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[Letter of the Editor]

Greetings in Christ.

Here, I would like to share the soteological truth of Reformed Faith, which is attracted out of Reformed Doctrines. May the grace and comfort of the Lord be with our readers. In Christ. From Dr. White Young Jeon, the editor.

Calling and Regeneration

1. Calling

The Calling, generally, is defined as the gracious activity of God to invite us that may make us accepted the salvation in Christ Jesus.

(1) The external calling

The Scriptures testimonies it through several passages. (Mt 28:19, 22:14 Lk 14:16-24 Act 13:46 II Thess 1:8 IJn 5:10) It is to offer the salvation in Christ to the outside persons with the most sincere exhortation to accept Christ and to get the remission and the eternal life. According to this definition, the external calling consists of three elements, those are, 1) the revelation to the fact and the concept of the gospel. 2) the invitation to the repentance and the faith toward Jesus Christ 3) the promise of forgiveness and salvation. The promise always is conditional and it expects to accomplish true repentance and true faith.

So the external calling is universal as the gift that is provided to the one who accepts the gospel. It is not limited by human age, nation and class, and gives to all the elected persons or, all reprobated persons.(Is 45:22, 55:1 Ez3:19 Jn 2:32 Mt 22:2-8, 14 Rev 22:17) This calling to come out of God has the important meaning. He calls for the sinner to the good faith and exhorts them to accept the invitation in passion and also promises to give the eternal life to the one to have repentance and faith(Num 23:19, Ps 81:13-16 Prov 2:14 Is 1:18-20 Gal 18:23,32, 33:11 Num 23:37, II Tim 2:13)

Mt 16:15, 16 and he said to them, "Go into the entire world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. **16**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mt 22:14 for many are called, but few are chosen."

At 13:46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

In the external calling God reveals his claim to the sinners. If the man does not accept the calling, he adds his punishment for he rejected God... As God calls for the elected out of all nations in the world, he uses this method. (Rom 10:14-17) Although they are fallen down into curse, it is the blessing for the sinner. (Is 1:18-20, Ez 3:18, 19 Am 8:11 Mt 11:20-24 23:37).

Finally this reveals the righteousness of God in condemning the sinner. If they despise the grace of salvation the Scriptures remarks that their punishment is so important obviously. (Jn 5:39, 40 Rom 3:5, 6, 19)

Prov 1:24-26 If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,

I Pet 3:19,20 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

(2) The innate calling

Although we divide the calling of God are divided as two parts, actually it is oneness. The innate calling makes the external calling become effective. It comes on the sinner through the word of God applied by the work of Holy Spirit. (At 13:48 I Cor 1:23, 24)

Moreover this cannot be changed into the regret calling or cannot be cancelled absolutely. (Rom 11:29) The called shall be saved absolutely. Because that the Holy Spirit makes the calling been effective and works through proclaiming the Word, the man listen to the voice of God. And because the calling proclaims the understanding given by the Holy Spirit, the man can know it. And also the calling approaches to the obvious purpose always.

It is the calling for fellowship with Jesus Christ, (I Thess 4:7) the calling to one hope (Eph 4:4) the calling to the eternal life (I Tim 6:12) And the calling to kingdom of God and the glory (I Thess 2:12).

Ez 18:23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

Ez 18:32 for I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Mt 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! II. Regeneration

The calling of God and regeneration has the closed relationship each other. There are several views of regeneration.

1) The character of regeneration

The term, "regeneration" always is not used by the same meaning. The confession of our faith uses it included the conversion as the broad meaning. Presently it has more limited meaning.

In the most limited meaning, the regeneration points that the principle of new life was planted in human being and makes the tendency of holiness to control the soul. In the general meaning the regeneration is the new birth or, the primary new life by adding the above words. Regeneration points to the essential transformation of the principle of the life and the tendency controlled the soul. Therefore it influences on the whole man. (I Cor 2:14,

II Cor 4:6 Phil 2:13 I Pet 1:8) Regeneration is happened in a moment but is not happened like sanctification gradually. Through the regeneration we approach to the life out of the death. (I Jn 3:14)

This does not come out of the man but God, so the man cannot know the secret work of God because he can know only the result.

2) The author of regeneration

God is the author of regeneration. The Scriptures say is the work of Holy Spirit. (Jn 1:13, Act 16:14 Jn 3:5, 8)

Over against Arminian, our reformers looked to be the unique work of Holy Spirit and claimed that it has no the cooperation of human. Like conversion in the work of regeneration the cooperation of God and man does not exist like conversion.

Moreover in the strictest meaning the passage remarks the regeneration to experience new life. In the broad meaning the regeneration in planting new life is the direct, moment work of Holy Spirit. Because the gospel cannot work for this reason, regeneration is called the creative work.

James 1:18 and I Pet 1:23 proclaims that proclaimed word is the channel of regeneration, but in the broad meaning the passage remarks about the regeneration included new life. In the more broad meaning regeneration is happened through the tool of the word obviously.

(3) The position of the necessity of regeneration in the order of salvation

The Scriptures does not remain some obvious doubts of necessity of regeneration, and remarked with the clearest word. (Jn 3:3 5, 7 I Cor 2:14 Gal 6:15) This comes out of the fact that we were died for our sin and our trespasses basically, we need the regeneration that

we need the spiritual life to enjoy the fellowship of grace with God. Often there is the question about which one comes primarily to us whether calling or, regeneration.

Js 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

I Pet 1:23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

For the answer to this question, we in the case of the adult, cannot say that the external calling cannot go ahead than regeneration or, accord with it, in the narrow meaning. The regeneration, the planting new life goes ahead than innate calling; the internal calling does ahead than the regeneration, new birth in the broad meaning.

We know the order through the process of Lydia's conversion better. (Acts 16:14) "One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. (The external calling) The Lord opened her heart to pay attention (the innate calling) to what was said by Paul. (In the limited meaning regeneration) "

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In Christ

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The Thought Depended On The Revelation

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It is a part that the editor selected out of his book, Biblical Theology. He was a commentator of all books in the Scriptures into Korean.

I. The Thought depended on the revelation

First of all I say that only the philosophical principle of this thesis was deepened on the Defense of the faith, Christian Epistemology written by Dr. C. Van Til, who was Apologetic professor in Westminster Theological Seminary in United States of America. His apologetic stressed that the man cannot know God with his own wisdom but only by the revelation of God he can know God.

Matthew 11:25-27 reveals that Jesus is the mediator obviously. The mediator means the one that receives the authority of advocator before absolute God and invites the people who are impossible to have fellowship with God and to know God and to make them united with God. In the above text we see two absolute facts. First, it says that God is called for "Lord in the heaven and the earth" that means only the absolute God. And second, it says, that it means the absolute fact that the man never knows God by his own wisdom but by receiving the revelation (the Scriptures) with humble heart like the children. Therefore these two facts make us thought of the absolute necessity. Matthew 11:25-27 says that Jesus is the mediator. That is, he received all things out of God father. (27) And he received the absolute authority (all things more than it) out of God and invited (revelation) and make them known God- father and gave the absolute salvation. (27 ff) At the point, first, it is impossible absolutely in knowing God by the self- power and the human autonomous. Therefore the man needs the thought that depends on the revelation absolutely. Second, by the thought that depends on the revelation can be saved.

1) The man needs the thought depended on the revelation absolutely.

The man does not know God with his wisdom. The Scriptures say, "Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe." (1 Cor 1:20-21) Just like this word, the man did not know God with his own wisdom at any age. It means the failure of autonomous. The autonomous is to leave out of God and to make itself sat on the seat of God's authority Because Eve was the vanguard she was deprived. She took the authority of judger as the devil tempted her in the view of the autonomous through measuring the word of the devil and the word of God. It means the thought that in her heart her authority was same to the authority of God. And also she got the wrong attitude that the heart of devil is same to the heart of God. It was the thought of committed sin and the departure point to leave God. Before she listened to the word of devil she thought in blasphemy, "Probably God knows that devil also knows all things." She thought wrongly that she had the authority to judge between two beings. It was the string point that despised the absolute authority of only sovereignty Lordship.

The autonomous is the thought that does not know God as the absolute Lord and in the same time to ignore God. Accordingly this thought in the first step it despises God and left him, the process of such thought does not meet God eternally. This is the history of the rebellion to God and the history to ignoring God. The wrong theologians reckon that the deprived history of Adam and Eve in Genesis chapter 3 as a myth not a real event. But it is the wrong thought to ignore the theism philosophy that claims that God is the absolute creator, sovereignty lord and the savor. As we think it historically, if the theism is right we believe in it is certain that for the sin exist in the world, the fact the mankind rebelled to God is obvious. And also, above of all, because the Scriptures are the Word of God, we believe in it. But as I said on the above, in the perspectives of theism philosophical principle and historical one we are assured that the deprivation of the mankind in Genesis was true.

The mankind that was begun with the deprivation of Eve has moved by the stream of the autonomous thought. In other word, the mankind has thought to know the ultimate reality

like with his own wisdom continuously. The autonomous thinks "The man can know the cosmos truly at the middle point through studying with his intellect and then if God exists, he can know God." However it is the deceived thought because if theism is true, God is the absolute God and the man, from the first step, stays in the absolute sovereignty Lordship, the knowledge to God cannot be established except God. Every right knowledge come out of God And then it reveals God. Therefore if the operation of human knowledge flows to the autonomous things except God, It has no true knowledge, because the activity is revealed by despising the absolute authority of God, it shall be separated of God. Therefore the activity to know the cosmos by the autonomous and to search for God is not the natural attitude. This is the horrible prejudice that rebels to the truth. Because if the theism is alright, for God is the absolute God, the man cannot has the natural attitude that does not depend on God absolutely. If the man has the natural thought to God, if I compared , the eyes to see something with the light of the sun should admit the role of sun because they can see all things with the light of the sun but if the eyes think for themselves can see , although I left out of the light of the sun without rerating to the others, with natural attitude without having any prejudice, The eyes can see the darkness, and cannot discern anything truly. Then the eyes do not take right attitude without prejudice to the truth. Therefore if the Theism is aright God is the absolute

God, all true knowledge is called for true knowledge because he produces true knowledge. Therefore the man does not follow it, if he escaped out of God's absolute sovereignty Lordship but he know that he can make the autonomous to been the successful result, it should be the rebellion of the truth. The thought cannot meet God eternally. Because the man is the creature and God is the creator, he should accept the beginning of his thought, his process and his ending as the method of his thought that depended on God. An also the man was dropped down into dark intellect because he committed the sin and was punished by God. The Scriptures says that the man was died for his guilt and his sin, (Eph 2:1) this word reveals that the man ignores God. Because the man cannot know God autonomously, he cannot believe in the word of revelation and know God. I Cor 1:20 reveals this fact. We know God by believing in the word of God. It is the absolute policy without exception. Therefore as the man does not receive (to believe) the word of the

revelation of God and as he search for God, it is useless, and no effective. It is like that as we see what we cannot see, through trying to see it without using microscope we can get any effective.

