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[Letter of the Editor]

Greetings in Christ.

I am glad to share the teaching of salvation in reformed doctrine written by Dr. Louise Berkohf in the editor page. Especially in the seasoning of Christmas as we review our living salvation in our lives, we can enjoy the grace of Christ's incarnation deeply.

I believe that as you make sure the related passages to understand the truth, you will get much spiritual benefits. May the grace and comfort of the Lord be with you.

In Christ.

From Dr. White Young Jeon, the editor.

Conversion (repentance and faith)

Main Points

- 1. Conversion means that the transformation of regeneration was begun with revealing in the life of consciousness.**
 - 2. Conversion consists of negative elements and positive faith.**
 - 1) Repentance is the transformation of the intellect, emotion and volition by reviewing the past life and returning to God**
 - 2) Four kinds of faith**
 - (1) Historical faith – accepting the biblical truth intellectually without having true moral respond**
 - (2) Temporary faith – It is not rooted into the regenerated heart, except only developing the conscience and stimulating the affection**
 - (3) Miraculous faith – The kind of assurance in the human by the influence of the miracles.**
 - (4) Saving faith – it is settled in the heart and is rooted in the regenerated heart.**
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I. General conversion

The Scriptures do not say conversion as always the same meaning. The conversion in our heart is defined as the activity of God that God regenerates us and leads towards faith and repentance in our consciousness and our lives. From this definition the fact that God is the author of conversion. Already the Scriptures remarked it. (Acts 11:18 II Tim 2:25) New life by regeneration does not come out of the transformation of conscious life but only out of the special work of Holy Spirit. (Jn 6:44 Phil 2:13) Just like the regeneration comes by only the work of God in passive attitude of the man, in conversion the man is called for to respond there. (Is 55:7 Jer 18:11 Acts 2:38 17:30).

But the man can work by only the power God provides. Like regeneration conversion is the momentary change but is not a kind of the process as sanctification, but it is the transformation happened in the conscious life than the unconscious like regeneration. In the case of all adults' life, they need the conversion (Ez 33:11, Mt 18:3) some changing point should be happened absolutely. The Scriptures say the conversion of Namaan (II King 5:15) Manasseh (II Chron 33:12,13) Zacharias (Lk 19:8,9), Kush eunuch (At 8:30 ff) Cornelius (Act 10:44 ff) Paul (Act 9:5 ff) Lydia (Act 16:14) as the same meaning of conversion.

Except this one, the Scriptures say the conversion of nation like Jonah 3:10, the temporary conversion without the change of heart, (Mt 13:20, 21, I Tim 1:19, 20, II Tim 4:10 Heb 6:4-6) and continuing conversion (Lk 22:32, Rev 2:5, 16, 21, 22, 3:3, 19) this in the strike meaning in not the repetition of conversion. Conversion is not repetition, but the activation of revival to obscure new life. Conversion consists of repentance, the negative element and faith, the positive element.

At 11:18 when they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

I Tim 2:25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to knowledge of the truth,

I. Repentance (positive elements of conversion)

Repentance is defined that the transformation that is happened in the conscious life of the sinner to return to God out of his sin. It includes three elements, those are, 1. The intellectual element to know personal committed sin, transgress and his helpless state, 2. The emotional element to take sorrowful feeling against the holy, righteous God. 3. The volitional element to change his purpose through returning out of the sin and seeking the forgiveness and purification. (Rom 3:20, II Cor 7:9, 10 Rom 2:4)

Repentance in first begins in the man through the laws of God. Roman Catholics claim the external elements of repentance. According of them the repentance has the external concept personal external sorrow to come out of the eternal punishment than the original sin.

In other words he has the sufficient standard of repentance through the external penance by confessing his sins before the priest that can forgive his sin, fasting, scourging, taking pilgrimages and so on.

Ez 33:11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Mt 18:3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4**Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Is 55:7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

At 17:30 the times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, Faith (the positive part of conversion

In distinction of repentance, faith has following elements.

(1) The variety kinds of faith

The Scriptures always do not say as the same meaning about the faith. The Scriptures say the historical faith to accept the truth of the Scriptures intellectually, without spiritual response. This faith does not treat the truth precious, and has no concern to the truth. (At 26:27, 28 Jams 2:19) Also the Scriptures say the temporary faith to develop the conscience, to stimulate the affection but not to root in the regenerated heart surrounded the religious truth because it does not keep on saving faith in the day of suffering and persecution by losing the character of faith. (Heb 6:4-6 I Tim 1:19, 20 I Jn 2:19)

Mt 13:20,21 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, **21**yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

I Jn 2:19 they went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. Moreover the Scriptures remark the miraculous faith, one of the kinds of human assurance through the human or, through the replace means. (Mt 8:11, 13, 17:20, Mk 16:17, 18 Jn 11:22, 40 at 14:9) This faith can be accompanied saving faith or, not.

Mt 17:20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.

At 14:9, 10 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ^b **10**said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking.

Finally the Scriptures stress the necessity of saving faith. This is located in the heart and is rooted in the regenerated life. As the seed was planted by regeneration and is blossomed gradually by the active faith.

Saving faith is the positive assurance to work through the Holy Spirit about the truth of gospel in the heart and the trust to depend on the promise of God in Christ.

Jn 3:10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

Jn 6:40 for this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

(2) The elements of faith

We should know the saving faith includes three elements.

1) Intellectual element

These points to the positive recognition to revealed truth in the word of God that is the spiritual insight that is found out in the heart of the sinner. It is the absolute sure knowledge that depends on the promise of God. This knowledge should be sufficient to offer some concepts of essential truth of the gospel to the believers.

2) Emotional element (approbation)

Because it is included in the knowledge to the saving faith actually, Heidelberg creed does not divide each other. Because this knowledge has the feature that the strong assurance to the importance of the objects is happened with the emotion, this is called for approbation. Truth moves the soul.

3) Volitional elements (trust)

This is the most important element in the saving faith. This is the personal trust to depend on Christ as the Lord and the savior included the surrender and forgiveness of the dirty soul

for committed sin to Christ, and as the source of spiritual life. The ultimate object of saving faith is Jesus Christ and the promise of salvation in him. (Jn 3:16, 18, 36, 6:40 Act 10:43 Rom 3:22 Gal 2:16) This faith does not come out of the man but the present of God. (I Cor 12:8, 9 Gal 5:22 Eph 2:8) However the activity of faith points human activity that God's children exhorted continuously. (Rom 10:9, I Cor 2:5 Col 1:23 I Tim 1:5 6:11)

(3) Assurance of faith

The Methodists claims that the one who believes in Christ immediately becomes the children of God. But this does not mean that he arrived at the complete salvation because he may be dropped down out of the grace.

But more obvious fact is true faith includes the trust to God but although more or less, some change is happened, it makes us been the recognition of safety and assurance. Such assurance is not the permanent consciousness of the believer. He always does not live the life of sufficient faith. As his result he always does not recognize the spiritual abundance, because he was controlled by doubt and unbelief, he should try to keep on assurance. (II Cor 3:5 Heb 6:11 II Pet 1:10 I Jn 3:19)

This faith can be kept on by the prayer, meditation of God's word and the revival of true Christian life.

Heb 6:11 and we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,

II Pet 1:10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

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In Christ

Dr. White Young Jeon, editor

Christ that the Synoptic Gospels Reveal

written by Dr. Yune Sun Park, translated by White Young Jeon

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

Christ that the synoptic gospels reveal

The word, Christ () was translated the messiah (= the anointed). Christ is the savior and the Lord who came as the fulfillment of the prophecy in the Old Testament.

I. Jesus is Christ

I John 2:22 said, "Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son." Just like this one the synoptic gospels said the fact that Jesus is messiah. Refer to Mt 16:16-20, 11:25-27.

1. Jesus's self-claim

Jesus himself claimed that he came into the world as the accomplisher of the prophecy in the Old Testament. repeatedly just like this one, the representative passage is Lk 4:17-21. H. Bavinck said that all the prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament or, all his promises were recorded 456 times. (Tal van plaatsen warden Messiaansch verklaard, glijk de LXX bewijst; de Joden vonden in de Schriften zelfs 456 Messiaansche beloften. – Gereformeerde Dogmatiek, III J. H. Kok, Kampen, 1910, p 256). Just like such things, many prophecy of messiah and his promises were accomplished by Jesus, we should believe in Jesus as Christ and glorify God.

2. Proclaimed by the character of the document of gospel

The documents of gospel have the supernatural character. The word that the documents have supernatural character means that there were the messianic state and his divine

character. For example, (1) it pointed Jesus as "the son of God" (Mk1:1), "the children of David" (Mt 1:1, 9:27,15:22,20:30-31, 22:41-45), "the son of man" (Mt12:40,16:27 Mk8:31 13:26, 29,, 14:62, Lk 9:44) (2) Jesus said that he received all things out of the father-God (Mt11:27, Lk10:22), he declared that the kingdom of God has come (Mk 1:15) He controlled the kingdom of devil with the absolute authority. (Mk 1:25) and he claimed that he got the great authority for the remission. (Mk 2:9-11). Such supernatural words were revealed same power at the beginning time and the last time. As we observed them, we can know that his consciousness of messiah was not developed gradually and revealed the same character of completeness from the beginning to the end.

Then the supernatural character of the books of the gospel was united with the historical character. As that, the supernatural character of the books of gospel is not mythological but has the historical fidelity. The materials of the events that the documents of the gospel took the historical character were proved not by the speculation – centric, but the fact centric color, that is, the materials of the document of the gospel was fixed to historical supplement (de historische toonzetting). We can see that the character of gospel document is different to the one of the epistles and also is different to the Acts obviously. The books of gospel revealed the thought, the knowledge and the system, etc. To proclaim him, directly but it does not say the more developed thought after his resurrection. For example the books of gospel have many name of Jesus, but the term, Lord is few. And the son of man, the term comes many in the books of gospel, but the other of the New Testament is few. Not only that, the gospel of Mark reveals that Jesus concealed the identification of his messiah much, it is proper to the process of his treatment before his resurrection. (Mk 1:35-38, 45, 5:43, 6:32, 7:24, 36, 8:28) As we see that the character of record of the book of gospel was fixed by the contemporary day truly. Such supernatural character was united with the historical character. These two things were the same system from the beginning. The historical Jesus was the historical Jesus who was revealed by God in the beginning.

Then among the scholars some have some issue of this fact. If Jesus was messiah in the first time, why did he warn not to inform that he is the messiah (Christ) to the others in the books of gospel?

It is fact that Jesus warned to his disciples not to inform his identity of messiah at some time. (Mt 16:20, Mk 3:12 Lk 4:41) These points to "the Messianic secret".

Of course the attitude of messianic secret sometimes was revealed by the indirect saying. It is like that after he executed the miracles he requested it to inform to the others. (Mk 5:43, 7:36, 8:26, 9:9), the miracles are the evidence of messiah. (Mt 12:23, 38, 14:33, 16:1 Mk 2:10, 12, 3:11, 7:37, 9:3, Jn 2:11, 7:31, 10:25, 14:11, At 2:22, 10:38). Not only that, He used many metaphors in his teaching, it also was the indirect saying of messianic secret. (Mt12:40, Mk2:19-20, 4:10-12, Lk8:17, 11:31-32, 12:49, Jn 16:25).

I explain more about the messianic secret as followings.

