

The Sermons of the Acts



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Preface

My spiritual teacher, Dr. Yune Sun Park (1905 -1988) was my example of Reformed Theology and puritan devotional life in my ministry, because God led me to Him in the time of my theological seminary, Chong Shin Bible College and Hapdong Theological Seminary in South Korea and Westminster California Seminary (D. Min 1906) in the United States of America. After that my heart has longed for imitating his faithful devotion to serve God's mission. Now also in Cambodia missionary serving I want to resemble him in my ministry continuously, because I love his faithful heart to the Scripture.

So, according to the impressed stream of my heart, I have wanted to see the world of his devotional understanding of the Scripture to plant his theology, his faith and his revival fire in Cambodia Mission Field. As the result, I concentrate on translation ministry. First of all, I translated Biblical Theology and Reformed Dogmatic into English and also, I translated 68 sermons in his Revelation Commentary into English to prepare to translate into Khmer version for Cambodia church by my translation team.

During I translated his sermons; I saw the wonderful passion that my teacher loved the Word of God, the Scripture wholeheartedly. I could make sure to understand his spiritual high dimension to treat the truth. And I felt that his sermons are like the precious treasure of the truth in contemporary day.

I am glad to share the 33 sermons of the Book of Acts in his Commentary translated into English version.

In the will of God, I have a project to share his teaching through translation of his Commentaries for Cambodia church. And also, I have some plan to share

his understanding of the Scripture to all Cambodian Christians by opening Jung Am Seminar.

May the grace of God be with the readers to enter into the world of Jung Aim's godliness through his sermons.

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Sermon 1 Become a Witness (Act 1:6-8)

1. The witness should not depend on the day.

We cannot say that the fact that the Apostles asked the time to restore Israel came out of the center of chance and the center of destiny. But Jesus gave the caution that they may not be dropped down into such tendency. The Christianity rebels the center of chance. II Tim 4:2 said, “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. “. It is right that we should take responsibility day by day in present to accept the second coming of Jesus. It is not right that we know that my good thing and my bad thing are depended on some day and some season and wait for the time of happiness.

2. The witness works by the power of Holy Spirit.

The witness does not work by holding the power of this world but works in quiet by the power of Holy Spirit. Rather he works it by the work of Holy Spirit in the persecution and despise. I had met the pastor, Smietes, at the Amsterdam in Dutch. According to his word he and his mother were persecuted at Belgium to plant church with such sacrifice. That is, they bought a building at Burgge of Belgium and repaired and then in the first worship at this church, his father preached, his mom was sang as a solo and he played an organ. The man attended in the church was only one person, who he was drunk, the wine and sat down in the church in blocking the worship, later they knew the fact that the region people sent him to the church to make the meeting broken out. Although many people before the day were invited to

join into the church but the opposite people agitated the men not to enter into the worshipping church, only the drunken person was permitted into the worship. Then after the worship the drunkard person promised to believe in Jesus strongly and returned to. Really after that day he lived as the faithful believer well in his whole life. Let's remember the fact that the place of persecution should be happened the work of Holy Spirit specially. I Pet 4:14 said, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." The portion of the witness of gospel is not to have power in the world but rather sometimes to receive stolen thing and persecution.

Sermon 2 Why do you look at the heave? (Act 1:9-11)

When Jesus was ascended into the heave, what the disciples looked at the heaven was the natural thing. But of doing so for long time the angel warned. The word of the angel, “why do you stand looking into heaven?” includes the teaching as followings.

1. The ascend of Jesus gave the comfort to his disciples.

The fact that his disciples looked at the heaven in standing state revealed a kind of frustration therefore two angels told them not to need such attitude.