However the human history, once upon a time, was walked in the line of autonomous many people were passed away without knowing God. Only the one like the children as Jesus said, that is, the one who believes in the Word of revelation of God truly can know God. We can point that the etymology of Greek and the oriental philosophy follow the autonomous stream obviously. The Greek philosophy has God term and the creation term but they do not mean true creation. They have the meaning of dualism and pantheism. In other words, the Greek philosophers in the early time had the thought that cosmos and god are eternal, but in the view of God, it was the theory that did not know the true absolute God. As we study the Greek philosophy, we focus on Platoon who brought the prosperous time. Then a certain man misunderstand that the philosophy of Plato has the insight to the Christianity. Wrongly Paul More professor claimed that Plato prepared the foundation of Christianity wrongly. We know that the philosophy of Plato belong to anti theism obviously. Plato taught , that the man can understand the eternal world with his intellect, and the soul that has the main character of intellect does not need the help the grace that God saves by God but he can go into the idea world with his autonomous function. This is the extreme autonomous that human soul can handle all by his autonomous power. We can know that the view of the life in Plato is not the truth. Cleombrotus read the theory of the soul and dropped down into the low out of the cliff, and was died. Because he believed that as Plato taught him, if the soul of man leaves out of his body, automatically he can enter into the world of idea. Coleombrotus did not know that the man is not the autonomous being but lives under the sovereignty Lordship of absolute God. As the Scriptures taught , the man has not right to leave his soul out of his body, and after the soul left out of his body and enter into the eternal world belongs to the hand of God completely. His soul cannot do that by himself automatically. Therefore the one who knows the truth, that is, the Christian does not do the foolish activity like Cleombrotus. Coleombrotus did such activity because he believes in the autonomous of Plato. Except the teaching Plato revealed many autonomous thought. For example, the world of time truly is

not the creatures in the true meaning and finally it is united with the eternal world in essence. Therefore Plato did not know God truly; he used the term of "God". He despised the absolute character of God and also attributed the character of God's personality to vague state. Therefore although the man has high intellect, we should convict that he cannot know God autonomously but only the thought depended the revelation.

[CRFI's Voice] What is Reformed Faith? (4)

<p style="text-align: center;">Hopefulness for the Next World</p> <p style="text-align: center;">written by John Calvin, from True Christian Life Chapter V</p>
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I. *There is no crown without a cross.*

1. With whatever kind of trial we may be afflicted, we should always keep our eye on this goal, that we accustom ourselves to the contempt [of the vanities] of the present life in order that we may, mediate on the future life.

For the Lord knows that we are by nature inclined to love this world blindly, and even carnally, and, therefore, he uses and excellent means to call us back, and to arouse us from our sluggishness, that our heart may not be too much attached to such a foolish inclination.

2. There is no one of us who does not strive passionately through the whole course of his life for the heavenly immortality, and who does not try to reach it. For we are really ashamed that we are not better than the dumb animals whose condition would not at all be inferior to ours, if it were not for our hope in eternity after death.

But, if we closely examine the ambitious plans, enterprises, and actions of every individual, we will find that they are all on the level of this earth. Hence our stupidity that our mind, dazzled with the outward splendor of riches, power, and honor, cannot see beyond them. The heart also, filled and distressed with avarice, ambitions, and other evil desires, cannot rise above them.

In one word, the whole soul, wrapped up in carnal delights, seeks its happiness on this earth.

3. To counteract this, the Lord by various and severe lessons of this misery, teaches his children the vanity of the present life. That they may not promise themselves a life of ease

and comfort, he permits them, therefore, to be frequently disturbed and molested by wars or revolutions, by robberies, and other injuries. That they may not hanker with too much avidity after passing and uncertain riches, or depend on what they possess, he reduces them to poverty, or at least limits them to mediocrity, sometimes by fire, sometimes by sterility of the land, sometimes by other means. That they may not become too complacent, or delighted in married life, he makes them distressed by the shortcoming of their partners, or humbles them through willful offspring, or afflicts them with the want, or loss of children. But, if in all these matters he is more merciful to them, he shows them by diseases and dangers how unstable and passing all mortal blessings are, that they may not be puffed up with vain glory.

4. We, therefore, truly reap advantage from the discipline of the cross only, when we learn that this life, taken by itself, is full of unrest, trouble, and misery, and not really happy from any point of view; and that all is so-called blessing are uncertain passing vain, and mixed with endless adversity. In consequence of this we should at once come to the conclusion that nothing in this world can be sought, or expected, but strife, and that we must raise our eyes to heaven to see a crown. But it must be admitted that our heart is never seriously inclined to wish for and mediate on the future life unless it has first thoroughly learned to forsake the vanities of the present world.

II. *We are inclined to overestimate this present life.*

1. There is no golden mean between this two extreme; either this earthly life must become low in our estimation, or it will have our iodinate love. Therefore, if we have any concern about eternity, must put forth our most diligent efforts, to free ourselves from our temporal chains.

Now, since the present life has numerous attractions, and much pleasure, beauty and sweetness to delight us, it is most necessary for our highest interest that we should frequently be called away from it, that we may not be carried away by its glamour.

For what would be the outcome, if we were constantly happy in the enjoyment of the blessings of this life? We cannot even by the incessant round of evils be aroused to give enough thought to its miseries.

2. That human life is nothing but a vapor, or shadow, is not only known to the learned, but even the common people have many a proverb to that effect. They consider this knowledge so useful, that they have many striking phrases and rhymes about life and its

vanity. But there no scarcely anything which we more carelessly; for we go about everything, as if we want to make ourselves immortal.

If we watch a funeral, or walk among the graves, and thus clearly see the image of death before our eyes, we philosophize, I confess, about the vanity of life. And even that does not happen every day, for often we are not moved at all. But when we are, our philosophy is only short-lived, it vanishes as soon as we go away, and does not leave the smallest trace behind. It passes out of existence like the applause for an entertaining program.

3. We not only forget death, but the fact that we are mortals, as if no word concerning this has never reached us, and we continue our foolish dream that we are to live forever. If any man in the meantime reminds us of the proverb that man is only a creature of a day we are willing to acknowledge this truth, but with such lack of attention that the idea of perpetual keeps on lingering in our minds.

4. Who, then, can deny that we need to be warned not only words, but that we should be convinced by every possible evidence that the present life is full of miseries!

For, even if after we have become convinced of this, we hardly know how to stop our perverse and foolish admiration of it, as if life were nothing but one great accumulation of blessings. But, if it is necessary for us to be taught by God, it certainly is also our duty to listen to him when he speaks, and arouses us from our sluggishness, that we may turn our backs upon this world, and try to mediate with all our heart on the life to come.

III. *The blessings of this present life should not be despised*

1. Nevertheless, our constant efforts to lower our estimate of the present world should not lead us to hate life, or to be ungrateful towards God. For this life, though it is full of countless miseries, deserve to be reckoned among the divine blessings which should not be despised. Therefore, if we discover nothing of God's goodness in it, we are already guilty of no small ingratitude toward him. But to believers especially this life should be a witness of God's kindness, since all of it is destined to advance their salvation.

2. For, before he fully reveals to us the inheritance of eternal glory, he intends to show himself as our Father in matters of minor importance; and those are the blessings which he daily showers upon us. Since this life, then, serves to teach us the divine kindness, should we dare to scorn it as if there were no particle of good in it? We must, therefore, have enough sense and appreciation to class it among the bounties of the divine love which should not be cast away.

For, if scriptural evidences were wanting, which are every numerous and clear, even nature itself urges us the light of life, and its many usages, and the means necessary to preserve it.

3. Moreover, we have far more reason to be thankful, if we consider that this life helps to prepare us for the glory of the heavenly kingdom. For the Lord has ordained that those who are to be crowned in heaven, should first fight the good fight on earth, that they may not celebrate their triumph without actually having overcome the difficulties of warfare, and having gained the victory. Another reason is that here on earth we may have a foretaste of the divine kindness, so that our hope and longing may be kindled for the full revelation of it.

4. When we have come this conclusion that our life in this world is a gift to God's mercy, which we ought to remember with gratitude, because we owe it to him, it will then be time for us to consider its misery. For only in this way will we be delivered from an excessive joy of life to which we are by nature inclined, as we have observed before.

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Eternal Life in the presence of the Lord.

Our culture is obsessed with longevity. While it's natural to desire many healthy years on earth, we must remind ourselves that life doesn't end with physical death. The bigger issue is eternal destiny.

There is only one way to assure that we are destined for life in heaven. We must recognize our hopeless, sinful condition. We must turn to Jesus Christ in faith, and receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of everlasting life.

Those who do this get to spend eternity in the presence of the Lord, where there is fullness of joy and pleasures forever (Psalm 16:11).

Those who reject the offer of salvation suffer the terrible fate of agony in hell and complete separation from the living God. After death, there is no mercy or grace that can bridge the

gap between hell and heaven. The matter must be settled while we are alive on earth (Matthew 25:45-46; Hebrews 9:27).

We know from Scripture that eternal life is irrevocably linked to the person of Jesus Christ. As the apostle John wrote, "He who has the Son has the life" (1 John 5:12). Reaching a healthy old age is a laudable goal, but nothing is more meaningful than receiving the Savior and the gift of eternity in His presence.

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

(Mark 8:36-37)

"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

(Psalm 16:11)

[Professor Lecture 1]

The Restoration of God's Image and Its Faith

By Dr. White Young Jeon, CRFI, president

This article expresses the theology and its faith of Dr. White Young Jeon and shall be edited into 10 times.

[The Fifth Part]

6. I Kings

Introduction

The work of Holy Spirit who God outpoured to Solomon revealed the wisdom of discernment, the understanding of common grace and the wisdom of community life revealed through the Proverb and the Ecclesiastes. Although the people argued about the source of his wisdom, Jesus Christ admitted the Wisdom of Solomon and proclaimed that

the wisdom was accomplished in Jesus Himself. Jesus Christ is greater than Solomon. What proves the fact that Solomon received such Holy Spirit in the Old Testament?

First, He offered one thousand burnt offerings at the Altar of Gibbon. One thousand burnt offerings at the high place at Gibbon means the burnt offering executed at several altars. It means that he offered the best offering to living God. It means that he offered true offering in Spirit and in truth with best devotion over the dimension of ceremony concentrating to the glory of the Lord. The Work of Holy Spirit remains in the heart that inclined into the glory of the Lord. The Lord looked at true worship. The Temple, the tabernacle and the altar means the symbolism of worship.

In the New Testament what the Lord cleaned the temple means that true worship is His concern. We have to pursue a worshipper or a bugler, the house of prayer or the den of bugler. The conflict between the Carnal desire and the spiritual desire continues in the world in our lives. After we were saved we have to offer the living sacrifice to God every day. (Rom12:1-3) We have understood the object of worshipping as well as the best offering to God. Solomon was influenced by the teaching of David's godliness. He had learned the honest, faithfulness and righteousness from David.