- (1) The false claim of the general liberalism theologians. These knew that Jesus was only a religious genius and did not know as God. They said that Jesus admitted himself as a prophet and gradually he was arrived to proclaim him as the messiah through his self-consciousness was developed. That is, according to that the numbers of Jesus's disciples were increased gradually, the opposition of the enemies was happened in Jerusalem, and he retreated into Galilee. But at the last time he raised to Jerusalem with the resolution of death and then he arrived at think that he was the messiah. (Harnack, Bousset, Weinel, R. Otto, Holtzmann) These scholars thought new wrong image. The method of their studying borrowed the materials of the religious historical party.

- (2) The claim of extreme critics, the representative of these scholars was Wrede and Schweitzer. Wrede said as followings, so called, as the result of the literature critic. That is, "the book of gospel also cannot believe it as a historical original document. Weather Jesus admitted himself as the messiah or, not, it is difficult that nobody answers to the issue."(Das Messianitats und Leidensgeheimnis, Gesch. D. Leb – Jesu- Forsch, 1933, p369). Wrede took the skeptic attitude to the messianic consciousness of Jesus and claimed wrongly. Schweitzer said as followings, that is, "the work of Jesus was doctrinal. Jesus worked all things with messianic consciousness. But until before his messianic work was accomplished completely, he did not publish it publically. As he received the baptism, he knew that the time to messianic realization was approached closely. And after his

experience on the mount of transfiguration he published the fact to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi and proclaimed it completely at his trial time. But it was the imaginative mistake of Jesus.”(). The fact that Schweitzer said so did not come out of believing in the Scripture faithfully. As he said the above, Schweitzer claimed that Jesus admitted as the messiah because he was fallen down into the religious mistake. But it was the wrong theory to come out of the unbelief of Schweitzer.

(3) The right interpretations to messianic secret

The reason that Jesus concealed his messianic status is explained as followings. [1] In the principle that he did not say the truth without caution to the people who suborned with unbelief and not to repent, he concealed his messianic status. [2] The political misunderstanding that is for the people tried to make him as the king of the world, he was concealed himself his messianic status. [3] He concealed his messianic status to keep on the order of revelation. That is, the reason that Jesus kept on silence at some time was that the character of messiah was the trial. Trial and messianic status are united as oneness. Accordingly his public statement of messianic status was begun positively as he arrived at the time of his trial. Therefore we concluded as followings, that is, Jesus was concealed his messianic status at some time but it did not mean that he was not the messiah.

II. The substitute death of Christ

The reason that the messiah who saved the mankind was suffered absolutely is that the mankind was committed sin and was cursed. Except the savior and the Lord that can save the mankind only should substitute their curse, there is no the other way. Because Jesus himself received the trial for our curse he himself proclaimed the truth.

The fact that Jesus died on the cross was not accident event that he did not think basically. The books of gospel say his atonement death from his first holy ministry. (Mt 9:15) Especially Jesus says, “even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”(Mt 20:28) this word prophesied his substituted death. Earnest Burton says, “ in the verse “, and to give his life”() does not mean the death but to be alive and to devote himself and to obey him, here only Jesus

taught to his disciples to be devote themselves to help the mankind by revealing his example. (Biblical idea of Atonement, 1909, pp 114ff). But Seeberg said that “, and to give his life ” pointed his death at any time. And also Schlatter says that “Jesus stated that he will enter into the death as the ultimate complete evidence to protect the others. ” (Der Evangelist Msttaus, p 602) to establish his claim that this passage pointed to his death, the Jewish literature offered the same expression those are, “ ”, “ ”, “ ”, etc. . And then Th. Zahn also interpreted as such meaning. (Das Evangelium des Matthaus I. 1903, p 604).

A certain scholars interpreted “, and to give his life” as his death but did not admit the death of atonement. It has only the meaning of the general sacrifice. (It does not mean the salvation of the personal soul out of the sin and punishment) H. N Wendt, F. Niebergall, J. Weiss etc. followed the same interpretation. (Warfield, biblica Doctrines, pp 315-316). B. B. Warfield evaluated as followings, that is, “although the meaning Jesus proclaimed was revealed obviously and was proved by his disciple more surely, the above critics were strayed out of that and said the other voice. “The declaration of Jesus did not dropped down in the earth without producing the fruit. It was revealed in the teaching of his disciples directly.” (Biblical Doctrines, p317)

Because the above critics finally did not know “a ransom ()” in Mt 20:28, they concluded wrongly. Also Ritzchl claims that “the word has no the meaning of substitution in the New Testament but the meaning of the general alms... (Warfield, Biblical Doctrines) but Warfield says, “The Greek, lutron (), that is, the substituted offering and the expressions to come out of it has the linguistic meaning (the meaning of substitution)... therefore when any Greek wrote any expression to have a language root, could not use it without having the consciousness of salvation, we can say safely. ” (Biblical doctrines p 341) And Warfield say again “LXX revealed 19 times of the word, lurton, the words mean the substituted offering.” (Biblical doctrines 0341)

According to the apostolic words in the epistles, the death of Jesus is substituted death. We see that the words of the Apostles belong to the authority of Jesus. Did the Apostles

break out against the essential heart of Jesus and interpret his teaching wrongly by himself? S Jesus chose then what authority did he offer to them? Matthew 10:40 said, "And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. "To this word, A, Shatter commentated, "through the apostle comes to the people they got the chance to accept Jesus, with accepting the Apostles accepting Jesus himself. And the same relationship is applied to the relationship between Jesus and God. If the man accepted Jesus with him he accepted God. "(Der Evangelist, p 352) Ridderbos says, "Jesus stood up at the background of the Apostles and gave his authority to them. Therefore the entertainment to offer to them finally they did not accept it but Jesus himself accepted it. ". Matthew 10:40, quoted at the above, for as Jesus sent his disciples to evangelism, he said it, it pointed to the authority of his ministry obviously. It was not the word to give to the general believers. The twelve apostles Jesus chose is the essential holy position which the total church of the New Testament (Twelve is the number to point all churches in the New Testament). Therefore H. Ridderbos says again, "the essential elements of the Apostles in the New Testament were related to the coming of Jesus Christ and his ministry." (Der Evangelist Matthaus p 352).

As we said the above, as the position of status of the Apostles are the ambassador to have all authority of Christ, they proclaimed the word of Christ that Christ wanted faithfully and they did not exaggerate it or, make it falsely obviously. The doctrine of substitution that they taught at the books of gospel and in the Epistles proclaimed the thought of Christ directly. As they proclaimed like the prophets in the Old Testament, It was their mission to proclaim the thought of God that sent them obviously.

The gospel of John also explained the death of Jesus as the substitute death obviously and abundantly. (Jn 1:29, 3:14, 6:53-55, 10:16-18, 11:47-52, 12:32-33) Despite it was so, the critics in interpreting the death of Christ in the synoptic gospels, they did not take the passages of the gospel of John, because they did not admit the thought of the gospel of John but thought as the interpreted thought of the latter generation. But they misunderstood the gospel of John. It is fact that in the external part the different colors

between the synoptic gospel and the gospel of John are revealed. But rethinking of them these two books had no different thought essentially.

(1) The authors of the synoptic were stressed the activity of Jesus and were recorded, the author of the gospel of John focused on the eternal life in the Jesus's teaching. It is natural that the expression of the literature makes different things by the materials and also it is natural that the character of description. In the writing to the same person, to write the history of the man and his thought can be written as different characters (or, until the styles)

(2) And also the synoptic gospels have the deep theological thought. Especially, Matthew 11:25-27 is the thought that all theologians agree with the style of thought of the gospel of John together. There it says, ""Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you." These words go through the theological thought of John well.

G. Vos says that Jesus admitted himself as "the servant of Jehovah" in Isaiah 53: he said Matthew 20:28. Vos pointed the same things between the thought of Mt 20:28 and the one of Isaiah 53: that is, in the thought of Matthew 20:28, first, the thought to give the life comes in Isaiah 53:12, Second, the thought to serve exists in Isaiah 53:11 (as LXX) Third, the thought to serve many people with substituted death come out of Isaiah 53:5 (The Self-Disclosure of Jesus, pp 285-286). The synoptic gospel, except Matthew 20:28, the word of the trial of Jesus and his death were found at following passages. Refer to Mt 16:21-28, 17:22-23, 20:17-19 Mk 8:31-9:1, 30-31, 10:32-34 Lk 9:22-27, 44-45, 18:31-34.

Hopefulness for the Next World

written by John Calvin from True Christian Life Chapter V

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.

[Back to the Bible corner]

God's love for you is everlasting!

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No matter how bad life gets, you can rest in one important truth: God won't stop loving you.

You'll have things go right. You'll have things go wrong.

But God's love will never end - you can count on that.

That truth should be one of the most important sources of joy in your life!

The Bible says it like this in Romans 8:38-39:

"For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are - high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean - nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us" (TLB)

That's good news.

When you put your hand in God's hand, he grabs it and won't let go. God holds on to you with all He has.

You will have times in your life when you'll want to let go of God's hand. You'll want to give up your commitment to Christ when times get tough.

But God won't let go of you - ever.

Once you put your hand in His, it's there to stay.

Forever !!!

If you could earn your salvation by working for it, you could lose it the moment you stopped working for it.

But you didn't earn your relationship to God.

It was a free gift.

Once it has been given, it can't be taken back.

That's an unimaginable source of joy for the believer.

God is Love!

God loves You!

"I have loved you with an everlasting love."

(Jeremiah 31:3)

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

(John 3:16)

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want."

(Psalm 23:1)

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep."

(John 10:14-15)

--Back to the Bible--

[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 Sixth Part]

7. II Kings

Introduction

God who have worked in the monarchy of Israel through three positions, king, priest and prophet to accomplish his eternal plan, the restoration of God's image through them; the righteousness, the mercy and the faithfulness as the redemptive ethical fruit in the kingdom of God. Among them the prophetship was very important because the faithfulness should be on the foundation of the theocracy in the monarchy. Although the day of I Kings was very dark in the spiritual world, God established the righteousness in them by the ministry of prophets. Elisha was an important tool just like Moses was used by God for taking care of the Exodus church. Elisha was Moses of that day as the type of Jesus Christ, the head of covenant of grace.

The faithful hand of God had worked in the day of II Kings without any helps. Especially the ministry of Elisha replaced to Elijah. At each day God prepared and sent his servants to accomplish the eternal economy in the council of trinity. The ministry of Elisha more powerful, more enlargable than Elijah's. The book proves the fact as follows.

This essay shall reveal the stream of historical work through the prophet and the kings as following order: 1) the meaning of double portion of Holy Spirit inspiration 2) the ministry of Elisha that make us taste the gospel grace of New Testament. 3) The ministry of faithfulness revealed among the wicked kings by prophets and also we shall review the character of restoration of God's image in II Kings.

I. The meaning of double portion of Holy Spirit inspiration

First of all, the restoration of God's image comes out of the source of power that is, the inspiration of Holy Spirit. We treat to that issue in II Kings 1: - . The pictorial revelation of II Kings focused on Elisha's life and his ministry. The restoration of God's image as the purpose

of God's history need the man of Spirit who was filled with inspiration of God because the Spirit can reveal the fruit in the world.

1. **Ask to the Lord** (II King1:1-12)

As Ahasia who was a son of Ahab risen on the throne, his idolatry continued and we had no to come back to God. Through him what lessons did we learn out of him? First, he searches for the other method. (2) He stays the long distance to the fear –faith. To settle the object of prayer is the direction of faith and the direction of his life. The one who listen to the answers are the man of wisdom.