- 1) For Jesus lifted up the heaven stays there directly and works, it is hope for the believers. That is, the word, “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven “(οὗτος ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὁ ἀναλημφθεὶς ...εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν.) Includes the meaning of same Jesus although he was lifted up the heaven. Jesus that experienced the man as his brothers was lifted up the heaven; the fact that he did not change and was same gives the comfort and hope to the believers on the earth. The author of Hebrews pointed to this hope and called for “the anchor of soul”. That is, “We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” (Heb 6:19-20)

- 2) Because Christ came again as the figure that Christ was lifted up, it becomes the hope to the believers. As Christ comes again, his personality that he shall reveal shall not be changed but it shall be still. As he shall be come again, he still loves his believer and the condition also that he shall demand to them shall be the same one that he demanded on the earth. He is the

covenantal God. It is nature that he receives the eternal infinitive belief. Therefore, the Lord said, “The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.” (Jn 12:48)

2. After the ascend of Jesus, his disciples should work on the earth. For Jesus was ascended into the heaven, they should be faithful to their responsibility that they should do on the earth. They do not need to spend the time always by looking up the heaven, lamenting. The ascendance of the Lord is to provide the power to occupy the world. Therefore, we should do the work of the Lord diligently. Spending time is happened in the lazy persons often. True religion has no the direction to live in peace by escaping the world, and spending the days by looking at some visions and some signs. Because for Jesus already accomplished the salvation, every believer should proclaim this joyful news to all nations. God gives the one to work with sweet heart the devil cannot find out a chance out of the heart that works goodness. Devil makes the nest in the heart of the lazy man.

Sermon 3 The Work of Holy Spirit like the tongue of fire (Act 2:1-4)

As Jeremiah received the word of God and did not proclaim it to the other he said that for this word, “If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.” (Jer. 20:9) And also for the word of God, he was like, “Concerning the prophets: My heart is broken within me; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine, because of the LORD and because of his holy words.” (Jer. 23:9) Two disciples to come into Emmaus said that their heart was burnt for Jesus interpreted the Scripture. (Lk 24:32)

Why was the word of God like the fire? Jesus said, ““I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it was already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” (Lk 12:49-53) This word reveals what the fire is. Because this belongs to the assurance (or, rebuking) like fire, to be right like fire and to be burning true like fire to feel occupying all the world, it is nature that every area of the mankind should take the urgent warfare. This truth is so true, righteous and good. Therefore, as the God of this truth that the Holy Spirit is sent into the world the fire cannot help but to be happened. Really as he gives the truth to the conscience of the man he uses the assurance with the character.

As the man sees the general unrighteousness at the perspective of a certain general righteousness he does not fight like fire. But as he has so strong righteousness and sees the so unrighteous one, he has the burning to fight with him in his heart.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most truth, the most love and the most righteousness. Therefore, as it comes on the world he reveals with the attitude with rebuke. Therefore Jn 16:7-11 said, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” As we see this word, it is so right that to believe in Jesus is so much righteous, that is, the king of the world that is, the fact that the devil was defeated by Jesus now was informed. For this fact is so true, the men to believe in this fact has the assurance to rebuke this one as they see the world. Therefore, their assurance takes the fact that they should occupy the entire world with the truth. They concentrate on the love and cannot help but to love one another. But even in family there is the spiritual fighting actually. They continue to keep on urgent spiritual fighting.

Because they feel all not to be true in this world sincerely by having the righteousness and truth of Jesus’s gospel, they want “this fire spread to this world. “. For the warfare to fight with the gospel is the spiritual warfare, we have no the fighting of blood, But the warrior of the spiritual war moves with burning heart to occupy the entire world. After David Brainerd received the fire of gospel, as he took mission to the red color tribes, he devoted himself to

do it; he got the pulmonary disease, and was taken care of at the house of his friend, Jonathan Edwards and was passed away at 29 years old, as a young man. The fire that Brainerd cast was spread to Jonathan Edwards burnt in all the United States of America and William Cary, the missionary of India and the other great missionaries. Christians! become the fire!

Sermon 4 The faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Act 3:13)

Peter healed the lame man with the faith and testimonies that the miracle is “God of our forefather”. The miracle does not finish as a strange thing, but is the work of salvation that God that the people of Israel know well executed; the forefathers of Israel, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are the men that the people of Israel trusted in. Therefore, God that they believed in should be believed in by them naturally. Then what were their faith and what is God informed by their faith? At this point let’s know the life of their faith briefly.