Second, He reveals the righteousness of God. (11) (16-28) after Solomon offered the burnt offering to God he saw God who asked him about his desire in his dream. Then he wanted that he got the wisdom that discerned between the good and the bad for the kingdom of God.

Third, he get the understanding the common grace (4:29-34) the gift of the Spirit that Solomon received reveals the knowing the common grace of God. He said 3000 proverbs, 1500 songs, knowledge of the animals and the plants. When we return to the Scripture, the special revelation, get the wisdom of common grace by the work of Holy Spirit. We who accepted one greater than Solomon have the source of wisdom.

The essay shall focus on Solomon as a type of Christ, the original source of God's image, those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness according to in the following order- 1) he offered one thousand burnt offerings at the altar of Gibbon. 2) He seeks first the righteousness of God. 3) He understood the common grace by the wisdom of Holy Spirit (4:29-34) and 4) the destruction of David's monarchy for losing God's image.

1. God's image revealed by the living sacrifice (1:1-3:28)

The first godliness of Solomon was the life of the living sacrifice for David's spiritual influence. It was the purpose to restore God's image and also the method to accomplish the

purpose, those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Therefore the monarchy of Solomon followed the same stream of David's monarchy because God worked for accomplishing the covenant of David in the Holy Spirit. Where are their proofs? I Kings 1:1- 11:27 reveals the foundational element of God's images those are; the humility, the spiritual wisdom, the sovereignty Lordship of God and the prosperity God provides us. But in the contrast of the life of the living sacrifice to God, the extreme sacrifice to himself, the sinful desire was revealed in the I Kings history as the history have flown always. However it could not break the stream of the restoration of God's image. Actually the symbolism of Solomon revealed an example for the living sacrifices of the new covenant people. (Rom12:1-2) but After Solomon's dominion the divided kingdoms appeared two elements obviously through the stream of Israel's history.

2. Seek the wisdom of Holy Spirit! (I King1:11-27)

The restoration of God's image begins with the wisdom and the knowledge of Holy Spirit. So I Kings revealed the work of Spirit's wisdom in a person, Solomon and his dynasty. The wisdom related to the Word of God. In I king 1:11-27 we can find first the stream of wisdom,

How could Nathan and Bathsheba overcome the trouble of the rebellion that was finished as failing work? First, they followed the wisdom of Holy Spirit. (13) Nathan who worked as the advisor of David broke the will of the man but followed the will of God. When we seek His kingdom and his righteousness, the way shall be opened because the Holy Spirit works to accomplish the will of God. It is true wisdom to choose this one or that one by following the will of the Lord and to confess that I shall follow not by my will, but by your will. (James 4:15) Second, they claimed the promise of God. The spiritual wisdom is the fruit that shall be sprung out of the wisdom of God. Bathsheba was used by God in following God's promise. The wisdom of the Spirit is to have humble heart and establish the will of God.

3. The reason that we should be humble (I Kings 1:1-10)

Through the rebellion of Adonia we learn the importance of humility as an element of. (5) Why is the humility important in our lives? First, the man essentially was made as the being of humility. The man who come out of the soil and should return to the soil cannot help but to become humble. As David committed himself to the Lord and changed into the state of humility, although he was very strong in himself, the man has no any resource in himself.

Second, the grace of God comes to us as we are humble. His pride is the main tool used by Satan, like as Adam was tempted by the serpent and Nimrod was tempted by the pride that led to build the tower by Satan. Although he was a godly family member because the pride will be sprouted, he should follow the law of humility. Third, because his spiritual eyes are opened he can see something rightly. The men who participated into the rebellion of Adonia were the men of covet. By the only figure of godliness can discern the problems exactly. When we are humble, in the light of Holy Spirit we can know the way of the truth.

4. Let's Work as God's Wisdom (I King 3:16-28)

Solomon who had the wisdom of God established the authority of God and solved the problems of his people. (28) What was the wisdom? First, it was the wisdom to discern the goodness and the evil. As the petition of two persons was solved by using the character of loving, as we know the love of God we have the wisdom to discern between the goodness and the evil. Second, it was revealed as the fear-heart. In verse 28 the fear- heart is the foundation of the wisdom and the knowledge. When the gift will be appeared it is natural that the glory and the fear shall be happened in the heart. So the primitive church appointed the workers who were filled with the Holy Spirit and the knowledge. Third, it is the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. After he offered the thousand burnt offerings to the Lord he had not received the skill of administration and the dominated power but the wisdom of Holy Spirit. It was the wisdom of the Spirit who illuminated the heart by his power of the Spirit. Let's overcome our present situation by the wisdom of Holy Spirit.

5. Solomon's Coronation Ceremony (I King 1:28-37)

what do we learn about the God's wisdom through the connotation of Solomon executed in the confusion? First, we have to believe on God who saved out of every tribulation. In verse 20 the Lord who David devoted himself to save them out of every tribulation. We have to kiss to the Lord's hand that can save us out of every suffering of the past, the present and the future. (II Corin. 1:10). Second, He is God who changed the rebellion of Adonia into the good thing. One who love God shall be accomplished to the goodness by being harmonized everything by God. It is the wisdom that we have the positive attitude in establishing God's will. Third God made them to establish the anointing of Holy Spirit. God Himself worked with his method. The saints are the man who works the ministry of God by the power of Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8).

6. The King that God Established (Me King 1:40-53)

The wisdom of Holy Spirit revealed in establishing the divine king in human monarchy, as the symbolism of true king. So the purpose of I King is not to announce the kingship to the world but to reveal to establish the kingdom of God. The kingdom consists of two kinds. First, the faithful men for God who is the king are revealed. (45) Nathan was the prophet who was used by God as the dynasty of David was established and Bnanah's heart longed for God, and Solomon had the fear-faith to wait for the kingdom of God in silence. They were the faithful workers as David fit to God's will exactly. Second, the rebellion men appeared. (50) Abiadal, Joab, Adonia were classified into the group who rebelled against the will of God according to the corruption of the flesh. The result was weakness and death. (Mt 16:16)

7. The Secret of the prosperity (I King 2:1-12)

The Christians need the way that David directed to Solomon at his departure of the world into the heaven.

First, we have to follow the standard of the Word. As Moses told to Joshua about the way of the prosperity to keep the Word of God must be the way of blessing. (2 Joshua1:8) Always to buy the word of God is the secret of success. Except that way the other ways should be deceitful way. Second, we have to follow them wholeheartedly. When we follow the first commandment with our hearts, our character and our lives, we can go the successful place. (4) Here also God commanded our living sacrifice for God. (Rom12:1-2) Third, we have to follow the way with the voluntary heart. Barsile who entertained the stranger received God's grace but Joab and Simeoy was punished by God because of having the voluntary heart. Let us submit our heart and long for the anointing of God in our heart. (IPeter1:8)

8. The Physical thought (I King 2:13-25)

The text reveals the danger of the flesh to us by Solomon's strict decision to the wrong requirement of Adonia. What are they? First, Adonia took away the fear-faith because of follow the result of physical thought. (21) If the faith shall be destroyed we cannot be help but to flow the way of corruption because the standard of the ethic and value become vaguer. Second, the thought of Holy Spirit was revealed by the Solomon's thinking. (23) The faith is more precious than the kingship and the life; he solved the issue by the spiritual discernment because the thought of the flesh become depth but the thought of spirit becomes the life.

We have to live as the useful worker of God by discerning the word of God and the voice of the flesh in our hearts in many situations. Especially by discerning the careful things that will be allured by the human emotion and compassion we have to pursue the way of Holy Spirit at the camp of God.

9. The Last of the flesh (I King 2:26-35)

We learn that the ultimate coming shall be death by treating to Joab and Abiathar of Solomon. First, Abiathar was the rebellious type in the world (26-27). They did not follow the word of God, promise and the stream of the fear- faith. As the result they were abandoned by God's providence. Second, although Joab was the great warrior to help David, he couldn't escape the desire of the flesh in seeking the covet and honor. (28-29) because he deepened on the sword with every means and every method he blooded the simple sinners. To the man who seeks first his kingdom and the righteousness all blessing shall be followed. The last of the flesh shall be death but the man to follow the way of the Holy Spirit shall get the abundant life.

10. The complete Repentance (I King 2:36-46)

The text revealed that Achish who cursed David passed over the imitated line in order to find the lost servant. We can learn the importance of repentance here. What is the true repentance? First, I need the pure motive. Also the deed of Achish could not escape the category of greedy. He was an abnormal person, the one who pursue a chance for his carnal desire. (38-39) He had the character of gambling character. Second, it needs the complete repentance. His repentance could not move to the change of the life. David knew such things in his life (43-44). Although he met another issue, he was killed by the invisible hand of God's providence. As we follow to the true repentance that Paul did in his life that was died daily in his life in order to get the prosperity of my life just like the tree by the river can product much fruit.

I. The Pursuit of God's Righteousness

The life of living sacrifice toward God should be appeared by God into the pursuing the righteousness. It was not limited in the legal position. Moreover it has to walk to the real

position of righteousness. Solomon before corruption seeks the righteousness in the monarchy. So Solomon focuses on the righteousness of before he was corrupted by the secular desire in order to reveal the principle of kingdom of God. In that spot of Solomon's life his pursuit suggested the character of God's kingdom. The universal church in the heaven that shall be consisted of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. We shall treat to that elements revealed in the 4:20-9:28 here.

1. **The Shadow of God's Kingdom** (I King 4:20-34)

The dominion of Solomon is the shadow of God's kingdom. What character does the kingdom have?

First, the authority was established by God (20-23) what all nations offered their tithes prove the accomplishment of Abraham's covenant. The church that had the spiritual power to rule over the entire world with the power of authority of heaven and the earth. Therefore we have to claim the consciousness of authority. Second, the peaceful life was provided to the people. (24-25) What the dominion of Solomon provided to his people suggested the peace of remission bestowed by the atonement of Christ's death. Third, the virtue was established by the wisdom (29-34) It was the symbolism that all kings come to Solomon in order to listen to the wisdom words to Israel because all chosen people in the world shall come to Jesus to listen to the gospel of salvation. We have to remain in the Jesus Christ who has better authority, peace and wisdom than Solomon's.

2. **Faithful Solomon** (I King 5:1-18)

The text that describes the faithful keeping the grace covenant given for David and his descendants teaches important meaning of the sanctuary in our lives. First, the Sanctuary is the house of God. "For God" of verse 3 is contrast of "for His own name" in building the tower of Babel. In fact Garden of Eden, the altar and the tabernacle were accomplished in Christ as the meeting place between God and His own people. The command of the Lord that you destroy the building temple but I shall reconstruct after three days means that Christ himself is the reality of the sanctuary. (Jn2:19-21) Only Jesus Christ is the true sanctuary that dwells in. And also the teaching of Old Testament concentrates not on the building but on the meeting between God and His people. (8:27) Second, God prepared it. Just like the temple was made by the peaceful atmosphere (4) and the materials offered by voluntary heart to God (6-7) God uses the man of Holy Spirit.