Second, how did God discipline them? Frist God sent Elijah to warn them and gave a chance of repentance. The fire descended and the spiritual authority of God revealed on them.

2. **The Man of God** (II Kings 1:13-18)

Ahasia who rejected the final warning of Elijah who disciplined fifth chiefs and fifth persons was died immediately. Here we can know the way that the man of God should go.

First, the man of God should execute the mission of God. The man of God obeys the command of Jehovah. Second, the man of God should have the personality of God. According to his word what the fire of God descends on us means that God himself work s through his soul. The power of God reveals through the power of God. So Paul teaches to us six elements that the man of God should have. He command that the man of God should pursue the righteousness and the godliness to God, the faith and he love to the man and also patience and meek to himself. (I Tim 6:11) Let us be used by God by pursuing the Holy Spirit.

3. **Give us the double portion of the Inspiration** (II Kings 2:1-14)

In the supplication of Elijah that seeks the double spirit as the inheritance of the elder son, what can we seek? First, he can know the value of the inspiration. He could see that the inspiration of Holy Spirit who remained in Elijah is the best value. His is to seek he

kingdom of God and the blessing. (Lk11:13) Second, we can learn the power of the faith. The reason that he can seek it until the end is the faith. Although his teacher exhorted his stopping to follow him he without pause did not leave the teacher. Third, we can learn the moment that the power comes on. The power of God comes to us when they do own best to follow passionately. Although he has no any signs and any miracles, when he hit on the water with the garment of his teacher, the water was divided. In processing of requesting faith the grace of God come on us already. Let us seek the double inspiration promised in Christ. (Ephesian 5:18)

4. The Man of Inspiration (II Kings 2:15-25)

Elisa executed the double ministry by requesting the double inspiration by his power. (15) What did he reveal?

First, the miracle was happened. The event that Elisa divided the Jordan River is the deed of faith. If we approach by believing the power of gospel, this miracle shall be happened. (Mk 16:17-18)

Second, the healing was appeared. To heal the unripen fruit means to appear the power of God. (21) When we believe on Christ, the sun of righteousness, and come to him humbly, the wonderful healing shall be happened. (Mal 4:2)

Third, the spiritual authority was revealed. (23-25) what the children who mocked the appearance of Elisa as killed by mountain bears is the hand that built the spiritual authority. The man who the inspiration abides is the man of the Spirit. Let us receive the double inspiration of the Spirit.

5. One who received the grace of God (II Kings 3:1-12)

The text reveals that Jehosabat received the grace of God, as he went to the battle with Edom and there is no the water on the way of wilderness by asking the empty water to the prophet. Who can receive the grace of God? First, the man towards God shall receive the grace. For Jehoram did not serve God very well, (2) he revealed the mild attitude. He executed mild sate as Laodichea church did the medium state whether they are cold to the

hot. The grace comes on the passionate person to God. (II Chronicle 17:9)

Second, when we meet to the difficult things and seek God, we receive the grace.

Jehosabath in contrast of Jehoram remember Jehovah in the crisis situation and seek the grace of God. The faith deed of one person can save the country out of the miserable state. What we need in the confusion day is the small multitude that received the grace of God. By repenting our sins we have to receive the grace of God first of all.

6. The Way of God's Work (II Kings 3:13-27)

In the event of Israel to overcome the Moabite what can we learn about the way that God works? First, God worked in the supplication. Although he seek the idols as he seeks Elisa and demands some help to the prophet the way as opened before them. Second, God worked through the impression of the Spirit. When the harp was played by a certain people that Elisa herd the voice h his impression if the work of Holy Spirit.(150 According to the impression of the Holy Spirit that they dogged the brook (16-20) to follow the word of the Scripture should be to follow the impression of Holy Spirit. Third, God himself worked. (20-27) that God sent the water and the enemy misunderstood the fact waste hand of God. Let us teas the victory of God in the way of God.

7. The Way that God trains us (II Kings 4:17-37)

Through a summite woman who received the grace of God by serving the prophet we can how the Lord trained his people. First, God had trained them through the miracles. That a barren woman begot a baby and the dead child was raised revealed the hand of God who worked through the prophets. God med them to concentrated on God, the source of God by the supernatural power. The every entire miracle focuses on to attach to God. Second, God had trained them by some suffering. Every small and big issue has true meaning in the world. The summite woman learnt the humility, the obedience that God's people should have through several frustrated issue and seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. (Mt6:33) We should be trained by the hand of God to be used by God.

8. The Process of Healing (II Kings 5:1-14)

Through what process did Naaman receive the wonderful healing out of his lepers? First, it was begun by holding the small words. He walked by faith in the impossible situation by obeying an exhortation of a girl servant God of the love prepared everything in order to listen to the Word of God easily anytime, anyplace. If anybody received the word of God, he can receive the grace of God systematically. It is effective always the fact that the faith as a mustard can do everything. Second, it should be walk through some examination. In the process of obedience some temptation came upon him, despite he was despised for the impolite attitude of the prophet and certain weak condition, he obeyed his command as God's order. Third, he obeyed until the end. He took off his general mark out of his shoulders and took off his garment and entered into the water seven times. Then the wonderful miracle was happened. As the servant in Cana wedding ceremony house filled with the water until the top of jar, he obeyed faithfully. The obedience is better than the miracle.

9. The Rule to manage the grace (II Kings 5:15-27)

The miracle of healing is more important than the management of the grace. How can we manage the grace?

First, we have to refuse the gifts that we received easily to keep the pure faith. Naaman offered his all treasures to god but Elisa refused it because he wanted to put his mixture faith on God. Second, we have to watch out the deceive. Ghazi who took the treasure by deceiving. Naaman (22-24) was taken by leprosy disease by his greedy. (27) The man who receives the grace of God should caution to the hypocrisy and covet. In order to grow up our faith personality, we have to fight against the stumbling block. Let's follow the faith of Elisa.

10. The Power of the Spiritual Insight (II King 8:1-13)

Elisa who had the spiritual knowledge is our example because he solved some problems

with the insight of the Spirit and saved it out of the kingdom. How can we receive it? First, we have to seek it with faith. Elisa who received the gift of the Spirit builds the tent of the seminary school and saved his country out of the crisis. Whoever of the regenerated persons can possess the gift of the Spirit because God promised it to him. Without having the tongue gifts or the healing gifts, the other special gift of the Spirit is able to be permitted to us. Every Christian has his personal gift of the Spirit out of God. By praying to God sincerely we should abstain our gift and develop it to be used by God. Second we should receive it to build the virtue. The baptism of the Spirit focuses on to accomplish the unity of the church (I Corinthan12:13) but the gift of the Spirit are permitted for the virtue of the church and the benefits of his neighbors. We should live to apply the gift to our lives very well.

11. Let's Establish God's Will (II Kings 8:7-24)

The text that Benhadath was died for his disease by Hasael and was prophesied the future of Joram, Edom and Riipnah reveals the work of the Lord. First, the world shall be fulfilled according to the will of God. God rules over Israel, Judah, Edom, Ripnah, and Aram, and also He controlled the victory and the failure of the warfare, the issue of the life and the death and up and down of a nation. Therefore we have to entreat that we look at the will of the Lord humbly and the will of God shall be fulfilled. Second, God works in the center of the lamp. The lamp God permit to the people pointed the messiah, Christ Jesus who will come to the eschatological day in the world. (19, ref. Jn 4:25-26) We have to love the age when he came to very well. Third, the will of God shall be built by God Himself for us. The accomplishment of Elisa's prophesied (10-12) reveals the method of God to accomplish his word. The only hope of Christian whole life should be established the will of God.

12. The Method of the Lord (II Kings 8:25-9:10)

what does the text reveal that God shall establish his will among the confusion situation to us? First, God worked over the work of the mankind. When Joram was harmful at the battle and his nation was shaken, God Himself accomplish his will and also although they

tried to be untied by their visiting for Ahasia's disease the hand of God moved on them. Only he is the Lord of the Lords. Second, God worked through the spiritual authority for his plan. It was God that God destroyed the dynasty of Ahab and prepared Jehudah. God said Elisa and Elisa informed it to seminary students and after the student inform it to Jehudath and also finally Jehovah executed it directly because it was the source of God. When God seek the obeying person in the world, let us response to make Him pleased.

13. The Man of Holy Spirit (II Kings 9:30-10:14)

In the tragic event that 70 sons of Ahab and his relatives and the brothers of Ahasia were killed we can learn two lessons. First, the judgment of God must be exact. The final death of Isabel who established the idols and killed the prophets of God proves the righteous of God's righteousness. (22) God repaid the miserable death of Naboth directly. The principle that God shall bless the one to bless the church but to another to condemn the church, God shall condemn always sustains in the world. Second we should devote ourselves to the growth up of our faith. The repaying of Jehudath was very miserable. His extreme response of judgment by killing the brothers of Ahasia came out of the action of his covet. The things that inclined into the miracle and the wisdom must come out of his greedy heart. We have to follow the principle that inclined into the grace of Holy Spirit. Let us become the men of Holy Spirit by keeping faithful deed.

II. The ministry of Elisa

1. The Failure of Jehu's reformation (II Kings 10:15-36)

although Jehudath established the righteousness of God passionately by killing all the idolatry peoples, finally because he followed the word of God completely he was abandoned by God. What is the true reformation? First, we should follow the word of God. The event that Jehoadab who was a descendant of Lechab killed the Baal worshippers by a certain deceit was not passion to follow true knowledge. True reformation depends on following the word of God faithfully. When we know the Scripture, true reformation and true revival

shall be happened. Second, the surrendering devotion should be followed. The reformation of Jehudath was failed by the passion omitted the fear-faith of God. We should learn the attitude of Paul that he himself tried to attain to the complete salvation in his life than the salvation of our neighbors.

2. The Reformation of Jehoadah (II Kings 11:1-12:3)

Trough the reformation of Jehoadah we can learn two features that God used in his work. First, they have the obvious purpose for the kingdom of God. Among Adalra killed the sons of king in cruelty, God made Joshia escaped through Jehoadah. Although we confronted at the trouble things, when we followed the word of God the way of prosperity shall be opened before us. When we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, The Lord shall make us to be prosperous. Second, they should restore the covenant. (17) As the situation is solved very well Jehoadah devoted himself to renew the covenant. (17) He destroyed all idols altars and killed Adalah and established Joas as the king of Judah. Such thing is to be fulfilled by the covenant. As Elijah recovered the covenant by building up 12 stones the restoration of covenant shall make true reformation and true rejoice and peace shall follow us. (20) Let us have true reformation by devoting ourselves to them.

3. The Teaching that Johas gives (II Kings 12:4-21)

Through Joas who thrones as the king of Judah in the confused day what do we learn about the reformation? First. The reformation began with the renewal of worship. His work that executed by the direction of Jehoadah was to reconstruct the sanctuary because the right relationship with God began with true worship. However he refused personal offering materials (4-8) and repaid it with the voluntary offerings of people. (9-11)

Second, It was the reformation that discerns the holy materials. By giving the holy materials first to the workers who served the sanctuary faithfully (13-14) and offering the silvers of the guilt offering and the atoning offering should be given to the priest. But he who had weak faith was attacked by Hasael gave the holy materials to him as the comprising way. And did not break the high place and finally he was killed by his faithful

servant. Let us offer our body as living sacrifice to the Lord. (Jh4:24)

4. The Honest Life (II Kings 13:1-13)

in the text that the revival and destruction of a nation depends on the honest before God what did we learn? First, God is the standard of honest. Although the people evaluated it is good, more importance is the evaluation of God. (2) As the northern kingdom leaves the sins of Jeroboam, God disciplined them by the hand of Aram. The honest means the life before God. Second, how can we be honest? As Jehovah's supplicated to Jehovah with urgent heart. God provided mercy to him. (4-5) the honest is the fruit that we approached to the Lord every day. And when we devoted ourselves to God we can walk to the honest way. God hold us continuously as we seek God who saved us once of all. Jeos who ruled over the northern Israel for 16 years failed in serving God continuously. Let us be used by God by standing up firm on the Word of God.