1. The faith of Abraham

1) Abraham experienced that God is true by obeying the word of God. (Gen 12:1-9) He obeyed immediately as God commanded, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.” Although he did not know the place, he departed there. As the result that he was sufficient to only the word of God, he got the blessing of God. As Abraham listened to some word of God and immediately obeyed it, how much should we obey joyfully as the men that we received the words united by lots of words? We received the word of truth layer by layer through the patriarchs and the prophets and the most words were accomplished. (the thing not to be accomplished yet shall be accomplished in the future.) Not only that, the words are not vague sound to come out of the air, but the word of obvious accurate, written love.

2) Abraham believed I the promise of God (Gen 15:1-6, Heb 11:17-19) the vain god of pagan has no life not to give the promise. But the God of Abraham is the true God to give the promise. He accomplishes all things by

his promise. Until now there were many accomplished things. There it is easy that we believe in the promise of God. Among them the remained things that do not accomplish yet includes the blessing that we shall receive in the future and it is obvious that they should be fulfilled surely. Before the promise to be accomplished in the future the faith will be happened. Not only that, we believe in the promise by being pulled by God to give the promise. God is the truth itself.

2. The faith of Isaac

Isaac looked at only the blessing of God and moved by only the center of God. As he lived at the region that the water is precious he was deprived the wells in the several time, but he did not fight them even one time and yielded always and was moved into the others. Here the meekness was revealed and it is his faith. That is, by knowing that all things come out of the blessing of God he stood up at the attitude to wait for and yielded several times. It was his weakness but rather above of all it was the activity of powerful faith. He looked at only God. As the result, as he arrived at the land, Rehoboth, he knew the fact that God's blessing should be arrived and said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." (Verse 22) As the result that Isaac was sufficient to only God and had the great faith to look at the others as the dust, he experienced that God is true directly.

3. The faith of Jacob (Gen 32:22-23)

As the result that Jacob prayed sincerely at beyond the river Jabok, he received the blessing of God. He was the second son of Isaac received the heritage of elder-son, in the process of its accomplishment there was the powerful prayer. As the result of victory in his prayer, in the meaning to receiving the heritage of the elder-son, he received the precious name called for Israel.

Sermon 5 The System of Atonement that God Himself establishes (Act 3:14-15)

Ps 49:7-8 said, “Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, “. The only God condemns the sin and the one to solve the condemnation also is only God. The fact that he sent the begotten son (Jesus) is accomplished for atonement by his passion. Is 9:7 b said, “

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” Therefore, the righteousness established our salvation is called for the righteousness of God. Our text also points that the atonement offering was given by God completely and the appointing of heaven. Peter said, “Glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 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. “(13-15) here he points to how the man rebels the atoner of God. It says that this atoner was settled by only God. (Verse 18) Admitting an atoner as the atoner does not come out of misery man but it is the fact to be accomplished by work of only God. The false mankind to the system of atonement rebels to it. (14-15 a) But for it, it rather cannot help but to be credible. The principle of solo work of God to the redemption is consistent in the work of revelation history, that is, the altar of atonement offered the burnt offering also in the Old Testament was established in the center of God’s work completely. It was not made by the skill of the man but is established by soil or, by the tough stones. It was the symbol that the artificial work is prohibited. And the fire of altar also came out of God, (Lev 9:24) this also was the symbol removed the artificial help...

(Fairbairn, Typology Vol. II. pp. 262-265) such system in the Old Testament was realized by the death of Christ and the discordance of Pentecostal Holy Spirit. By the economy of God Christ was died on the cross (as the offering of atonement), after that the Holy Spirit (like the tongue of fire) came on by the economy of God.

Sermon 6 The Attitude to the wonder (Act 3:1-26)

The fact that Peter and John were healed at the beautiful door of the temple was a representative of apostolic miracle. We are going to think of the attitude that the apostles executed the miracle.