3. Sanctuary? (I King 6:1-13)

Although God revealed the size of the complete temple structure to us, the symbolism should be interpreted Biblically. What is the meaning of the temple in the Scripture? First, it is Christ himself. Only Christ is the light, the life and the truth is the only revealer of God for his people. So the Christian is able to meet Christ by Christ. Second, the temple is Christ and the church. The interpretation of the apostle in I Corinthians that is the temple is the Christian points the reality of the symbolism. The church is not a building but the assembly of regenerated Christians. Third, the temple is the heaven. The church in the earth shall be accomplished by the eternal koinonia that shall share between God and his people.

4. Decorated Sanctuary (I King 6:14-38)

The Solomon's temple was built for 7 years with devoted sacrifice both to the external fame and the inside decoration. It has some features according to the extension of the tabernacle. First, the holy place of holiness and the holy place- The holy of holiness that have the same cubit was covered by the gold and the wall was called by the figures of Cherub that symbolized the throne of God. Christ is the accomplishment of the holy place and the holy of holiness. The Christian life is to serve the Lord in the holy place and the holy of holiness. Second, two cherubim were built by the olive tree. Two cherubim that made us remember two sword of the fire that means the righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. He Christians should come and go into the sanctuary and experience the renewal fresh grace in this life through Jesus Christ. (Heb10:19-20)

5. The Life in Christ (I King 7:1-12)

The life that glorify God is not to leave the world and abstained in the world but live in Christ every day. Solomon built his palace for himself and despised the fear-faith of the Lord. What does it mean "the life in Christ"? First, it means to thank God for the material blessing. It is beautiful to build first the temple and next the palace. We should become a steward of my health, my material, my time and my talent. As Solomon sustained to God centric life we and sustain the grace of God as we settled the priority. Second, we should live as a steward. The sacrifice of Solomon to build a place for Pharaoh's daughter (8) was astray the standard of the priority of the Lord. As the steward pleases his owner first of all, we can taste the wonderful experience when we seek the Lord than our families, our families and our occupation.

6. The Reality of the Sanctuary Instrument (IKing 7:13-26)

What do the pillar and the sea point? First, The pillar that was made by Hiram of Tyro (13-14) were called for Yagin and Boas. They mean that the one is that God strengthen them and the other means that the power belongs to him. And also it means joy and the lily the life. The saints in Christ can live in the grace and the truth by God's grace. (Jn1:14) Second, the bronze sea is different the artificial sea that was made at Hierapolis temple as a symbol of victory in minor Asia. It is the place of cleaning the priest body and made them reminded the crystalizing glass that means the abundant grace of the Lord. It points the righteousness of Christ. The Christians who are the spiritual priest come and go into the new and living way (Heb.10:20) and also should serve God with complete faith to God.

7. The reality of sanctuary instrument(I King 7:40-51)

In order to understand the structure of the tabernacle and temple rightly, that is the center of Old Testament church, under the light of the gospel, what do we learn from the text? First, the bronze sea points the righteousness of Christ and bronze points the grace and the truth and the water jar is a symbol that means the blood of Jesus. This was accomplished by serving Christ Jesus in the virtue of the merit of Christ. (Heb.10:19-22) Second, the gold materials means the unchangeable treasure in the universal and the bronze means the spiritual life as the earth treasure. The shining bronze feet of the son of man and the golden crown on the head points the symbolism. It means that we have to serve the Lord with the golden faith that believes the merit of Christ.

8. The Transportation of Holy of holiness Instrument (I King 8:1-11)

In moving activities the ark into the holy of holiness we can learn three things. First, we have to serve the Lord as fidelity and sacrifice. When we move the ark to another place not by the animals but by the man's sacrifice. The disciplines that God gave to Ussah and David as the demand of God who seeks true sacrifice. (Rom12:1-7) Second, we have to serve with the word centric attitude to the Lord. The angels surrounded around the Ark make us reminded the throne of the heaven and the word centric life... Third, It should be the serving the Lord with the fullness of Holy Spirit. In verse 10 the fullness of the cloud means the presence of God. (11, Ex.40: 34-35 Act1:1-2) Christian's life should be to serve the Lord in the spirit and in truth. Then the grace of Immanuel shall be followed us.

9. The Priority of the faith (I Kings 9:1-9)

God who revealed before Solomon at Gibbon two times showed the priority of faith. (1-3) What are they?

First, God's presence of God than the building (3) - God revealed that the heart of God is more important thing than the building by saying to put God's heart on it. We have to flame the aroma of prayer continuously not to fall into the temptation of covet that make the den of thief. Second, the obedience than the offering (4, 5) – God proclaimed that obedience bring blessing and the disobedience the curse and the mocking. (6-9) Saul the king as abandoned because he lost the obedience that is more important than the offering.

The Desire of the man (I Kings 9:10-28)

The truth "Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. " (James1:15) should be applied any place and anytime.

Although Solomon's devotion and obedience were precious his flesh desire becomes a snare to destroy him, what points did he take? And how can we overcome them? First, It was appeared as the extreme business.(10) After Solomon finished his works for 12 years and built the city fences and made the Canaanite as their slaves and also made his trade work to be prosperous by dealing un balancing. He trusted more the method of God than the method of the man and preferred more the benefits of culture than the godliness and also he was fallen down in the arrogant heart than in humble heart. The fact that he loves the enlargement of his business than the love of God proves the changeable thing between the subjective and the objective. Second, the way to overcome the sins must be crossed the flesh desire and was filled with the desire of Holy Spirit. (Gal5:16) The reason that he provides many things to us must be made our neighbors to be benefits. Let's live as the blessing in our lives.

III. Understanding Common Grace (10: - 12:11)

So we reviewed that Solomon reveals the theme of Matthew 6:33 very well. This is another expression of the restoration of God's image. Moreover his godliness includes common grace in his monarchy. So Solomon could enjoy the common grace in his godliness. As Just the grace-covenant of Moses included the Noahnic covenant as the common grace as the present field that the redemptive grace covenant can be activated. Here we discuss the truth of common grace through the life of Solomon.

1. **The wisdom that occupies the richness.** (I Kings 10:14-29)

Solomon received the spiritual wisdom as well as the wealth, the preciousness, the honor and the glory as the God's answer of his prayer. The men brought much present in hearing of his wisdom and he installed much wealth in his palace. But He was failed in his life. What are the reasons of his failure?

First, he tasted the abundance of grace but did not know that the glory shall not be disappeared as a wild flower did. The glory offered in Christ shall be better than Solomon's glory that are flown to the world. (Ephesian2:3) Every Christian is blessed person who possesses all blessing in Christ. Second, he had no some wisdom as a manager of grace. (Phil 4:13) We have to manage such abundant grace to enjoy the abundance in our lives. At that point Solomon was failed. The way that the received grace shall not be avoided should share them to our neighbors. We should transfer the abundant grace to our neighbors.

2. **The Sound Faith (I King 11:1-13)**

In the Christian life the beginning is important but the last thing is more important. The Christian life is to produce the complete fruit but to seek the temporary fruit. How can we produce the complete fruit?

First, we have to respect the revelation and follow it. The failure of Solomon came out of despising the light of the word. Solomon destroyed the order of the family by indulging into the attraction of the women, as Pharaoh's daughter. (5-6) He dropped down into the adultery by leaving the teaching of the Word of God. Second, to respect is the way to keep the faith. Second, we have to be filled with the knowledge of God. The knowledge of God shall be gotten by taking the devotional heart. (Rom12:1-2) The knowledge of God is the eternal life by getting the work of Holy Spirit. (Jn17:3) Solomon was separated from God by attracting the beauty of women. (4, 9) Let us to take the passion in understanding things by the illumination of Holy Spirit. (Eph1:13)

3. **The Hand that Seek the Repentance** (I King 11:14-25)

God permitted that Hadath and Rshon fight against Solomon. It was very shameful to bring up such things in the Solomon's life. First, by the hand of the enemy God disciplined Solomon. Hadath and Rson did the role of throne that picked out the dull heart of Solomon. (21, 25) In the remaining life he confronted to the tribulation. All enemies around our neighbor are the hand of God. We have to see the diligent hand of God in the natural

environment. Second, the hand of God leads him into the repentance. The shame that Solomon had met was the detailed hand of God into the repentance. If he returned to the Lord immediately he shall have living hope at the miserable place. True repentance leads the way to get the eternal life. The detailed hand of God focuses on our spirit now. Let us to fill our heart with the spirit of repentance.

4. Let's deal with the position of the light (I Kings 11:26-43)

In order to make Solomon's repentance God raised the other enemy against him. Jeroboam who was a faithful person to Solomon rebelled him. Why was that event happened and how did he handle it? First, he forgot his mission of the lamp in Israel. To forget the mission was worse than to worship the idols. When he lost the mission of the light, he shall become as the salt that lose the taste. Second, I shall be solved by only his repentance and his faith. David repented soon, but Solomon tried to kill his enemy. True repentance and true faith should come out of the role of Holy Spirit. We have to admit the Word from our heart and obey him (I John 1:9) Then we shall have the hope. Christians should accomplish the mission of the light that had gotten without the price by God.

5. The Way of servicing (I King 12:1-11)

The fact that true leadership is the leadership of servant reveals in Jesus. (Mk 10:43-45) The attitude of Rehoboam's kingship after the death of Solomon was the cause of the separation of the nation. What leadership do we seek to accomplish the kingdom of God? First, the leadership of authority is not the method of the Lord. The claim of the young generation is to rule over them as a scorpion. The personal compassion and passion of Peter cannot go to the way of cross. We have to master the way of the Lord in order to live as the method of the Lord, although we live in the world in the boundary of worldly craft. Second, Rehoboam who refused the opinion of the first generation stressed the dominion of scorpion. (6-7) He despised the basic principles to establish the kingdom of God. (Lk 9:23) The common principle that the people of God's kingdom should have should be clean the wash the feet. (Jn 13) the way of Holy Spirit is the way of serving and the way of serving is the way of prayer.

IV. The Destruction of David's monarchy for losing God's image. (14: -22:53)

1. The Sin of Rehobom (IKings14:21-31)

What is the sin of Rehoboam that was the cause of nation division? First, he used the authority wrongly (21). He who was the descendant of the Ammonite had the privilege to rule over Jerusalem but rebelled God. The Christian life is not limited by the environment, but he live in the right relationship with God. Second, they have the passion to serve the idols. They permitted to build the mountain holy place, to serve Atherah idols and to permit the sins of gay. The vertical sin spread into the horizontal sin because of the unfaithfulness. In order to serve God faithfully we have to keep the poverty in spirit and serve as the light and salt of world. Let us live to thank God for our privilege God provided to us, and let us live the true worshipper.

