the full armor of God and put on it. This is the method of God. Our duty is to put on what God prepared. The Apostle offered the full armor that is consisted of seven weapons.

1) The belt of truth- thrustful character (the hypocrisy)

2) The breastplate of righteousness - justification

3) The sandal that proclaims the gospel of peace - the attitude to proclaim the gospel passionately.

4) the shield of faith- destroying the arrow of fire out of the evil one - trustfulness

5) The helmet of salvation – the security of complete salvation (Jn 20:28-29)

6) The sword of Holy Spirit – the word of God

7) Prayer – the petition in the Holy Spirit, the prayer without pausing.

If we summarize two things, it means we can overcome by the word and prayer, because truth, righteousness, evangelism, faith and the word comes out of the gospel. In other words, as the believer is faithful to the Scripture, it itself is the weapon and the complete equipping. The prayer

that we requests in the Holy Spiri provides the strange power to make every thing been actual. The Apostle can overcome all deceiving craft that comes out of the corrupted character of world, Satan, flesh. When he ad weak health, he requested to remove his thone three times to God, God answered "my grace is suffuciant to you." And "as you are weak, you become strong." the chronicle thone that he made him taken on the full armor of God and imitated the image of God as the man of God that the world cannot overcome him, So he could feed the minor Asia included Ephesian church and Rome and all the world. As the church take on the full armour of God the church transform the grolious church through the spiritual warfare.

4. Benediction (23-24) - Paul finished the Ephesians by benediting "Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible." It is the economy of God that the church that receive spiritual blessing began with praising God and finished the fighting in order to reveal the image of God. Therefore the church Paul took impression because he looked at the image of redemptive church that shall be filled with all things of God as the crown that the church shall receive for the victory of the spiritual warfare and exhorted them not to lose this reward and finished with benediction of the Apostle.

Conclusion:

As the Apostle treated seven themes those are, the survey of the Ephesians, the praising of church, the secret of the church, the worker of

the church, the unity of church, the example of the church and the warfare of the church, we saw the glory of church in Christ. Now this glory is revealed when the church tried to believe in Christ and to know him and fight with his flesh there, and can reveal his glory on the earth. The vision of God to the church shall be accomplished at the due time of God surely by the passion of God. We who were called for this work should reveal the glory of God by serving faithfully his calling and was used by Him to accomplish his purpose in the world.

[The end of Ephesian World lecture] Soli Dei Glorii.