1. The one who executes the wonder is not the man but Christ.

Verse 4 said, “And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” What he says so is not the reason by the reflection of some power in the face of Peter. After he executed the miracle, he said, “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?” The Apostles pointed that the power to execute such miracle is not relate to the godliness. The fact that he commanded “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” revealed the fact that he believed in the name of Christ. Peter said that even the faith was given by Jesus. (Verse 16)

2. They did not concentrate on the wonder but on Christ.

Verse 13-26 was the long sermon that Peter lifted up Christ. He revealed several expressions to lift up Christ in this sermon. (1) God of covenant ((God promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and accomplished it) glorified Christ. (Verse 13 a) (2) It pointed to the sin of Jews to kill the Lord of life. (3) As God revived Christ out of the dead, the apostle’s testimonies the thing. (Verse 15) (4) As they believed in the power of Christ’s name (Christ gave this faith)

the lame person was healed (verse 16) (5) he comforted that the peace of the Lord shall give to the one to repent. (17-19) (6) Christ Jesus shall be come again. (Verse 21) (8) For it is Christ to come the prophesy of Moses and the prophesy of all prophets, the Jews should believe in him naturally (22-24) and also the Jews should believe in it more for they were participated into the promise of Christ. (25-26)

We can see the fact that this sermon is in the center of Christ completely. The preaching of the Apostle always was so. (2:14-36, 4:8-12, 5:29-32) they were not in the center of miracle but were in the center of Christ consistently. (I Cor 1:22-33)

Sermon 7 The feature that Apostle Peter executed evangelism (Act 4:5-12)

1. He said in the fullness of Holy Spirit (verse 8)

The one that did not receive the Holy Spirit is failed in evangelism finally. The fullness of Holy Spirit is not given to a special man but whoever can receive. (Eph 5:18) If whoever receives the fullness of Holy Spirit, God makes them so unconditionally. (1) The believer himself destroys the idols of in his heart (2) We should obey God the moment that we obey God, our heart become holy and can feel the presence of God. (3) He should be filled with the word of God. The fullness of Holy Spirit is the fullness of the word of God. (Moody)

2. He made the Jews had the feeling of their sins (10-11)

The Jews killed Jesus, God revived him again (verse 10), as the representative expression, it pierced into their conscience. The corrupted human character always concealed the righteousness by the sin and kills them artificially. But God finally establishes the righteousness. As we realize this fact we get the guilt feeling. But as we bury the righteousness, the one that the righteousness shall be buried eternally has no the guilt feeling.

3. He made them known the fact that Jesus is the only unique savior. (verse 12)

The false tendency of modern theologians put the Christianity into the line of other religion. The dialectic thought of Barth says that the historical revelation (the revelation of the Scripture) is not absolute and then tried to perish the uniqueness of the Scripture. And because the theory that Bultmann

claimed that the Scriptures should be demythologized means that even the words of the Scripture cannot escape the mythologized character, he saw that the Christianity is similar to the lesson of the other religions. But such theological thought is the wrong thought that doubts the obvious teaching of the Scriptures. Because the Christian gospel is only unique and cannot compromise with the other religions and the philosophy cannot be mixed with them, the Scripture of New Testament stresses that the Christian portion shall belong to the persecution in the world. In the early time, Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. “

Sermon 8 The Feature of the Early Church (Act 5:12-42)

The early church reveals an example in all days. The modern church should reflect her in the light and repent and follow the early church.

1. The spiritual church

1) She had the power (verse 12 a) Refer to verses 15-16. The heaven does not belong to the word but the power. (I Cor 4:20) 2) She was gathered together in one heart well. (verse 12 b) The exhortation of the Scripture to devote herself to gather (Heb 10:25) was to encourage the meeting in one heart. (Mt 18:19) 3) The men to belong to the world are not mixed with true church members. (verse 13 a) The important reason that the church was worse was the socialization. 4) In the center of the miserable men there was the grace. (verse 13 b) As the ecclesiasticisms control the church and some rich stage enjoy the privilege, the church become cold. 5) The many repented men were happened. (verse 14) The church should be gathered by the believers decided for believing newly. Of course, to do so already the believers should have the movement of the sacrificial evangelism.