2. The necessity of reformation (I Kings 5:1-15)

In the text that revealed the records of Abiam(3 years) and Asa(41 years) we can learn the necessity of reformation. First, we need the reformation of the honest life (11). The honest is the response of the man stand up firm before God and the life to think and to say faithfully. Second, we need to restore the ethical life. In verse 12, the discerning that he drove out the gays proved it. Right deed is the fruit when our deed is rooted in the truth. The restoration of the life of husband and wife should be primary for reform all kinds reformation. Third, we need the religious reformation. His bold reformation that he took away his grandmother for her idolatry was resulted in by the work of Holy Spirit. (13) Let us live as the saints that pursue the honest ethic and reformed life in the Holy Spirit.

3. Respect the Warning (I Kings 15:25-34)

The text of the event that was risen at the northern Israel reveals that when Nadab ruled over Israel for 2 years, Asa the king 2 year of Judah, Baas rebelled him and still followed the line of the Jeroboam. The political reformation that departed from God's will brought the another mode of destruction to them. What do we learn here?

First, we have to live before God (26) the judgment that is called for the evil before God teaches that the judgment of God must be very important. (34) He who lives before the seat of judgment is the man of wisdom.

Second, he should respect the warning of the revelation. True faith begins with respecting the Scripture and also when we keep the teaching, rebuking, correcting and teaching in righteousness can be saved out of very crisis. In the contemporary time when the wicked spirit that sold the certificate of atonement in the medial day was raised, we should adhere

to the Scripture deeply.

4. To escape the evil circulation (I Kings 16:1-14)

The text that reveals the reasons of the destruction of Baisha and Elah reveals the wicked circuit to us. First, the reason of the wicked circuit. –Because they stimulated the singer of the Lord by the idolatry. (2-7, 13) He and the others committed sins. We should try to keep our heart that is the sanctuary holily. (I Cor 3:16)

Second, the freedom to come out of evil circulation. - When we repent our sins according to the revelation we can escape out of the miserable place. Although they were warned by Ehuth the prophet, they inclined into the covet to the throne of rebellion and did not return to the Lord. When we follow the revelation of Scripture true peace come to us, and when we surrendered our lordship to the God then we shall have the hope. In order to escape out of the evil circuit we should repent before God and also transfer our lordship to the Lord we can escape out of the confusion of our wicked age.

5. Overcome the he Spiritual depression (Kings 16:15-34)

Israel falls down into the chaos by processing dynasties of Simuri, Omuri and Ahab. How could be astray out of this spiritual chaos? First, the feature of spiritual depression added the evil gradually. The development of the culture and the civilization is the tools to add the evil but prevent it. The feature was appeared by hate, warfare and covet. The chaos of the Babel tower was revealed in them. Second, we should show the reformed deed with the right power of the discernment by repenting our sins. (31) The chaos and the order depended on the deed of repentance as the second son returned to the father we have to repent our sins, the contemporary sins and our national sins to God.

6. God of protection (I Kings 17:1-16)

among the dominion of Ahab God himself accomplish his work because God protected his people by establishing the prophets. What was the protection of God through the ministry of Elijah? First, it strengthens the saints. The authority of Elijah's word was established by God (1) Before Ahab he revealed his absolute authority. As Moses was God before Pharaoh Elijah was God before Ahab. Second, God prepared this refuge. God provided the food by Grith brook and the cranes. The hand of God's protection rescued Israel out of Egypt, Babylon and Canaan is not changeable in the ministry. Third, God protected them by the hand of God. Third, God protected them by then hands of the men. Through the hand of

Sabbath Widow God revealed his kingship to the world. Let us hold the absolute hand of protection.

7. The Proofs that God is the King (I Kings 17:17-24)

In the dark environment the work of the life rose like the light. The text is the other scene to reveal the kingship of God. First, he took the feeling of sins by some suffering. Although the man experienced the miracle they leave from God because of their corruption. (17-18) The feeling of conviction begins with the grace of God and expects them. Second, God answered his passionate prayer. Elijah supplicated it to God. He took burdens on his shoulders and asked three times, the soul of the dead child was returned. (22) Owing to this thing the woman admitted that he is the man of God and trusted his sayings as the divine authority. When the true repentance and sincere supplication exited, the kingship of God shall be revealed.

8. The Way that Overcomes the Recession (I King 18:1-15)

The famine of Israel revealed the spiritual chaos. How could do they overcome? First, the word of God should come to them. In verse 1, "the rain shall be come on all the earth." was the beginning point. When the Word of God comes, the Holy Spirit comes to us. Especial ministry needs the special word of God. In the day of the New Testament the treasure boxes were opened to us by the favor of God. Whoever seeks the grace should receive the wonderful grace. (Mt 7:7-9) Second, through the obedience of the fearer the trouble was overcome. (3-12) The Lord works through the faithful obedience of Obadiah and Elijah. We need the faithful servant to the Word of God. Although a person brings the spiritual chaos but a person of obedience was the channel to solve the chaos. We have to receive the promised grace by receiving the word of God and obeying the Word of God humbly.

9. The Responded of the Fire (I Kings 18:16-29)

what is the God of Elijah? First, He is the Lord who we can communicate to. But Baal and Asthera were the false gods that cannot response to our request. So we can enjoy the abundant grace of the spiritual light in the darkness because we can communicate to Him personally. Second, he is God who can answer to our request. This thing proved the spiritual authority of Elijah and the chance to solve the drought and also the wonderful event to proclaim that the Lord is only

God in the entire world. Although the modern science and culture can do all problems, still the especial solution is to meet the living God at that time. We have to offer us to Him as living sacrifice. Therefore the Christians have the wonderful key to solve the contemporary chaos if we pray as Elijah did at the Mount Carmel.

10. The Knowledge of God (I Kings 18:30-46)

The knowledge of God must be the criteria that can discern the life and the death of God's people. How can we get such knowledge? First, they have to build the altar. The building of the altar that appeared as the building of the 12 stones, which mean twelve tribes mean the building of temple and the cleaning of the temple. To offer his body to the altar of his heart than the external altar is more important. He had known the Lord deeply with know the fear of living God and becoming himself as the servant of the Lord and doing this thing as the servant of the Lord. Second, the fire of Jehovah came on them. In verse 38 the wandering people shouted out that only Jehovah is God. And the power of Holy Spirit was outpoured to them. (46) The Christian that received the Holy Spirit and tasted the grace shall be known God. Let us grow up in the knowledge of God, the eternal life. (Jn 17:3)

11. The Comfort of the Lord (I Kings 19:1-8)

In the text that revealed the example of comfort out of his depression place that seeks the death, what comfort did Elijah receive? First, it was the comfort that God prepared for us. To the temptation approached after his victory Elijah was solitary that escaped out of the threat of Isabella. What God provide to him who seek to the death proved that God provide his proper grace to the Christians as they meet some suffering always. (I Corinthian 10:13)

Second, it was the detailed comfort with three modes. He got the daily bread with a miracle, the detailed touching comfort of the protecting angels (6-7) and also he received his mission. (7) The spiritual depression of Elijah was what the Christians meet often in their lives. We have to believe that God of preparation waiting for us and ask humbly to God and also trust to Him until the end.

12. The Life of the mission (I Kings 19:9-21)

The reason that God gave the fullness of Holy Spirit, the best state of blessing is to transformation of our personality and to accomplish the mission. What did Elijah realize about his mission? First, he listened to the voice of God. Among the storm, fire and

earthquake that are the symbols of God's presence, God did not present. After the phenomena were passed away, he could listen to the voice of God and understand his mission. When we read the Scripture and listen it and obey it, we can know the works of God. We should understand the Christ centric thing and obey it humbly. Second, the mission of Elijah is revealed in the three modes. He shall appoint the kings of Aram and Israel and his disciple in Israel. The man who takes the right relationship to God and his kingdom shall be blessed. We should live to offer ourselves to God for this mission.

13. Let's establish the kingdom of God (I Kings 20:1-12)

What results did Israel experience as they were attacked by the external enemy? First they were trained for the faith. The invasion of Benhadath was the tool of God to train the people of God. The man who seeks first the kingdom cannot help bringing the harmonized goodness. (Rom8:28) Second they should trust the only God. The intensive thought that Ahab has made his people escaped out of God and by the strong demand of Benhadath finally the warfare shall be happened. The saints who seek to the peace of Jerusalem should take the duty of the peace of world. We have to trust God from here in order to establish the righteousness of God that is the foundation of God's kingdom. The man who is trained by God's righteousness can establish the kingdom of God. (Lk12:31)

14. On who lead us (I Kings 20:13-30)

Who is God who have revealed in the history of Israel? First, he is God who provides the mercy in the trouble. Although the action of Ahab was very wickedly, God himself provide the great mercy to him. (1, 3) To some wicked king God permit to the chance to repent. Second, God revealed himself through the obedience. The word "I shall make you known me" in verse 28 is the announcement of God to the victory. The reason Ahab could overcome his enemy with his weak power is to follow the revelation of the prophet. Third, He is the God to fight for his people. In verses 29-30 to destroy the city with the small military mean that God himself fought them for his people. Let's live as the Gods people that receiving the mercy by God who led to the knowledge of God.

15. The Unhappiness of Ahab (I Kings 20:31-43)

Why did Ahab in the text bring up the unhappiness to his life? First, Because of his

covet; he falls down into the destruction. Ahab who was deceived by disgrace disobeyed the law of God by making God's enemy as his brother left the Jehovah. His deed was an arrogation. Second, he despised the revelation of the prophet. The event that a prophet who despised the revelation was killed by a lion (35-36) revealed that the curse should come to us as the revelation is despised. And also Ahab was fallen down into the unhappiness by leaving the revelation. Third, he falls down into the dead place in the replace of Benhathad. The fleshly choice of a moment brought the unhappiness. We should love the Scripture deeply in order to get the promised grace and live in the light.

16. The discernment between the truth and the false (I Kings 22:1-12)

When the southern and northern countries were united in order to restore Gilrath Ramoth, Ahab was fallen down into the snare of death by following the word of the false prophets. What are the criteria that discern between the true and the false? First, we learn the importance of true union. As Israel and Judah was one community, the church learns the union between Christ and the church, the union of truth. We should make the community that united with the truth. (Jn 17:7) Second, we should learn the union of the truth. So the church has to learn the discernment between the true and the false. So we have to interpret the criteria and apply them to all things. Third, we should learn to receive rebuking. The truth comes to us as the mode of rebuke. Ahab lost the good chance to listen to the mild voice of God that said by Micah in the attractive sweet prophecy of Zedekiah. When we received the revelation of the Holy Spirit very well transferred by Holy Spirit we can get many benefits.

17. The Craft of the deceiving Spirit (I Kings 22:13-25)

What features did the false spirit that Michah saw have?

First, it tends to the materialism. The king with 400 servants put their weight on it. There is the ratio of 400:1. The false spirit was external and made them become the vague state in order not to discern the truth. But the movement of kingdom of God tends into the movement of small mustard. The Lord does not work without revealing some truth. Second, he put the priority on the strange phenomena. Through the same prophesy in several visions was the deceit of Satan. It is very horrible to begin with covet.