5. Faithful God (II Kings 13:14-25)

what does the text reveal of God? First, he is the faithful God. (16-17) the action of the king to shot an arrow into the air means the salvation out of Aram. It reveals that God is faithful because he keeps on what he promised. Elisa who was faithful to God worked after he was died in the earth. That a dead body was attached to his bone was resurrected means (14:21) the man that believes in the faithful God testimonies God eternally.

Second, God made them participated into his glory. That Joahs hit the ground three times means to warrant three time victories (18-25) reveals that God provided many chances to them for joining into the glory of God. Just like Jesus ordered to Mary and Martha to open the cover stone and take off his fine cloth in order to participate into the His glory. We have to use the participation chance in our lives.

6. Justice is Arrive (II Kings 14:17-29)

The text reveals that God accomplish his will although the day was very wick situation that was the features of dominion of Amasha and Jeroboam. How God's was will accomplish

among the confusion of man-centric thing? First, Amashar occupied Edom but he was rebelled because of his arrogance was escaped and killed by his enemy. True conquer is the man to walk on the way of humility by throwing the arrogance. Second, Jeroboam II brought the economic revival in Israel but did not live as a man of honest. . His work that sent Jonah to Nineveh for evangelism and restored Damascus and Hamath come by the compassion of God. In the spiritual depression we have to repent our sins and learn the way of humility. And also we have to admit that our richness should be shared to our poverty persons.

7. The Concentration of God (II Kings 15:23-38)

God who controls all the things revealed his dominion in the history of Israel and observed three things in the dynasty of Bcahiah, Bega, Hosea and Jodam. First, He looked the wicked activities. Always he concentrated on the sins of Jeroboam. (28) When we repented our sins true hope shall begin. Second, he concentrated on the honest. Jodam's honest in verse 34 was the fruit that his father Uhhiah was disciplined. Jodam, who built the sanctuary of Jehovah, was not honest until his end. The honest is the honest of the Word of God. It is very precious that we live the Word centric honest life. Third, God concentrated on the time. Finally God worked. It means that God accomplished is plan at his due time. The time that the revival of Joas' day, the revival time of Antioch church and the returning time of the polygamy. We should save the time at contemporary wicked time.

8. Watching the Syncretic (II Kings 17:24-41)

the religious syncretism is the target that Satan attack always. First, the proper condition of the high place and idol were made and the king of Assyria ordered that each nation keep his religious faith as the colonial policy in order to separate of the purity. (29-33) He permitted that every national serve the idol and exchanged their faith of Jehovah. This policy was continued after the north and the south were divided and made the Samaritan Pentateuch and was fallen into the spiritual darkness. Second, this made him left out of

God far away. (35-37) just like as the first button is not fixed the next step shall be wrong, although before Christ came to here, no hope is. But as the gospel shall be proclaimed to them the new work was been happened. We have to treat that the day leaves out of the truth. Let us be free out of the idol of syncretism.

9. The way that overcomes the enemy (II Kings 18:17-37)

How could Rabsache overcome this one? First, he depends on the mercy of God. Although as the young reformer, he compromised with Assyria by giving the treasure of sanctuary, n king finally it shall be failed. The Assyria king mocked Hezchiah in order to get surrender document by the allure of Rabsache. Although Hezchiah was very weak, truly. Then God accepted his supplication and pay the wonderful things compassionate Lord heard of his prayer He saved them out of the enemy.

Second, he overcomes them by supplicating the issue. He brought up the mocked letter that Rabsache gave to him before God in the sanctuary. True seeker reveals his issue only to God honestly to him. We should learn the prayer as Hezchiah did.

10. The Reformation of Hezkiah (II Kings 18:1-16)

What kind of reformation did Hezchiah who was 25 years old I as Israelite king? First, he destroyed the idols. (4) Because he executed before God he abolished the pagan idols and also he destroyed the idol that was made of Moses's bronze snake. The reformation started from restoring the first commandment before God. Second, He executed the Law of Moses directly. Ture reformation does not stop to destroy the idols but return to God and His word positively. To attach the word of God is the beginning of the reformation and the revival. Third, when the person does not listen to the law the suffering should come to them. (12) True prosperity is not any suffering state but to taste the grace of God that works in the suffering time. (9-11) when the contemporary church follows the principles of reformation, she can enjoy the prosperous grace.

11. The Power of prayer (II Kings 19:20-37)

How did Hezekiah's crying prayer receive before God? First, God heard of his cry. God who listened to mocked word of Rabsache heard of the supplication of Hezekiah. (20) So God taught us as we pray to God we don't have to open our mouth without caution. (cc.5:1-2) We have to stand firm on the God centric heart than our sayings because the prayer is the offering that God should accept.

Second how did the answer reveal to him? The symptoms was appeared(29) According to the promise of the absolute protection(34) The Assyria was destroyed by the supernatural power.(35) And also This salvation shall be accomplished by the cross death of Christ, as the climax of redemption.(31) Let us build the will of God by offering the true prayer to God among he tribulation.

12. The Faithful Prayer (II Kings 20:1-11)

What did the supernatural event reveal in the life of Hezekiah? First, the providential suffering will be given to him.

Because every event belongs to the hand of almighty God the saints should receive the training in the providence of God. The reformation of nation and the invasion of Assyria were so big deal but the personal disease was more great issue. After we interpreted our present issues we should submit them to God to solve it. Second, he believed that only God is the solver of his issue. When he asked his survive and decided that he prayed faithfully to God and live before God humbly in his whole life by remembering his past goodness and he mercy action.(3) Then God listened to his supplication and extended his life for 15 years old. Let us shout the Lord in the time of tribulation.

13. After we receive the grace of God (II Kings 20:12-21)

What does the text that teaches that to manage the grace of God is more importance than to receive it? First. He was failed by listening some exclamation. (12) When he was recovered out of his skin cancer, he received many gift out of many persons. Then he opened the doors of the treasure rooms to show up his pride. Because every sin begin with his boasting, the Lord warned that to be acclimated by the people is to be hated by God (Lk

6:26) Second, he called for the woe. Verses 16-20 reveals that he lost the fear- faith of God. Although he had enjoyed the peace and the fidelity constantly, his son, Manasseh was punished by God severely.

It is very important to be trained for the faith the grace of God by God. Let's try to manage the grace in Christ.

14. The Sin of Menathes (II Kings 21:1-26)

Manasseh prohibited the religious reformation begun by his father, Hezekiah and return to the original position, idolatry.

First, he followed the idolatry of Ahab (3). He did not follow his father's good points but recovered the sins of Ahab's sins. To manage the inheritance is more important than to possess it. Even though it is peaceful time if the relationship with God will be destroyed the greater curse shall come to us. Second, he destroyed the law of the Deuteronomy law. He failed down into the religious syncretism by despising all standard and the criteria of his sound faith intensely. Third, he inclined to the extreme state of the social corruption. (10-11) Because of the ungodliness beget the unrighteousness the Judah leadership inclined into the extreme corruption. (16) In the peaceful time by meditating the word of God we have to be protected out of sins and enjoy the abundant grace.

15. The Detailed reformation (II Kings 23:1-20)

What reformation did God who controlled the low and the high of history accomplish? First, he removed all idols and all altars. There were Baal, Aserath, day and month, Sun, Moon, stars, twelve palace stars, Molok, the Sun, Asdarothe (Sidon), Gmos (Moab) Milchom (Amon) and high places and the house of child portraits. He destroyed the. It means that all temptation to leave the Lord was removed. Second, he established the altar. He knows that true reformation is to return to the Word of God by repairing the sanctuary and teaching the Word of God to the people. Historically to translate the Scripture and to teach it in order to practice them in their lives.

16. Let's Fight with the sins (II Kings 23:31-24:7)

The sin means all activities to astray and to pass over and to be short to the center of the target, the will of God. The dominion in Eliahkim and Josia after Josia make us known the severity of sins. First, how were the sins severe? Because Mennathe's sins stimulated the fury of God, it demolished the reformation of Josia and it made them received the invasion of Egypt and Babylon. (1-4, 32) The sin is very horrible. Second, how do we fight against them? It was important to remove the visible idols, but more important thing is to keep the Passover feast in Israel. We have to watch out the character of the flesh corruption in our heart as the spring hopped. The one who follows Paul's view of the ma, "I die every day". Is the man of the victory. When we try to fight against the flesh desire than the world and the Satan. (Lk9:23) Let us to the way.

17. The tragic of Zedchiah (II Kings 24:8-25:7)

We can learn the importance of obedience to the word of God through the destruction of Judah. First, the result of disobedience – Zedchiah was lost his two eyes and was arrested into Babylonia. Because of leaving God. (19) The man who abided in the word of God is blessed truly. (John1:7) We have to protect the tragic of Zedchiah by returning out of disobedience. Second, we have to hang our life on the Word of God. Verse 13 declared all things should be accomplished as the Word of God. We do not live as the visible things but live as the invisible king of God and his righteousness by following the value of the kingdom of God according to the revelation of the Scripture.

As Paul did, when we commit us to the Lord and his words (Acts20:23) finally we can confess that I had finished the way that I should run. (II Tim4:7)

18.The Result of the Sins (li Kings 25:8-30)

God permitted the confusing situation that the temple and the palace were burnt and the sanctuary instruments were stolen by Babylon's invasion. From this state as being lost the salty tastes we can learn two things. First, because of the disobedience of God they were arrested in the shameful confusion. (12, 21-25) The series of confusion that Ismael killed Gdaliah and ran away to Egypt reveal that the disobedience brought up the r trouble result

to them. Second, we can see that God provided the peace to them. Jehoakin who the king was lost his nation was treated after 37 years as the king. (27-28) as a bud was sprouted, the hand of God worked in the pagan land for keeping the promise of God gradually. Although our world fall down into the confusion and chaos, God's promise surly shall be accomplished in the world.

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[Professor Lecture 2]

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

Chapter 5 The core message of the Apostles and the movement of number revival

The Acts pursues on the beginning of the church and her growth. It aims on accomplishing of the great command of the Lord in Matthew 28:18-20. The command , "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (chapters 1-7) and in all Judea and Samaria (chapter 8-12), and to the end of the earth.(chapters 13-28) (1-8)" pointed to spreading of the gospel into the empire Rome out of Jerusalem. This is the stress that Jesus is the savior of all nations, every level included the gentiles. So it arrive to the place that the gentile Christians in the empire Rome stand up firm on the faith and at the same time, the unbelievers lead to the faith. In the book of the Acts three moving stream reveal as following verses, (1:8) 1) The

proclamation at Jerusalem (1:1-8:4) 2) the proclamation at Judah and Samaria (8:5-12:25) And, 3) The proclamation until the ends of the earth. (13:-28😊)

The book of the Acts is the community of the witnesses that knew the gospel, the news of resurrected Lord well and proclaimed it to the farthest place. Nobody could block this movement. Each part of this book (chapters 1-7, 8-12, 13-28) focused on special audience and core member and the important environment, For example, we can say that The persecutor Saul on the way of Damascus and Ananias, the disciple of the Lord who the Lord prepared for extending of the message of Christ. In Acts chapter 9 in the contrast of the four gospels that the life of Christ was written, only the book of Acts wrote the story from the ascend of Christ to the day of the epistles of the New Testament. So the Acts is the historical linked chain between the gospels and the epistles. Without the Acts, could the epistles of Paul be produced?