Therefore the saints should put the priority of the truth. To be faithful to the standard of the word and the work of Holy Spirit is the way of the Christians. Hence are faithful to the

Word of God, the impression of Holy Spirit came on us and finally could return to the word of God. All things to despise this thing must be the craft of Satan.

18. Let's live with the Word of God (I King 22:29-40) Ahab who was warned by Micah to the issue of attacking to Aram was killed at the warfare according to God's decreed. Here what different points between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the man do we find? First, the wisdom of the man cannot pass over the wisdom of God. (21:9) Michaia had the wisdom heart but Ahab who was protected by the human wisdom was shot by an arrow that was cast by chance. (21:9) Although the man execute his craft, the Lord shall be fulfilled his own will. Although Jehosabath was fallen into trouble as he seeks God's grace in humble heart he should be saved. (I chronicle 18:31) we have to see our light in the light of the God.

19. The Lessons through Johosabat (IKings 22:41-53)

Johosaphat who was thronged at 35 years old to an Israelite king had ruled over Israel for 25 years had remained two examples to us.

First, he devoted himself to the Lord at his young age. (42) It is very beautiful to offer his life to the creator at the youth age. (Ecc.11:9-10). He had prosperity in the present earth and also he was warranted the salvation promise in his future. And he, who resembled his father, established the honest and the righteousness by destroying all idols and by being driven all gays into the outside. (43, 46) Second, he was an example of reformation. Although he remained the mountain shrines, when he meets some suffering, he compromised with the evil. (49) Especially as he got the crisis, he fasted and cried out to the Lord and overcome the suffering by faith. Anytime anyplace the church needs the man of devoted prayer. Let us follow the example of godliness.

Conclusion:

In the period of I King the main channel to restore God's image was Elijah. Although the darkness of the northern Israel dynasty is very deep, God worked faithfully to keep the covenant of grace in the history through him. Why did his ministry to restore the image of God those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

- 1) Because he contrast to the idols that was the symbolism of the autonomous.
- 2) Because the people stay in the medium state that means their spiritual confusion.

3) Like Moses had experienced in Mt Sinai, Elijah tasted the wonderful experience of God's presence, the original state of God's image. God worked his revival through one person.

4) The work was accomplished by the supernatural power, those are; raining by his personal prayer in the dry land for three years. This make us reminded the work of Christ's cross. Through Christ's death the heaven was opened and the way to approach God was appeared for his people. The head of Satan should be crushed by God's power. The result could be fulfilled with the presence of redemption in the total depravity world, just like the rider on the red horse is revealed in the deep valley.

Although Elijah is the reality of John the Baptist, and also at that same time his wonderful ministry should be the restoration of the complete Elijah, Jesus Christ who is the original image of God.

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[Professor Lecture 2]

A Study on the Church Growth and the Methodology
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[Third Part]

Chapter 4 The Strategy of evangelism revealed in the Acts

The book of Acts that the doctor, Luke wrote is the Acts of the Holy Spirit that recorded the activity of the evangelism the Apostle proclaimed the gospel. The movement of Jesus's gospel that was began at Galilee, the fishers village religiously and politically were scattered into the imperial of Rome that was the center of the world in the contemporary day out of Jerusalem, which was the capital of Israel, It is called for the acts of gospel to

income the light of salvation to the gentiles located in the board of Israel. The system of the Acts consists of 28 chapters totally. In Act 1:8 three parts are divided generally as the Lord commanded. Those are 1) the ministry at Jerusalem (chapters 1-7) Here it inform the ascend of the Lord and the beginning of church in the center of Peter's ministry treats the persecution of church and the martyr of Stephen. 2) The ministry at Judah and Samaria (chapters 8-12) the evangelism of Philip and the conversion of Paul and the birth of Antioch church. 3) The ministry until the end of the earth (Rome) (chapters 13-28) Here it treats three times of the evangelism trip the converted Paul. Here we see gain that the strategy of the Lord likes the will that the Lord remained to his trained disciples. (Mt 28:19-20, Acts 1:8-) We can think of two evangelism scenes broadly. The one is the center of event, the other is the scene for the evangelist to be met the people prepared by the Lord.

1. By the center of event

At the early time the people who God commanded to proclaim his word through Ezekiel is "corrupted people, the rebellious man to God, the one committed sin, the one who has hardened face and the man to have the hardened heart. (Ez 2:5-) God said that he should proclaimed the word whether they listened to his word or, not. According to this theory the contemporary persons develops that as the word of God is proclaimed to them, the Holy spirit works and He shall add the saved persons at the every day. (Acts 2:47-, 16:5-) But what is the contemporary day? It is not the wilderness that Jesus and the Baptist John proclaimed, "Repent for the kingdom of God has come". Or, it is not the scene of repentance that Jonah proclaimed at Nineveh. What is the message that the Lord gave to them before his descend? Especially at the digital day we should struggle the detailed strategy of the evangelism. in the day of Smart phone, Facebook, You Tub , the analysis of our scene is so important.

1) Act 1:1-8 Jesus and his disciples (The command of the Lord and ascendance)

Here, it says the great commission of the lifted Lord to the world. The book of Acts was the extended book of the gospel of Luke and its added book written by Luke. AD 60 that the book was recorded in the background of the day was revealed that politically Rome ruled over the entire world and culturally Greece influenced on their thought and their academics science and greatly. 40 days that Jesus was died and resurrected at the third

day and then he was ascended into the heaven were taken means that he revealed himself to the people for ten times for 40 days. 40 days mean the complete number to the Jews, and the symbol number of the lots. The duration that Moses stayed to receive the ten commandments on the mountain (Ex 24:18, 34:28), the days that Elijah prophet walked to arrive at the mountain of God (I Ki 19:8) , the days that Jesus fasted at the wilderness before he began his public ministry was all 40 days. (Lk 4:1, 2) And the author of this book, Luke reminded 40 days to the great commission that Jesus gave to his disciples on the earth finally.

At the one hand, the Acts reveals the word, "to be gathered "very much. Using repeatedly of the word, "to be gathered revealed that the dynamic work of the early church was began and was extended hastily that related to the contents of the book of the Acts. The church is the assembly to be called as holy people out of the sinful world and the gathering of the parts that united to Christ as his head. When this gathering was activated the gospel will be proclaimed further and provoked the enlargement of the kingdom of God. Then here we should not forget that Acts 1:8 is the covenant of totality of the Acts.

2) Act 2:1-13 The disciples and the early church (The coming of Holy Spirit and the preparation) – Fulfillment of promise

The descend at the Pentecost Holy spirit was the accomplishment of Christ's covenant. It means the fulfillment of Christ's covenant that we should leave out of Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4-) This was the starting point of the work of Holy Spirit that was accomplished until the Acts chapter 28. This is Immanuel and the promise of faithful God. Therefore we should now that the beginning of all powers in the Acts should be come from here.

Joel 2:28-29 says, "You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day

3) Act 3:1-10, Peter and the lame (The healing event)

It was the first miracle in the early church. We see that the influence of this event is so stimulated to the enemies to the cross that they might threaten the Apostles, and tried to make the stumbling block not to spread to the others devotedly. Really they were so angry to the Apostles. Because the work did not terminate by the death of Christ, his resurrection and his ascend and constantly was developed by the work of Holy Spirit, it was the shock itself. Whenever the miracles of the Apostle were lifted up the foundation of the enemies could not help but them to destroy. Such blocks were revealed at the following scene.

With Anna the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" (At 4:6-7)

But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. (At 4:17-18)

The first sign of Jesus was the event of Cana's marriage that the John chapter two revealed. He made the water into the wine and made the marriage festival lifted up the more delightful level and then he was lifted into the owner, not a guest, the first sign of the early church, which was the event that healed a lame person that was begging in front of the temple made the name of Nazareth Jesus lifted up, the early church was struggled with the religious leaders of the Jew of this issue so much.

4) At 4:5-12 The disciples and the enemy of cross(encountering to the enemies)

Chapter three reveals that Peter and John healed the lame troubled for 40 years who begged before the gate of beauty of the temple in the name of Jesus Christ. Because of it the church encountered to the Jewish leaders. The disciples to deny the Lord and escaped believed the event of Christ's cross and his resurrection and received the fullness of Holy Spirit and encountered to the enemy of cross with the gospel, "Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead" and then they did not give up and also contrasted against the Jewish leaders wholeheartedly. Here were confidence and boldness in his disciples.

The Jindo dog which belongs to the natural monument is famous to fight well. It is the violent dog to fight until the end without giving up it until the point of death. The point of attack of the jindo dog is to bite the neck of the other and to decide the win or, fail in his fighting, as he bites it, he do not give up until the other give up it. In America it cannot unite with the others. Because he is the smart dog to be faithful to his power until his death, at the another day Los Angeles police department brought the original jindo dog out of Korea and trained him as police dog, but was failed. I took care of a jindo dog and was ended for his death. As he was died at his last point, he came on to my bed and greeted to me, he is the faithful animal to serve only one owner. One day I walked on the field with him, out of the big house on the bottom mountain two Germany dogs Shepherds like calf, run to me and shout out big voice. Happily, over the metal fence, two shepherds were leaped up on the right side and the left sides; it seemed to kill my dog. Shepherd is bigger than jindo dog. Here as the man and the dog has some fear, he will bark and shouted out generally.

According to the statistic, among 340 million population 80 million take care of the pet. My American neighbors of my house feed many small dogs, as I brings jingo dog, the young dogs barked to my dog. Anyway I looked at the shepherds in the fence I tried to bring my dog nearby the fence intensely, two shepherds got more severely. Then our jindo dog did not give up even one step by pushing power on his behind foot. It is regretful not to take the photo in my smart phone.

I have another Jindo dog episode, which was happened at a sand field on the Pacific Ocean nearby my house. American regulation as the owner of dog brings his dog at the outside; he should bind his neck with string. If he got a fine he should pay penalty obviously. As I brought my jindo dog on the shore, a shepherd attacked to my dog. Although this shepherd was less than the mountain's, the body was similar. Because it attacked to my dog suddenly I also lost my sting of my dog. Actually it was not my fault but the other had it. Really the fighting of the dogs offered a attract for the people. Obviously the people might guess that my jindo dog, the size 1/ 3 than the shepherd will be died. Which one shall win it?

During the severe fighting was happened, two dogs were blooded on their mouth and their fleshs were dropped down. Then although I took care of jindo dog for 14 years, I first

knew that jindo dig is so violent and horrible. After they were fighting each other, jindo dog finally bites the under neck of the shepherd and did not release it. Then shepherd's crying voice was so miserable and the interesting men were surprised at it. Then I separated of each other with my right feet and soon brought my dog in my car and returned to my house hastily. I cannot forget the real experience until now.

The Apostles which proclaimed the death of Jesus and his resurrection never give up before the enemies of cross.

5) At 5:1-11 Peter and couple of Peter and Anania (liar, the purification of church)

Chapter three revealed that the conflict and persecution out of the outside through the healing event of a lame, and chapter 5 reveals the judgment of God to the deceiving Holy Spirit happened in the church and God's cleaning event to it. In other words, it was a sign that in the church community, God does not want to accept the false and God treats to the false so severely to us. Especially the event of Anania couple was happened by using the offering wrongly. It was a miserable event that they lost their lives for offering. If they thought of the persons who could not offer any amount, rather it was better not to sell their land and not to offer it. Why should the couple approach to the positive death (urgent death)? And what shock did this message give us to us? We should not earn the money deceptively with the false power. Finally because God is holy and righteous, the false of man never are accepted.

2. The scene to meet the prepared souls (Act 13:48-)

Acts 13:48 says, "And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ", John 10:27 says, "Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. "These mention that "the evangelism is easy because God Himself makes us meet the prepared his prepared souls at the scene of evangelism." If we do not know this fact, evangelism is so difficult and so suffering through persecution and mocking. Especially like today there is the bad situation that the Christianity is criticized by the others. As we see it we guess the miserable state that the Pharisee and the scribes were happened. Therefore because the evangelism is to seek the souls prepared by God. Evangelism is not

to do something but to seek someone. It is not the seminary class or lecture class. So the Lord stresses that evangelism is to become something (Acts 1:8-) this is not active but passive for the Lord himself executes it. It is not doing issue but being issue.

1) Act 7:55-60 Stephen and the enemies (The first martyr)

Here it recorded the starting point of the great persecution entered into the early church. Stephan was one of 7 deacons that the early church elected and was the first martyr in it. It is not recorded that Jerusalem church sent Stephan as the first missionary officially. It is recorded that Stephan was filled with grace and power and then executed some great wonders and the signs in the people. (Act 6:8-) The enemies could not overcome him because he said in wisdom and the Holy Spirit. (Act 6:6, 10-) The deceive moment of the martyrdom of Stephen as followings. Let's see Acts 7:54-60.

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. **55**But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **56**And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." **57**But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. **58**Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. **59**And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60**And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Here we see that the Lord watched out the scene of his martyrdom in his standing on his throne and the scene of his forgiveness to his enemies. In his martyrdom a wonderful secret was happened that it made Saul converted and become a great evangelist. (Acts 8:1-3)

"And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. **2**Devout men buried Stephen and made great

lamentation over him. **3**But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

The martyrdom of Stephen was accomplished by Saul, the chief of all company, Jerusalem church, which despised the great commission, to go to all nations, Jerusalem, Judah, Samaria and the end of the earth, and stayed in the negative activity and prudentialism, was scattered around the others by the persecutor, Saul.

We here see two events, the conversion of Saul and the scattering of church. Why is Covid-19 spread into the entire world? In this situation the church took seven times and 160 were confirmed... Why does not the church cooperate to the direction of the government and receive the blame of the world? Because continuously the mutant virus comes to us. Why do not they know that this breaks out the way of evangelism?

2) Act 8:26-40 Meeting between Philip and Eunuch (possibility of pagan evangelism)

The Lord commanded to scatter, to take evangelism and become my witness in Acts 1:8. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." "Although they listened to this command Jerusalem church could not scatter to the other. They thought that at severe winter, the warm room is the best one. They enjoyed prudentialism and they kept on easy going by excusing of idleness, excuse and postpone etc. than scattering out of their easy going. We understand them sufficiently. As we observed the situation before the Lord bore the cross why did they sell the Lord and why did Peter deny the Lord and escape out of the Lord? And Acts chapter 3, because that the lame that sat down in front of the temple was healed, the enemies threatened Peter and the Apostles to kill, because Stephen was stoned and was killed by the violence of Paul, Jerusalem church could not go to the other. But God The persecution of Saul was the decisive motive that Jerusalem church were scattered to the outsides.

But the evangelism of Philip to Samaria brought about a great storm. As the early church appointed seven deacons, she appointed the people who are filled with faith and Spirit. As Stephen was filled with grace and power and executed the great wonders and the sign in

the villages and was filled with wisdom and Holy Spirit, Philip also was with the faith and Holy Spirit and proclaimed Christ and the signs were revealed and the dirty devils were driven out before the name of Christ. (Act 8:4-7) Philip returned into Jerusalem out of the city and met a eunuch of Ethiopia and proclaimed Christ and gave baptism to him. (At 8:26-40) this was the prepared meeting in the time plan of God. The reason that the church loses the chance of evangelism is to buy the church building, vision center, the prayer mountain center etc. and to contract. So they have no concern. Like the word "As the tree blossoms the fruit will be produced, the river water is frown it shall be arrived at the ocean." The church can be healthy as the evangelism is focused on scene of evangelism (activating evangelism).

3) Act 9:1-15 The repentance of Saul and meeting with Ananias (repentance of the persecutor)

The martyrdom of Stephen was the decisive criteria to make Paul, the persecutor, the murder, converted. He was filled with threat and violence and took the authority of arresting the believers and went on the way towards Damascus. (Acts 9:1-2) The lord who was resurrected on the way was revealed and called for the name of Saul and said "why do you persecute me? Here the important thing was that Saul went to persecute the believers and the church, but the Lord said "Why do you persecute me?" The thing that the activity to persecute the church and to arrest the believers mean to persecute Christ himself. Especially we should focus on meeting Christ on the way of Damascus. It is what we knew very well. It was so dramatic meeting. In this event as Saul could not see for three days, god prepared Ananias, his disciple to make him met Saul (Act 9:10-) and the Lord claimed that Ananias, "he is my appointed vessel." (Act 9:15-)

4) Act 10:~11: Meeting f Peter and Cornelius (The primary chief of the military- the higher officer)

5) This event says the breaking the discrimination between the Jews and the gentile in the gospel. Cornelius and the other gentiles were listened to the gospel by Peter and after they returned to Christ, Peter made the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem assured, "the Gentiles also had received the word of God." (11:1-) Although the church was persecuted more the church was grown up daily and speed to until the empire of Rome. As we think of church in Korean level we think that the church consists of the poor, the sick,

the one who has no the dependent persons, the old stage etc. According to a report the supported stage to some special party have many poor persons, the worker, and the dwelling person in the countryside, low learned stage, old age stage. When we were grown up the most people to believe in Jesus have no much wealth or much learning. This was the object that at my young time the unbelievers attacked to me. Here Cornelius was the general of Italian military, in our day he was like a chief of military and had the passion of prayer and alms. Then God sent Peter to meet these elite. Was not this is the blessing of meeting by God? It is not gospel how could the fisherman meet such elite?

6) Act 11:24-26 Meeting Paul and Banaba

The name, Banaba is called for "the Apostle of comfort and encouragement". His original name was "Joseph" he was called for "the exhorter" or, "the son of comfort". His hometown was Cypress Island and a Jewish rich person and he was an early co-worker of the Apostle Paul. When Jerusalem church refused to accept Saul (Paul) who was converted at the way of Damascus he protected him positively and invited Paul as the senior pastor at Antioch church. The Antioch people taught by them received the nickname of Christian and became the mother church of mission. And as Jerusalem church was afflicted in the famine time he got responsibility to transfer the alms amount to them with Paul. In the contemporary day, as all areas was struggled by the famine, only Antioch church was abundant in blessing.

He was suffered at any areas, stood up at the hand of weak persons and served as the comforter and encourager. Here it says, "for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul," (24-25) Like this one meeting of Paul and Banaba was not in accident. If Banaba does not cooperate to this issue, what action did Jerusalem church treat to Paul who knew as a persecutor? Just like Ananias executed his role at the conversion of Paul, here the role of Banaba also was so precious to come out of God who knew it and led their meeting.

7) Act 16:1-3 Meeting Paul and Timothy

This chapter is the constant part of the second evangelism trip of Paul in 15:36. Paul met his disciple, Timothy at Derbe and Lystra. the author Luke introduced his genealogy and his

personality. Timothy was influenced by his mother and his grandmother greatly. (II Tim 1:5-) We guess that the faith of devotional mother and grandmother influenced on his children, Timothy greatly. (II Tim 1:5-) As Timothy met firstly Paul, we guess that he was about 18 years old. Timothy was born at the foreign area and was grown up as a half-blood. The birth of Timothy was born between the Jewish mother and the Greek father can become a weak point in the society of the Jews. In spirit of it, it was meaningful that Timothy was applauded by his neighbor brothers.

8) At 16:13-15, Meeting Paul and Lydia (merchant)

Paul seeks the synagogue at the Sabbath day but the region of Philippians had no it so he found out the prayer meeting place. The synagogue of the Jews could be built by at least 10 Jewish, the city of Philippi has no it. It seemed to see that the pagan women that got the fear of the Lord got the normal prayer meeting. Paul taught the word of God them for few hours and among them Lydia was opened in her heart by God and was converted, and then the church of Philippi was started. Like this one the Philippi church established by Paul got many woman believers. (Philip 4:2, 3) It was related to the feature of mother centric society in Macedonia region.

Lydia, in the city, was a merchant woman to sell the purpled clothes that were used as the garments of Roman citizen and the loyal garments. In our version reveals "purpled clothe seller, Lydia, although she came out of Thyatira city essentially, but she seemed to move into this city and lived there to sell them. Finally the meeting of Paul and Lydia was not come by their sacrifice but by the blessing of God that was met at the scene. The event that God opened the heart of Lydia was the special preparation of God and his blessing. Just like God made Paul converted directly and God opened the heart of Lydia directly. Let's see Acts 16:14-15.

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us."

Here the Lord opened the heart of Lydia. She was baptized by Paul and she invited Paul to stay at her house if you know the fact that she believed in the Lord, which mean her confirmed faith without shaking.

[Professor Lecture 2]

The Story of Jesus

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[Part 1]

Introduction

Jesus did not write an autobiography. Jesus did not leave any written notes.

He has only set himself and his teaching in the minds and memories of those who have known and loved him and they were not against his expectation.

The Synoptic Gospels are living words that have transformed the world. We may wish to have more and more detailed account of Jesus' story. But we know that even if the gospel record may be short, on the other hand, it is enough for us. The gospel gave Christ to all ages.

Most of Jesus' life was spent in silence. John says, "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written"(John 21:25)

but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:31)

We have four story books of Jesus in the bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). Jesus is so great and wondrous that it was not enough for one person to observe His traits. In each book,

the story has its own characteristics, but everyone has the same Jesus. It is Jesus who has "the light of the knowledge."

1. Preparation of time and place

The people of Jerusalem tell travelers that the center of the world is the Church of the Elemental Church of Jerusalem - a church built on the place where Jesus's tomb was. It is a geographically proven that the central state of the earth is Palestine. Palestine is located on the east coast of the Mediterranean, connecting the three continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. When the inhabitants of three continents circle their lands one by one, Palestine is at the point where the three can meet.

And Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Calvary are cradles of Christian faith. This place God had ordained was the ideal place for Christ to come. The time appointed by God was also ideal. Paul testified, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4: 4) This is God's providence and His plan for mankind to the world. And Christ came into the world at the time of the revelation that God had intended.