Because the root of the epistles of Paul reveals the contents of the mission trips of 1-3 of Paul, we can see the root in the Acts. Just like that the Acts includes the important message of the resurrected Lord. Especially The author Luke stressed the present work of the Holy Spirit greatly. It is same to the Spirit of Christ. Therefore the Acts executes the central role in the history of development of the Christianity. Those are, it includes the contents from the gospels to the epistles (history), from the Judaism to the Christianity (religion), from the laws to the grace (the history of God), the Jews to the gentiles (the people of God) and from the kingdom of God to the church (the plan of God) etc. Now we pursue on the movement of number revival in Acts chapter 5, that is, the core message of the Apostles and the movement of number revival in the reflection of the contents.

1. The core message that the Apostles proclaimed

The resurrected Lord was the core theme of the preaching that the Apostles proclaimed in Acts. The quoting of the Old Testament of the Apostles, the fact of historical resurrection of Christ, The testimony that Jesus was died on the cross and was resurrected was executed by the Apostle before the enemy of the cross. And the power of the Holy Spirit to make them understood their sin and repented, these all things proclaimed that the messiah, Christ that God promised in the Old Testament was the Jesus of God who you killed. Then the

preaching of Apostle did not claim the legalism and the ceremony of circumcision, but the salvation is only Jesus. (2:22-3: 4:12, 10:34-43)

Just like that the Acts has many records that the church grew up in the persecution surprisingly. Although many causes are happened, as we remarked at the above, we should forget that the power of gospel was revealed by the message of the Apostles. I do not claim the theory of uselessness of the modern theology and sciences. But I want to stress that some program, the methodology of church growth cannot be replaced by the power of gospel proclaimed by the Apostle. Like today it is not the seminars and program as the source of growth of the church. As we know, the Apostles were most of fishermen of Galilee Sea. Like the training of discipleship in contemporary day need to learn by the pastor, they learnt and experienced by Jesus for three and half year. Let's listen to the testimony of John Apostle!

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:1-3).

Therefore I believe that it is possible that the messages of the Apostles in the Acts and the growth of the church in the Acts will be happened in the contemporary day because God is alive. Although we are weak but the same response shall be happened. The Apostles obeyed the command of Christ, and hold the covenant of Christ only. I claim that the will of evangelism that the Lord left to the trained disciples was arranged as following two things.

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.""(Mt 28:18-20). "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.”(Acts 1:8).

Next, we think that the core of message the Apostle proclaimed and their response. Although they met the persecution and suffering on their ways, but it was no unhappy way. We see the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to the empire of Rome through Acts chapter 28. We can experience the event that God used them dynamically and the kingdom of God was extended through them.

1) Acts 2:23-24

“This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, losing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”

Peter declared that he himself and all apostles were the witness of the resurrection. He proclaimed that God resurrected Jesus by releasing out of the suffering of death before the enemies of cross. And the reason that he could not be bonded by the death was the fact that the death is the power of darkness and the authority of Satan. It is good that we concentrate on followings passages and read it exactly.

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks are to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ” (I Cor 15:55-56).

“For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”(Rom 5:17).

He almighty God could save the mankind by the other method but he send the messiah, as the promise in the Old Testament into the earth and accomplished the covenant and made Christ resurrected out of the tomb. It was the covenant of blood that Israel could be

rescued out of the Egyptian slave state. (Ex 3:18) And in Genesis chapter 22 the burnt offering of Abraham proclaimed this message as a type. The mount Mariah in the Old Testament is the hill of Calvary in the New Testament. This is the theology of covenant and the stream of redemptive history. Only here, the dynamic message Peter proclaimed before his enemies was to force their repentance and also they should proclaim it to Rome out of Jerusalem without any hesitating. (Act 1:8) Paul claimed that without resurrection of Christ our faith is vain still we remain in the sin. And the resurrection of Christ was the first fruit of the sleeping people. (1 Cor 15:17, 20) As we see that, Peter only told is to the enemies of cross as the witness of Christ. .

2) Acts 2:32

"This Jesus God rose up, and of that we all are witnesses."

Peter declared that God made Jesus resurrected. Subject is God. And they claimed the witnesses to this event. You killed Jesus but God resurrected Jesus out of tomb. The resurrection of Christ does is not explained by the perspective of the man because it is the transcendent event over the reason. Can you understand the event that the one who was died on the cross and was buried at the tomb of stone was resurrected? Then, we cannot believe in all things like crossing red sea of Moses, the birth of Virgin Mary and the miracle that the Lord made the storm wave calmed down by his word. But the resurrection of Christ is the core truth of Christianity. Because we have the resurrection, we have the eternal life in us. The four gospels in the New Testament treat to the resurrection of Christ commonly. If the resurrection of Christ is false, Really Could the Apostles and the disciples proclaim the gospel with his whole life confidently? Peter claimed that we are the witnesses of resurrection here.

3) Acts 2:36

"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.""

The word, Christ means to pour out the oil and in Hebrews it is "messiah". The word, Jesus Christ points that Jesus is name and Christ is position. As in the Old Testament God appointed the King, the priest, the prophet, God anointed on them, now Jesus came as true king, true priest and true prophet. That is, the fact that Jesus is the creator and the messiah

that Israel aspired greatly was proclaimed by the Apostles before the enemies. And also the fact that Peter preached so means that the core of gospel is to proclaim that the resurrected Jesus is God and the messiah. We know well that at the early time the fact that he confessed, "Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Mt 16:16). Especially before the enemies of cross " included the dynamic message that soon the horrible wrath of God poured on them without repenting and at that day 3000 persons came back to the Lord. (2:41)

By chance I heard shocking news of a pastor through the broadcasting. He entered into the London Bible College that is the most evangelical seminary in the British. One day, in his class the students took discussion about the resurrection of Christ, among attendants half part did not believe in the resurrection of Christ. Ironically after 3 years 9000 churches in British have been closed. Because the England government prohibited breaking out the old church buildings, actually the people bought the church buildings and remodeled them for making, restaurants, cafes', Bar etc.

4) Acts 3:14-15

"But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses."

Here, the word, "killed" and "the word, "the witness" were repeated each other. The contrast of the righteous Jesus Christ and the murderer, Baraba makes us understood more spiritual meaning. The authors of the gospels expressed the murderer Baraba differently one another, those are, the gospel of Matthew as the great sinner (Mt 27:16), the gospel of Mark as the murderer that happened the riot (Mk 15:7), the gospel of John, as the thief (Jan 18:40) and the gospel of Luke as the murderer like Mark (Elk 23:19). And also the Acts introduced that Baraba was a murderer. By stressing the contrast that Baraba killed the life but Jesus was the one who restored the life (15) intensely expressed the unique atmosphere of medical doctor, Luke, who was the author.

The reason that Peter contrasts two profiles each other and stressed it to reveal the fact that the foolish Jews refused Jesus who restored the life but they gave up the eternal life by

themselves by choosing Baraba who killed the life. It means that although you are even now, you should repent your sin and return to the Lord. Those are, it includes the nuance as you follow to Baraba you chose, you shall be perished eternally, but if you returned to Jesus you shall taste the eternal life. So the other apostles in the center of Peter claimed that they were the witnesses of resurrection of Jesus consistently. The Apostle claims confidently, "But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, "(15)

5) Acts 4:33

"And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

The Apostles that received the fullness of Holy Spirit proclaimed the resurrection of Christ in the persecution. As the result, the fact that the multitude received the grace was expressed by the passage "and great grace was upon them all. "Well. Because the Apostle proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus with the great power, naturally the multitude cannot help but to the great grace. Does my preaching have the great power? What do you think of the reason that the church members complain? If the church members do not receive the grace, they search for the others and the session and the deacon meeting shall be complained but only the pastor does not know it. Here we need to see the one point of the gospel. As we read the Scriptures and expounded it, at the deceive moment to deny Christ is not by chance but the work of devil. Because the devil hate to proclaim Christ at the pulpit so much. Just like the one who ate good food in the buffet restaurant and go out....

Although it is so strange story, although one served the dawn prayer meeting for 30 years, no transformation has no. What did he do for long time? Although he attended into the dawn prayer meeting and has no any transformation in his life and did not meet living God, his prayer is only religious activity. And although he was trained by the discipleship for 10 years, no transformation is not revealed in his life, he has only the history that he passed way only the train of discipleship. This is his pain to lose the gospel, the snare of preacher and the difficult point of the preacher.

When the church members know Christ rightly they can enjoy it. Without enjoying the gospel they were oppressed by the religion and the laws. Oppression and enjoying are

different. But enjoying the gospel he shall be released out of religion. (Rom 8:1-2, 9, 14) To believe Christ is not to be oppressing by the religion and the laws, but to enjoy the gospel and the kingdom of God. This is the book of Acts and the secret to enjoy the great power and the great grace.

The Apostle Paul confessed, "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians both to the wise and to the foolish. " (Rom 1:14) And he says, "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24) Again repeatedly we should not forget that the great power bring about the great grace in the Scriptures. This one is not taught by seminary and the national library.

6) Acts 5:42

"And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

The word, Christ means to pour out the oil and in Hebrews it is "messiah". The word, Jesus s Christ points that Jesus is name and Christ is position. The Apostles revealed that the proclamation of the gospel was accomplished continuously in the any persecution. The contents that they taught and proclaimed without pausing are "Jesus is Christ". The word emphasized the fact that they should not wait for the other messiah and to accept that Jesus, who was died on the cross by the Jews but was resurrected by God and was ascended into the heaven and became the savior, should be accepted as Messiah, Christ. True evangelism to save the soul out of the death is to proclaim and to teach that the messiah to save the world is Nazareth Jesus that the Scriptures recorded obviously.

To understand the unbeliever we should find out the origin of corruption primarily. We listened to the fact that the man was created in the image of God and he was blessed by God much. (Gen 1:27-28) And although the man was created as the being to control all things eternally with God, miserably by the control of Satan the covenant of work was destroyed and left out of God. As the result the destiny of the man is depended on Satan necessarily and were dropped down into curse and suffering, (John 8:44) and become the enemy of God was indulged into idolatry and also was fallen down into the spiritual problems and severe psychological issues etc. those are, Neurosis, insomnia, depression, hallucinations, scissor press. (Ephod 2:1-3)

By struggling by the unhealed disease we cannot know the cause and the nightmare and unnamed sickness for the solution they try to get by drunkard, drug, pleasure, gambling and divination culture etc. But rather they do not get rest by oppressing by emptiness, chaos, extreme unsafely and fear. After he lived so he met his death after that he will be dropped down into the eternal punishment. This is the present address of the unbelievers. In the contrast of this one How about the believer's state? The preacher should make sure that as he does not understand the gospel rightly as he lived in the life of religion and the laws, rather, they met more severe issue than the unbelievers. To the preacher the unbelievers are external issue; the believers are the internal issue. As they sustain not to understand the salvation and Christ, to keep on the faith, the preacher got much harmful but he also has the responsibility.

7) Acts 9:22-

"But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

It is a great event that the martyrdom of Stephen begot the wonderful evangelist Paul. After Saul was converted he received the power for the word, "Jesus is Christ" and overcame the Jews lived at Damascus city. Saul (Paul) who received the certificate of the king to arrest the Christians and met the resurrected Jesus on the way was transformed and revealed the power to repent the others. Although Saul had the short time of believing Jesus as Christ, he became more powerful than the others and proved that Jesus is Christ with the great faith. It means that we learn that the longtime of our faith does not say the degree of faith. Although a certain one stays in the faith for the long time, he may stay in the beginning faith. (Heb 5:12-14) So the Lord says, "But many who are first will be last, and the last first." (Mk 10:31). That's right.

8) Acts 17:3-

"Explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

It was the important point that Apostle Paul explained the facts of Jesus Christ in detail to make the audience understood them. He explained Christ in detail exposition easily but did not claim to add his thought. That is, it means that he expounded the meaning of the Scriptures with the Scriptures to make the audience understood, but he did not proclaim other contents that the authors did not mean and did not add the other doctrines. Just like that it was the core of the gospel that the Apostles in the early time proclaimed to the saints. He stressed that Jesus who was died on the cross misery state and was resurrected out of his death, he preached, was just the messiah who the Jews longed for long time. Really here Paul stressed that Paul revealed Christ well and he pointed that Jesus is Christ. Also this one is the core of theology of Paul.

The majority Jews has not believed the fact that Nazareth Jesus who died on the cross at 2000 years ago is messiah until now, but the Apostles in the early church proclaimed that just Jesus is the messiah God sent us and was resurrected and he is Christ every day (Acts 5:42). The death of Jesus on the cross and his resurrection is the historical event. So except Jesus no gospel is. Paul reclaimed that although the angels who came down out of the heaven, if he procure the other gospel, he shall be cursed. (Gal 1:7-8) Let's see 1:1-3.

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

9) Acts 18:5

"When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus..."

Paul in Corinth us was met with Sails that were his precious co-worker and Timothy. He proclaimed the gospel to them for 1 and half years. In the text ""translated "shineito"were revealed above 12 times in the New Testament, this word means "to be surrounded". (Lk 8:45-, 22:63-). As whoever is surrounded by the word of God and the Holy Spirit enjoy the great freedom and rejoice. In a short word, Paul was like insane person in preaching the

word of God. And the text proclaimed "Jesus is Christ" obviously means the emphasized term. It means that he quoted the prophecies of the prophets and proclaimed that Jesus is Christ concretely and surely. This was to proclaim Christ in the perspective of covenant to the Jews that read the Old Testament continuously. Above of all the contents of his proclamation was just "Jesus is Christ. This declaration was the evangelism core message of the Apostle in the early church and the central theme of their preaching.

10) Acts 18:28-

For he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

The text is the contents that the scholar of the Scriptures, Apollos, who came out of Alexandria and was taught by Priscilla and Aquila the couple, proclaimed. The result that he who knew only the baptism of John proclaimed was "Jesus is Christ." And overcame the words of the Jews publicly revealed that his view of Nazareth Jesus was changed and experienced the power of gospel by himself and then many souls returned to him.

Just like Nicodemus who was surrounded by the thought of the legalism, he was not changed; the souls were not gathered to him. This situation is revealed in our present pastoral scene always. So the fact that the Apostle Paul said to Corinthian church "for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus." It means to see the wonderful change of Apollos and the moving of the souls, and also it was a wonderful event, he received the gospel from Priscilla and Aquila, like a deacon couple and nurtured the saints. (1 Cor 3:6) Really can this event be happened in the contemporary day? The thing that the pastor received by the deacon is not easy but as we think that the man that nurtured this couple was Paul, it was reproduction of train of discipleship.

We have reviewed the core theme that the Apostles proclaimed in the Acts. Although they met persecution and trial on their way to extend the kingdom of God, but it was not misery way. They themselves proclaimed that God made Jesus become the Lord and Christ, as the witness of resurrection (Acts 2:36) as the result that the Apostles proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus with the great power, the multitude received great grace. (Acts 4:33) They did not take rest because they proclaimed that Jesus is Christ at the temple, at the house. (Acts 5:42- 9:22). The contents that the contents that they proclaimed that this Jesus is Christ was so surprisingly. (Acts 17:3-, 18:5, 18:28). And we should make our mission to the fact that

they believed that Christ to die on the cross and the Lord of resurrection be with them now (Immanuel), and served Him confidently.

2. The Movement of number revival

Because the contemporary preachers do not take forum about only the reduced numbers (depression and slowdown) they do not know why the situation is happened. As the solution many preaching seminar, training of discipleship, healing seminar, evangelism seminar, the spiritual training etc. many programs are developed and they search for the mythology accompanied the dynamic growth of church, still the church is staying on the depression state. Keeping of present state is hard, many churches to close bring up. In the world some severe satanic cultures are happened, the church loses to taste good. Many churches do not overcome the debt of bank and transferred into the selling state and also the planted churches are closed so much. Now without helping even the countryside churches cried out to be hard.

Furthermore, for last year (2020) that attacked by Covid-19 the Korean church revealed that as the Quarantine system of government was controlled, the starting point was the church, so the unbelievers cast the eggs on the church boards. Man Hee Lee of New Heaven and new earth is a heresy for he believes the man as God, Kwang Hoon Chun who was revealed by the background of Korean Christianity association brought his political concept in religion and dogma, and Paul Choi in Intercop trusts in the eschatology that was indulged into the conspiracy theory. And Michel Cho in Dea Jun IM international school was criticized for making a model of creative income of the new business that included the faith, English education, abroad education. In the past time the false eschatological group claimed that we should be planted by Berry chips for 666 numbers. Furthermore they claimed that we should not take on the bus of 666 number. This is the literary interpretation. We should not reckon the millennium as 1000 years. This means the sufficient number, not the literary number

Just like that as the faith is wrong, the religious egoism cannot help but to go the extreme place. The pastors and the churches that opposite the quarantine of present government claimed that the government executed the religious oppression and prohibition of worship. They claimed that although nearby restaurants and subway have no any problems even

several people to come on to go, why do they prohibit the church meeting? It is the oppression of religion. Then I want to ask that at the restaurant and subway they clap their hands and pray loudly. At the area of Kwang Ju, the senior pastor that claimed to fight to the government by the martyr spirit for the direction for the destruction of church was taken the diagnosis of covid-19 virus and the church building was closed finally.

I am a disciple of Jung Am, Dr. Yune sun Park who was the scholar of the Scriptures that Korean church is proud of, here I did not remark the standard of education and the numbers. But I mean that how many people know the original sound gospel that the Lord taught after graduation. The Lord called for 12 disciples and nurtured them and also the Lord called for 70 disciples In the Acts the audience took the reveal movement in number and progressively. This movement was the movement of repentance not social movement forcedly and passively but voluntarily through the message of the Apostle. This point should be concentrated by the modern workers.

1) Act 1:15

"In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)"

The Lord was died on the cross and after his resurrection and his ascendance the number of the disciples was only within 1000 persons. In Corinthian 15:6 described that about 500 saints looked up the resurrection of the Lord but the number that are prayed together at the upper room was 120 persons. (Acts 2:1-3). Where did 380 remaining disappeared? But here 120 persons were the power to spreading the gospel and established the church from Jerusalem to Judah and Samaria and the end of the earth. (Acts 2:41, 44, 8:4-25) And proclaimed the gospel to the Antioch, the gentile world. (Acts 11:19-20) It was wonderful issue that through the church of Antioch the churches of all Asia, Europe and unto Rome were established. As we observed that event, they were not uncouneted number to searched for again after eating the bread but the few trained persons, the disciples of Jesus that devoted themselves to the gospel with the fullness of Holy Spirit were the just the Apostles.

2) Act 2:41-

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

At that time the population of Jerusalem was guessed 30000 persons. The fact that 3000 persons were repented out of the city was 1/10 rate. In the contemporary time the issue that 3000 persons were repented was so wonderful event. Here used, the word, "disciple" pointed the 12 disciple of Jesus, but the Acts included the meaning that means the general audience. . During 120 persons were gathered and prayed together, the church to be filled with Holy Spirit listened to the preaching of Peter and 3000 persons were repented and returned to the Lord. The Lord at the early time, called for his disciples, promised "but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. " (Mt 4:19) the Apostles as the promises the Apostles caught many souls with the net of the gospel. Such power reveals that the only message, "Jesus is Christ" that they depended on by the power of Holy Spirit and wonderful repine were happened. Just like the souls to listen to this unique message were returned to the Lord.

3) Act 4:4

But many who heard the message believed, and **the number of men grew to about five thousand.**

As Peter proclaimed the message at Solomon's Portico, the Jewish religious leaders, the enemies were revealed there and arrested {Peter and John at that present scene, because they hated them who the Apostles taught the people and especially they hated the resurrection of Jesus. (2-3). In spite of such situation, through the preaching of Peter only the 5000 men repented to the Lord. (4). Here, the fact that 5000 covered persons came out of this one increased up more than 3000 persons in Acts 2:41, They concentrated on the number 5000 persons. As the peaching of Peter at Solomon's portico was executed at the afternoon was afternoon 3 o'clock', the most people are gathered there. Moreover at the time majority people were the men in the temple and nearby it actually. And the explore growth of church was continued after that day, the ten thousand Jews that were the passionate legalists returned to the Lord miraculously. (Acts 21:20)

In the perspective of God, although the world has any happenings, the church will revive and will overcome surely. As they met the physical stumbling block, she were scattered, they again establish the church (Acts 8:1-4) and as Satan shake and the church by the heresies, the church will be rooted into the truth of Christ strongly like the church of the Acts did. Without taking any weapons in their hands, the fact to destroy the city of Jericho and to establish the land of Canaan was the grace of God. The Lord prophesied to his disciples, ""(Jn 15:20). As he prophesied, the persecution was started by the Jewish religious leaders the great event was happened by the persecution and prisoned event because the Lord is alive now and promised them Immanuel, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt 28:20)

4) Act 5:14

Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

The reason that "the men and the women "were remarked in the text was to emphasize the many number. It pointed the multitude that the man cannot count. The great multitude of male and female means the multitude of the man and the woman to believe in Christ. Here we see the work of the Lord that God made them proclaimed the cross and resurrection with God in the persecution sends arrest of the enemies. Until now As we remind the work of God until now, (1) 120 persons (1:15-) (2) 3000 persons (2:41-) (3) only mean 5000 persons (4:4-) (4) the great multitude of male and female (5:14-) , And in the text does no express that believing multitude became the lots of people, but revealed that "the multitude to believe and came to the Lord" was more as a unique expression. Just like that in expression of the believers, the term, the women reveal that as I explained at above, the number of believer was increased rapidly, and also it means that the role of women in the early church was lifted up so much.

5) Act 6:7-

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

This word reveals that Jerusalem church in the early time was grown up greatly. The word of God was more abundant and the number of Jerusalem's disciples was increased rapidly.