An author praises in this way. Let us thank God for the time he himself came to us; the time of capturing our youth and the time of awakening us.

We can not find a more remarkable era than when Christ came to earth. When all preparations were made, God took a step in human history.

Luther said, "My Lord trembled all over Europe. He is my stronghold and a hymn of shield."

John Knox shook Scotty Land with a cry for [freedom of faith or death].

Wesley burned England with a torch. From the Galilee to the Greek and Roman worlds, the song of the angel of the angelic beacon and the trumpet sounded to announce the birth of Jesus. As Paul said, "The time was right, and the time when God sent the Son was the appointed time in God's wisdom and providence" All the states came to Jesus at that point for His coming.

2. Political preparation

What characteristics does the world's political position at the time of Christ's birth have in history?

The world at that time was a period of political unification. The leader of this political unification was Caesar Roman Emperor. The days when the small nations kept their sides were over.

From the Atlantic to the Caspian Sea, from England to the Nile, from the Hadrian border to all the way to Ubrad, and the area, the flag of the Roman Empire was waving. The chaotic state of the northeastern state passed, and the political forces of the powerful Roman power unified the whole region of the Middle East, and the world became one neighbors.

A, Peace around Rome,

B Transportation Convenience,

C Language Unification

Assuming that Christ had emerged about a century ago, the surrounding nations had closed their doors with their respective seclusion policies, so that there were national barriers on the land and barriers in the waterways, making it difficult for the gospel of Christ to spread .

A, The peace around the nation of Rome - Suppose Christ came a century or so later. Everyone who preached and listened to the Gospel would have been very busy to confront the culture of barbarian tribes that appeared in the north, but Jesus came after the world had already achieved world peace, so that everyone could sing a magnificent song of angels bellowing in Bethlehem where people heard it freely and certainly without bondage.

B, The transportation Convenience - The element that the gospel of Christ could spread to the world was the Roman highway which was conveniently opened. It was a wide road from one end of the empire to the other end. We can say that a numerous workers were preparing the road to prepare the Son of God to come to this land.

Using this developed transportation system, the gospel of Christ was preached by His disciples just as the Roman army was able to enter any province. The flames of the gospel

were lit up in many places. The Roman Empire was in the backstage where the early church missionary movement was active.

C, The unification of Language - If the early missionaries were active in a world where languages weren't united, their efforts would have been in vain. The range would be very narrow. The course of evangelism would have been inconvenient. However, they lived in an era of language unification where they could communicate wherever they went to. Because of the local dialect, they sometimes used two languages, but usually used Greek as a standard language. They were able to communicate by only using Hebrews in the streets of Galatia, at the gathering of Aden, Rome, and Spain in the spreading of the gospel at that time.

Thus, the political stability of the Roman Empire, the improved modes of transportation and unified language served the world to be one, and this was the best time for Christ to come.

3. The World Welcomes Christ

The time has come for Christ to come. But when he came into the world, the world seemed not to welcome him at first. "Because there was no place for them in the inn"(Luke 2: 7). The innkeeper turned down two people who looked tired that night.

In the census of the custodian of Caesar Augusto, this inn was crowded and earned considerable income. It was no luck to the owner. It was busy from morning to evening. He could not afford to look back at the troubles of the two strangers who came in late. He possibly refused them because they might have looked poor. If Joseph and Mary looked like a man with money, what would the attitude of the innkeeper be?

Today, just like Jesus was rejected back in the days, we too reject Jesus in these days to find excuses of being busy to gain more income. Even if Christ is here right now, people will go elsewhere for other things, despising Jesus who stands sullen outside their doors but people will be more interested in other things. This fact has already been revealed by the apostle John. "He came to his own, and his own people[b] did not receive him" (John 1:11). But the word clearly shows that some people will welcome Jesus.

(1) His mother welcomed him.

First, Mary was a devout woman. Among the many women of the world, the woman was chosen from God to have Jesus Christ who is the Redeemer. Jesus sat down on the lap of Mary for the first prayer time.

Second, Mary is a woman with a beautiful heart who endured isolation. She was a righteous person kept the God's plan that she received from the angel in her heart and never exposed. (Luke 2:19).

Mary also had to endure separation when Jesus had to leave the home to do God's work.

When Jesus died on the cross - [but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother] (John 19:25) – She would have been the most heart breaking woman in the history.

Third, it is the noble sacrifice spirit of Mary.

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant[a] of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38) "(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:35), When Mary received the word, she was very delightful.

(2) Shepherds welcomed him.

Shepherd's Worship: Shepherds who followed the stars worshiped Christ.

This is a story of shepherds who came to see Jesus, the baby who was wrapped in a manger, was a welcome sign of the Lord. There is an ancient Israel song [Jehovah is my shepherd] (Psalm 23), Just like this song, the shepherds had a good relationship with God. Not only that, Jesus called himself a true shepherd and testified that, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

The first people to take a glance are at the shepherds of Bethlehem. These ordinary people first came into contact with this glory: First, they have seen fantasies in their faithfulness and humility.

Second, they kept the godliness in naive attitude and had the feelings of a little child, so that the gates of heaven were open to them.

(3) The Magi welcomed Jesus.

Legend has it that two of the three Magi were Asians from Mesopotamia and one from Africa. There are three purposes for them to go to Bethlehem looking for Jesus with gifts.

First, the gospel is adventurous. They walked away from their beloved homes just like Abraham [not yet knowing where they should go] (Genesis 12: 4, Hebrews 11: 8).

Second, the gospel challenges the times and ideas. The Magi were then scientists and thinkers.

Third, the gospel challenges all nations on earth.

Each nation living in East and Africa were passionate from deep inside their heart, soul, and mind.

(4) Simeon and Anna welcomed Jesus.

Simeon is a person who has made a great contribution to the religion of Israel, as he says, [waiting for the comfort of Israel] (Luke 2:25).

* The scribes made religion occupational.

* There was a party. It was by the people who brought religion to nationalism. They were obsessed with the ambition to stand up to the Roman government and restore the great nation.

The true patriots of Israel were humble, quiet, and godliness people. Simeon and his associates were the leaven of Israel, the pillars and the cornerstone.

When Mary came to the temple with her baby Jesus, Simeon held Jesus in his arms and blessed him. In the eyes of others, they did not know who the baby was. Only Simeon knew. He had a spiritual discernment to see God and a spirit to recognize Jesus. Let's draw a picture of Simeon welcoming Jesus in his arms through our mind.

His heart was opened and he blessed the baby Jesus. Simeon sang the joy of a new age that would come through this baby. "Lord, now you are letting your servant[a] depart in peace, according to your word" (Luke 2:29). God has put on the flesh. His emergence began the work of God to repair the broken world. "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40)

There is no record of the life of Jesus prior to his three years of ministry.

During his thirty years of life, we have known that Jesus attended the celebration of the temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve "And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom" (Luke 2:42) The custom of confessing your faith at sacrament meeting.

Let's see how the impression of Jerusalem's temple and its city reflected in Jesus' eyes. After the ceremony, he was found in the temple. [Why do you seek me?] "And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). This is the first word of Jesus that the author delivered to us.

Christ, the Son of God, can bear the heavy burden of the cross to carry on (Luke 4:23; John 6: 667: 5).

4. The Influence from Boyhood

Jesus continues to build up his spiritual relationship with God through nature, humanity and his family.

(1) The relationship with nature

4 The Gospels clearly show how Jesus loved nature: the lilies of the earth (Matthew 6:28), the parable of the harvest (John 4:35), the seeds that grow (Mark 4:28) (Matthew 8:20), and raising the sheep (Luke 15: 4), we can see that he loved nature more than any poet. He was from a rural village, his farmer's parables spread throughout his ministry, and the voice of natural history depicting his love of nature during his adolescent years in Nazareth clearly shows. Let us contrast it with the Apostle Paul. In Paul's writing from the city, there is a sight of the town where many people live. For example, the architect (I Corinthians 3:10), the army (Ephesians 6:13), and the Athletics of Greece (I Corinthians 9:24) are all urban expressions. The Gospel is expressed with the hills and valleys, the grain fields of spring, and the winds that pass by. Through nature, God shows evidence of His protection and merciful hearts toward us.

(2) The relationship between humanity

The scene of playing with friends (Luke 18: 1),

A young man who grew up in a rural area and went out into the city to prosper (Luke 15:11)

A miner visits a local official and begs (Luke 18: 1).

The appearance of the synagogue and the hypocrites praying at the entrance to the street (Matthew 6: 5)

All of this was good resources that he learned about humanity. He has learned this during the Nazarene silence period. John stated "But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people" (John 2:24).

Jesus was a man who loved everyone. Even to those who fails, weak, struggles with sin, and those who overcome it, he loved them as God loved mankind.

Jesus was the carpenter of Nazareth (Mark 6: 3). The job that Jesus the Son of God had on the earth was woodwork. The divinity of labor was recognized from life. There was no discrimination in occupation for Christ. Whether it is craftwork, hard work, or technical work, what is done with God is holy.

(3) The family relationship

Jesus always needs to be remembered that he grew up in a large families (Matthew 13:55, Mark 6: 3). His father Joseph's name does not appear much in his biography, so we may assume that he had already left the world. As the eldest son, he would have had the responsibilities and duties of the family on behalf of his father. There are stories in several places that indirectly explain what happened in his home.

The story of sweeping the whole family in search of a lost coin (Luke 15: 8)

The story of powder and leaven (Matthew 13:33),

(Luke 11: 5), who borrowed bread

The story of a lamp set on a stand (Matthew 5:15),

The story of children asking for something to eat (Matthew 7: 9) can all be showing us the inexhaustible lifestyle that has taken place in Mary's home.

In Jesus' family life, there are no passages that show richness. Later on, when the crowd mocked Jesus, they could have guessed where his home was at that time, based on the fact that they shouted "Is not this the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). But even in midst of

growing up in a poor family, God was with him and His peace dwelled on him. It is not recorded in the book but we assume that he was at his fullness with submission to his family.

These three relationships - nature, humanity, family - were his preparation elements. When it was God's time, He sent his only Son, Christ to the earth.

You may think that Jesus went to the Jordan to be baptized to announce that he was with sinners. A sinless Jesus was baptized to show his love and redemption to his people. He was the "Friend of the taxpayer and the sinners." This is a prophetic demonstration of the fact of love.

Jesus was always with poor people, those needy, and enjoyed sharing a table with abandoned humankind. He chose the innocent death to die between the two robbers.

He never abandoned sinners. He carried their sufferings and knew that He will die for their sins.

When Jesus was baptized, he was heard a voice from above "This is my beloved Son,[d] with whom I am well pleased." This is a confrontation of the Jesus as the Messiah and that his work has begun.

The purpose of Isaiah's prophecy was to answer the words of Isaiah the prophet "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound" (Isaiah 61:1) [continued]

[Epilogue]

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