Moreover the priest's multitude that was the chief of the leaders to kill Jesus believed in the Lord. As the result that the Apostles devoted themselves to praying and preaching the word of God, the word of God is abundant and the number of the disciples were increased naturally. The Word of God and the revival that once was started revival could not be stopped and was continued. As the pastor devoted himself to preach the word of God and to pray (only one way of pastoral ministry), the church will be grown up strongly and also without teaching the Word of God and preaching it, the church cannot be grow up. The foundation of church life in the word of God. Here we should make sure that because many heresies taught preach and teach with the Scriptures and compromised with their reasonable contents, we should be careful of the quote of the Scriptures and the issue of the interpretation of the Scriptures always.

6) Act 11:21-

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

God can do the thing that the man cannot do. It is the God of covenant. Verse 21 records "And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. " They came back to the Lord not by forcing but voluntarily. Like God opened the heart of Lydia and accepted the gospel of Paul, here the fact that the Lord be with them means that the Lord interfered directly and changed them. And the Lord added the saved persons day by day. (2:47) it means that God takes the key of church growth. The church was grown up gradually by the hand of the Lord be with them. (2:47)

7) Act 11:24-

"He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord."

Because Banaba was a good man filled with the Spirit and the faith, the Antioch saints exhorted that he should stay at the church. Banaba was full of the Holy Spirit as to be respectable by the men and his character also was so great. The word, "and a great number of people were brought to the Lord." means that he accepted the even gentiles into the salvation of God without prejudice. He visited to Paul which stayed at Damascus and

brought about to Antioch church for co-working. As we point to the first team pastoral ministry in the church history, we can say the ministry of Baraba and Paul. Baraba was the core member in the early church, and the respectable appointed man who Jerusalem church sent him as the pastor of Antioch church. Finally he provided great influence to the people and transformed many people and made them returned to Christ. Baraba was not noising person and did not go ahead in front of them. Always he was a good man to help Paul nearby, behind and in silence. In the contemporary day he was the person that Korean church, which is an object of aversion, should learn.

8) Act 16:5

So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Without growing up in the church, although it is alive really she was died. Verse 5 said that Luke reported the so important fact. It points that as Paul and visited into Debe and Lustra (verse 1), just like the gentile church was strengthened in faith as well as the number also was increased, then the gospel that was begun with out of Jerusalem and spread into all the world through the role of bridge of the church. Just like that they influenced on several church and many works were happened by the strengthened faith in every day.

9) Act 17:4

"Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women."

Here true aspects of other church growth and assurance of the gospel are revealed. The text said, "As did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women." This revealed the successful case of Paul that attacked on the elite group. Here we should study the different points between the message of Apostles and the one of modern preachers. Some among them that Paul proclaimed the exposition of the Scriptures and the gospel accepted, because the gospel itself has the power to get the faith. Especially the noble godly Greek women also were proclaimed by Paul and possessed the faith. Who were they? The godly Greek persons had the gentile tribe but were covered into the Jewish religion. The noble women were the women of the noble stage leaders. The noble women were the

women of the high level leaders of Thessalonica. There are many people to want to listen to the gospel in the world. He got many believers in Thessalonica. The text revealed that the most people of them were the godly Greek and the noble women.

10) Act 21:19-20

"Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. "When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law."

Paul always preached the Word in the evangelism trip by searching for the synagogue of the Jews that are tied up with legalism and proclaimed Christ written in the Scriptures by the Scriptures. The transformed event happened after he was covered (Acts 9:1), was melted in Philippians chapter 3. He confessed that after his conversion he considered all academic power, his honor as the excreta because the knowledge to know Christ is highest one. "To such Paul Christ is all of all and the whole things in his life. So he said, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God ". (I Cor 10:31-) Paul met the resurrected the Lord at Damascus directly. Although he walked to Damascus with the arresting license to arrest the believers, but the Lord met him directly on the way. Because the gospel also that he proclaimed was the power of cross (I Cor 1:18), it was a great miracle that the ten thousand Jews that took passion to the laws came back to the gospel as listening to his preaching. The event that he who persecuted the gospel, proclaimed Christ to the Jews, was a great issue.

As we review that until now the early church begun after the ascendance of the Lord was 120 members. (1:15) 120 persons that were gathered there were the dynamic of spreading of the gospel and established the churches at Jerusalem and nearby it each place. (2:41, 44) The gospel was proclaimed to Samaria (8:4-25), the several tribes around the Jews (9:32-43) and also until to Antioch, the world of gentile. (11:19-20). It was a wonderful event that at all nations of Asia and Europe, until Rome, the churches were established through the church of Antioch. Despite the enemies of cross blocked the evangelism, after listening to the preaching of Peter, 3000 people were repented and returned to the Lord. (2:41-) Continuously only 5000 males were came back to the Lord. (4:4) Acts 5:14 said, "And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women". And Acts

6:7 said, "And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. "

Acts 11:21 said, "And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. " And it was the event that God opened the door of Lydia's heart and made her received the gospel Paul proclaimed directly. In the latter day we see that the Philippo church was established by Lydia. Acts 11:24 recorded to Banaba who was the worker of Antioch church, "for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord". Acts 6:5 said, "And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch." pointed that several churches had been grown up rapidly. This is the important point. Acts 17:4 revealed the true aspect of the other growth of church and spreading of the gospel. "And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women". This is the success of Paul ministry that attracted to the elite group. Acts 21:19-20 said that tens hounds believers in the Jews came back to the Lord. It is surprised that they all were passionate persons to the laws. As we observed the rapid growth of the early church so, we should stand up on the pulpit with the successful strategy of evangelism.

Here I affirm that the preacher is not lecture but the witness of Jesus. It means that he should stand up on the pulpit not as the preacher but the witness. This is a witness. (Acts 1:8-13:48-) Then the pulpit cannot help but alive. Why do we search for the other methodology in speaking up "return to the early church "? Why did the early church experience such great event in the severe persecution? It is only one thing. They experienced the Christ's cross and his resurrection and they proclaimed that "Jesus is Christ and Jesus who you killed on the cross was resurrected by God. (2:36-37) because they were the living witnesses (2:3), although they might lose their lives in the persecution, the church cannot help but grow up.

S area in a city has not been developed for long time but the population was reduced gradually. Despites it is such situation, there are many long historical churches are located there popularly. The church that has many attendants is below 2000 members recently this area has the church to have 5000 members. And also although less than 10 years of

establishing church, the senior pastor is invited to all areas in the country and published the books of church growth and exhorts to participate into his seminar. Because I know the situation of the city, the pastor that works the pastoral ministry at the city told followings to me. The church has many horizontal moving believers than the evangelism. He said that out of his church, many believers were moved into the church. Is not it popular that a great mart entered into the city 200 local shops are closed? I knew the reason then. Although the reader criticize that my thought is so negative, I claim that it is not the dynamic revival movement that the early church reveals to us.

The churches in the dark medieval day were restored by the banner of gospel and the entire world was transformed. (Rom 17:1). This was the great miracle. Therefore we should not take care of the reformation as the history and the science but we should pray that we should not forget that the event of gospel works in us in this time. It was a wonderful event that Luther who was a father in Catholic, was filled with the gospel, it means that God used the evangelists with the gospel day by day. As our pulpit is alive, the church members will be alive, as the church members are alive, surely the world shall be alive. [continued]

[Professor Lecture 2]

The Story of Jesus

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[Part 2]

I do not condemn you either John 8:1-11

Before Jesus, everyone in this world was a sinner who had been sentenced to death. Sin entered to the world by Adam who disobeyed God and everyone was destined to die for sin as God said, "you shall surely die".

While humans were still sinners who deserved death, God had opened the way of life to us. God said anyone who believes in Jesus Christ will "surely live forever" even "the sinners who surely die". When we believe that Jesus Christ is as Savior, we are justified while we are still sinners. And we will have an eternal life of salvation. Although we have believed in Jesus as Savior and became righteous through salvation, it does not make us perfect people who never sins. Even if we believe in Jesus, we still commit sins because of our sinful nature. No matter how faithful saints they are, there cannot be any sin.

The Apostle Paul, also known as a saint, also struggled with his sinful nature. Romans 7:24 says, ; What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? It was not a confession Paul made when he was a non-believer. He said this while he believed in Jesus and was an apostle. In his mind, he wanted to obey the law of God, but because of his sinful nature, he was a slave to the law of sin. It is also Christian life. Christians believe in Jesus, but we still make mistakes and commit sins because of our sinful nature.

After doing something, we regret later, ;Why did I do it?", "I should not have done that to him..." We realize our own wickedness and weaknesses. How does Jesus deal with sinners when struggling with sins? And what attitude should we have toward those who grieve for such sin?

Let's share what kind of attitude we should have as Christians about the problem of sin in our daily life.

1. One day, Jesus was teaching people in the temple.

At that moment, the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus. The woman was a woman who caught in adultery. People made her stand in the middle and asked Jesus what to do with this adulterous woman.

But if you look at those who brought her, we can see that they were condemning the wrongdoings and sins of others. It is the attitude of people to condemn and accuse especially for those who have hostile toward them.

This woman was caught in adultery. There is no excuse. People cruelty brought the

woman to a place where many people gather because she sinned. But what is worse than the woman who sinned is their attitude toward the sinners. A lot of people surrounded her and accused her shameful sin. They condemned the woman harshly for her sin.

However, it was not the woman the Pharisees and scribes condemned, the attack was ultimately on Jesus.

The reason they brought the woman to Jesus instead of just following the law was to accuse Jesus.

The Pharisees and scribes knew better than anyone what they need to do according to the law of Moses.

Deuteronomy 22:22 says, ; If a man is found sleeping with another man's wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel.

(NIV); They asked Jesus with an obvious answer on how to do it.

;This is what it is in the law of Moses, what do you think?;

What they wanted to prove was that Jesus was a sinner who is against the law. They knew Jesus would not say that this woman should be stoned to death because they knew Jesus loved, healed on the Sabbath and spent time with the sinners.

If Jesus opposes her stoning, this is also against the law of Moses, so it is an opportunity to bring charges against Jesus. They say that they obey the law of Moses, but they used it to condemn and accuse others.

It is characteristics of sin. It makes people sin. People use it to condemn and criticize each other. And people are trying to display their righteousness by condemning others. This is what most people do about sin.

2. What does Jesus say about those who furiously condemn others for sins and wrongdoings?

The answer is simple. ;The one without sin among you may be the first to throw a stone.;
"Are you qualified to throw a stone at her? Take a look at yourself."

People were greatly shocked by the word of Jesus. Those who tried to strike a woman with a stone had a guilty conscience. They went away one at a time beginning with the elders, only Jesus and the woman were left.

This is the reality for everyone. We are not righteous enough to condemn and judge the sins of others. Yet people condemn others because they see the sins of others very well

while they do not understand about their own sins. Even if they realize their sins, they justify and nicely cover it up.

There is a joke. This joke expresses well about tolerance towards ourselves and being judgmental towards others.

If others are silent, it is because they have no ideas. If I am silent, it is because I am considerate. If others ignore traffic signals, they are criminals. If I ignore traffic signs, I am a victim of the wrong traffic system. If a married person has a romantic relationship with another person, it is an affair. If I have that relationship, it is love.

There may be people, even in the church, condemn others and justify themselves.

It is common to easily condemn others and tolerate oneself.

However, Jesus gives these instructions to his disciples because he knows a human tendency.

Luke 6:42 says, "how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye" (NIV)

There was a woman who loves to gossip about other people. She never let go of other people's weaknesses and mistakes. She pointed out and spread rumors to embarrass them. So, her neighbors did not want to be around her. One day, her mother came to her house. She sat by the window and talked about the filthiness her neighbor.

"Mom, look at the laundry drying rack next door. Isn't the laundry so dirty? How did they wash it? How do they put on dirty clothes like that? It is Nasty." Then her mother said, "take a look closer. It is not your neighbor's laundry that is dirty, it is your windows that are dirty."

There is no one without flaws. Therefore, there is no one who is qualified to condemn the flaws and sins of others. Yet if he confidently condemns others, he may be ignorant towards his own sins.

When Jesus told them the one who has not committed sin may be the first to throw a stone at her, people began to have a guilty conscience. They used to see the sin of an adulterous woman, but when they heard this, they looked at their own sin. Once they realize their own sin, they could not stone her. They all left the temple one by one, the older ones first. Whether older or younger, no one is free from sin. Who can say I have

no sin so I can condemn and judge others? It is wise to look at myself before looking at the sins and wrongdoings of others.

3. When Jesus said the one who has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her, those who condemned the adulterous woman left the temple with their own conscience. And there remained only the woman taken in adultery and sinless Jesus, the only one who could condemn the woman. Jesus is the only one who can judge her.

However, Jesus does not condemn and judge the woman like any other. Instead, he says: "I do not condemn you either, go and sin no more";

There is difference between Jesus who did not condemn and the people who left without condemning. The Pharisees and scribes were not qualified to condemn the sinners because they are the same sinners. But Jesus has no sin so he can condemn and judge. Yet, Jesus says he will not condemn either.

Through this, Jesus confirmed the reason for his coming to the earth.

In John 12:47, If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world; (NIV)

It is not that Jesus did not know about her sin. He knew very well about her struggles and shams with sin and how she was controlled by the power of death. Because Jesus knew very well, he was compassionate toward her. So, he forgave her sins and gave her salvation.

Summary

The reason Jesus doesn't condemn others is not because he does not know their sins. Jesus had compassion on them and forgave them because he knew very well that people were struggling with the power of sin and it was painful for them. He has saved you and me from the power of sin by taking all our sins on the cross.

Although Jesus Christ has been forgiven our sins, sometimes people have a tendency to condemn and criticize others for their sins and faults.

But this is not what Jesus wants.

Jesus encourages us not to criticize.

Matthew 7: 1-2 says, Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Not to criticize, but to considerate and gentle with each other.

Titus 3: 2 says, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone;

When we find the faults and sins of others, we should not condemn them but we should share the feeling of pain. When we see sinners, we should take a look at our own sins, we

7 should be compassionate, considerate and gentle. Instead of being self-righteous by judging others, we should see our own sins and weaknesses to feel their pain and to comfort them.

If we are condemned and judged by Jesus Christ, there is no one alive here.

I believe we received forgiveness and salvation by the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Let's accept the weaknesses and faults of others with forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ rather than passing judgment and criticism on them.

WLS students, families, and churches, let's overcome the evil and become one in unity with the love of Christ

1. Have you ever been condemning and criticizing someone or have you been condemned or criticized for something?
2. What was in your mind when you were condemned or condemning someone?
3. How did Jesus treat an adulterous woman condemned for sin? Why did he do that?

Be kind and compassionate to one another. (Ephesians 4:32)

Healing a Broken Heart

There is no one who is completely well. Just as there is no one righteous, no one has in perfect health. You may say you don't have any diseases, but there is. You just aren't aware of it. Even doctors don't know about this disease. It doesn't appear on CT scans. This is the sickness of the soul. A physical illness is not only a human illness. There are mental illnesses and soul sickness. The external illnesses may be healed by operating. However, the soul sickness hidden inside is difficult to heal. It is difficult to heal because it is a long-term condition.

Some suffer from physical illnesses, but most suffer from soul sickness. Soul sickness makes life unhappy and unsuccessful. It is also a symptom of illness. Physical illnesses have effects on individuals, families, and society. The soul sickness also negatively affect individuals, families and the daily lives.

We all have hurt someone and have been hurt at some point in life. Some have been hurt by their parents since childhood and others have been hurt by their siblings. Some have been hurt by friends at school, others have lived unhappily because of emotional abuse by their teachers. A husband and wife hurt each other in marriage. Some wives are emotionally hurt because of stubborn husbands. Work and social pressures can damage emotional health. A wife has been unhappy because of her husband's family. Harsh words from her mother in law such as her sister-in-law is wealthier and has a higher education leave deep scars on her heart. There are also church wounds. We get sick in our souls and sometimes the soul sickness affects our physical health and makes us unhappy. The sick soul is not good at home life either. Work life is not good. So, there are many people who live distorted lives. Psychologically, the symptoms vary. They experience various mental disabilities such as anxiety, depression, alienation, shame, invalidity, inferiority, anger, mental distraction, delirium, compulsion, disbelief, and fear.

I think about this. How much has it changed since we accepted Jesus? Does a wife say to her husband, "You are not the one who used to be after accepting Jesus"? And to a wife, who used to be rough, bitter, and critical accepted Jesus and changed over time, does her husband tell her, "I am thankful you have changed after following Jesus"? And parents to their son, "you make me proud". And a daughter-in-law sees her mother-in-law giving her life to Christ and sees life transformation over time. Does she say Our mother-in-law is like an angel.? When my mother-in-law sees her daughter-in-law, does she say, She is more than a daughter-in-law to me."?

Repentance is a simple event.

From the center of the world to the center of Jesus,
From self-centered to the center of God,

From my greed to the holy vision of God

It is changing the value. But changing myself is not easy. Turning the goal of life or changing the values can be a one-time event, but the change of my inner self is not so easy. We say the sermon touches our hearts, but our inner self doesn't change. By accepting Jesus, we became children of God. Through the experience of the Holy Spirit, we also experienced a transformation. However, we still have our old ways, it means that

we have not been really healed yet.

When your body is sick, you look sick. The smile disappears. So, when you look at yourself, you see a gloomy face. It is a sign of soul sickness. A person who doesn't smile when others smile is also a person who has been hurt.

Some people who are hurting others don't even realize they hurt others. Husbands do not feel they are hurting their wives with harsh words. Exploding his feelings, he often says, "at least, I don't hold a grudge against you. He thinks that his words wouldn't hurt his wife, but it is strong enough to break his wife's heart.

There is one obvious thing. Broken people are the ones who like to argue or disagree in a relationship. Healing is needed. In order to heal the brokenness, first, you have to find what has damaged. The disease can be healed when it is revealed. It cannot be healed when it is hidden.

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice (Ephesians 4:31)

Bitterness refers to harsh and toxic words that hurt people. Those who cannot live in harmony have toxic mindsets. We have to know people with toxic mindsets cannot have a good relationship with their spouse, in laws, parents and church members.

"Rage" is a temporary and uncontrollable anger.

"Anger" is a constant feeling of annoyance that doesn't appear outwardly. It is the feeling hidden inside.

"Brawling" refers to a noisy quarrel out of anger.

"slander" is to gossip and say negative things about others.

Like this, all toxic mindsets are based on human nature.

Since all human beings are sinners, nobody is born good. In addition, if people get hurt by others as they grow up or if they don't receive enough love due to parental death, the brokenness is added to their sinful nature and becomes toxic mindsets. And they treat others poorly. Those who have bitterness, anger and slanderous lips should know, even if you repent with tears and apologize immediately for mistakes, it still hurts others.

To heal, you first need to know your illness.

You need to know the disease so it can be fixed.

So, it is important to know your illness.

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To be kind and compassionate with one another (Ephesians 4:32). Being kind is to care. Being compassionate is to speak gently. People who have strong, rough, loud personalities or who like to argue with others should try to be kind to others. As time goes, by, you have to see yourself changing.

Example – calling dog

The love we received from God was mercy and compassion. Therefore, we should pray we could have a heart after God.

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; A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger (Prov 15: 1)
It is easy to be kind to people who are nice. But it is hard to be kind to those who are rude. Anyone can love or be loved. But it is the love of Christ that loves others despite persecution and affliction.

If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? (Matthew 5:46)

We should pray that we can love one another. We need to pray for those who persecute and hate us. We often pray for our jobs, provision, and our children but we usually don't pray like "Lord, please change me. Although it is more important, we mostly pray for other things.

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We should pray about us being temperamental, speaking harshly and making others upset.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. -Eph 4:32

Forgiveness is the expression of absolute love of Christianity that gives life not only to those who forgive but those who are forgiven. So, forgiveness is the only way to win the evil and change. As God has forgiven me, I should be able to forgive myself and others.

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We commit sins and it is God who forgives our sins. This is grace. When Jesus was crucifying on the cross, Jesus cries out like this "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

Who are they? They are the people who accused and mocked Jesus. They are the ones who crucified, put a crown of thorns on his head, pierced his side with a spear and did all kinds of evil. So, they should be the ones who are subject to God's judgement. But Jesus is praying for their sins to be forgiven.

It is necessary to continually forgive others just as the heart of Christ love. The one who understands this first forgives.

It is not easy to forgive others. It is hard until it is no longer I who live.

Forgiveness is not easy. We should let go of our egos.

Forgiveness is for ourselves. If we are filled with negative thoughts, it could ruin us. In order to forgive, I must first understand the person who did. Understanding the person who did can greatly help to forgive.

It is God's will to heal those who are hurt. It is not only for those who hurt others but those who are being hurt.

There are many people who are broken because of a bad childhood. 80-90% of criminals who are in jail have a tough childhood. And it is us who should help them heal.

It is our true love, forgiveness, and reconciliation when we love and bless even our enemies. The love of this blessing can heal the stubborn and hard-hearted souls. And it can make us one in the Lord.

How many bad experiences we have in life? But we won't be able to experience peace before we resolve these issues. The peace will not remain in my household either. My children will not be able to grow well in God's grace. My work life is not blessed.

Everything is unhappy and painful. If we who believe in Jesus cannot forgive, would it be painful and miserable?

We should forgive and love our enemies with the love of the cross that the Lord has given us.

WLS, let us experience transformed life and amazing grace through this love.

I will forgive and love any enemy with the love of the cross that the Lord has given me.

WLS Lets make a wonderful history where you can change and change our lives through t love.

I will forgive and love any enemy with the love of the cross that the Lord
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[Epilogue]

The struggled time of this year, 2021 runs away towards the end of the month. Although we have taken negative attitude against the Covid-19 issue, God provided the proper grace to endure the severe pandemic to us to his glory. The bulletin was begun with the little purpose, to encourage the Cambodia churches with the sound doctrine, the Word of God, the Scriptures in sharing the Biblical essays of four professors, Dr. Grace Oh, Dr. Paul Han, Dr. Hang Rock Kim and Dr., White Young Jeon and especially John Calvin and Dr. Jung Am, Yune Sun Park was edited for readers' benefits as the bilingual styles.

According to their challenging, I observe that Cambodia mission field has the seed of hope in the future. I glad to extend the ministry of translation by finishing several good books, *Pilgrim's Progress*, *Reformed Doctrine*, *Biblical Theology* etc. Furthermore, we could challenge to translate Calvin's Institute into the Khmer version. They will be published soon as draft type within this year. I appreciate the writers for their faithful serving.

As the readers read teasers essays, I pray that the wonderful grace will be experienced to them by finding the heavenly precious treasures in their heart in their reading time. In Christmas seasonings to memory the incarnation of Christ (Jn 1:18), May the grace of the inspired word of God, the Scriptures be with you in this Christmas day.

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