2. The church to overcome the persecution

1) God himself fought with the persecutors for proclaiming the word of God. As the persecutors prisoned the Apostles, they were released by his power out of the prison. (19-20)

2) It is nature that the Apostles assured the truth that they should obey God more than the man. (verse 29) This assurance is the golden creed made the persecuted believers in all generation overcome. The fact that they

obeyed God means that by obeying that God made them become the witness of the gospel, they serve the work of the witness. The fact that Jesus was died and was resurrected is the way of salvation God established and the witnesses that God appointed (30-32 a) how can they escape the work of witness! Just this one is the mission to come out of the command of the heaven. Not only that, The Holy Spirit also helped them in order to proclaim the gospel. (verse 32 b) Just like that the Apostle was captivated externally and innately by God to proclaim the gospel. They could not help but to be obeyed this mission by God. Then this obedience was not the thing that has no the joy like obeying the laws. This is the movement of joyful salvation to make whoever received the remission. (30-31) If Jesus has no the event to resurrect out of the death, although the man repented the sin, the remission of the man cannot be established. Although his deed is corrected, the wage of his past sin is remained still. So, the movement of gospel they proclaimed in the background of establishment of atonement that Jesus was died but was resurrected is so much joyful work! This is the movement of life to get the life in him and the others. Therefore, the obedience of this mission is the thing to be filled with joy and hope.

3) They treated their persecution as their glory. As by the exhortation of Gamariel, the persecutors released the Apostles, they knew as the glory for they proclaimed the word of God and received the persecution and proclaimed the gospel again without pausing. (33-42)

Sermon 9 Let's devote ourselves to praying and preaching the Word of God (Act 6:1-4)

1. Let's devote yourself to pray

Harney said, “Although he is a weak saint, as he is knelt down, the devil is trembled.” This word informs how much the life of prayer should be needed in receiving grace. Although it is so, how much do the saints despise the prayer? In receiving grace, the most precious method is despised by the men. Although the people served God how much minuets in a day did they pray to God in his whole life as they counted it? Many believers do not pray regularly and they do not offer the true prayer. The prayer with doubt returns to the vanity. To take doubt is the commit the holiness to despise the existence of God, and the wicked sin to despise the faithfulness of the Lord. For the doubt is hidden in our heart like military, as we accept it for a while, it is easy that we shall be arrested by the doubt like the military. The wicked activity that the believers do not take habitual prayer that the believers do not execute comes out of the doubt. As the pray is continued, it has the dignity of prayer. The continued prayer bears the fruit absolutely. The pastor, Harney testimonies again that he saw one day that a woman to have no her legs but to have only one hand that always rejoiced and praised. Then for the woman supported the life expense of 5 missionaries, he asked surprisingly, “How did you so?” Then he said, “I do by faith and prayer.”

Many words about the prayer come out of the Scripture, you can refer to followings. “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him?”

You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.” (II Chron 16:9), “and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”, (Ps 50:15), “But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. “(Ps 55:16) “In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. “(Ps 109:4) “The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. “. (Ps 145:18), “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to him. “(Prov 15:8), “The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. “, (Prov 15:29) ““Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Mt 7:7-8), “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. “. (Jam 5:13), “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I Jn 1:9)

2. Let’s devote you to preach the Word of God.

Here, what does the word mean? It means the word of the Scripture to proclaim Christ. The word of God is to reveal God; it aims on reveal Christ, the mediator. We should use the Scripture by its true meaning rightly. Because what does not use the Scripture rightly means that misuses as human method it is the sin. The man not to understand the Scripture wrongly and to keep on it until the end is the cults. Therefore, the martyr, Guthrie said, “I am afraid of to come up the pulpit more than to go into the gibbet.” As we proclaimed the Scripture to all men, and then we should understand it rightly and should try to proclaim it to them rightly. We should devote our life to this work.

Sermon 10 The Life of Faith of Joseph (Act 7:9-13)

1. Although Joseph was sold to the foreign area, he served God. (verse 9 b)

He honored God faithfully, at the pagan land to have the other mountain and the other water and not to know God. His owner also knew his devotion. (Gen 39:2-3) He keeps on the devotion by himself and did not commit sin in the dark world. To the wife of his owner tempted him, he said, “He is not greater in this house than I am not, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” (Gen 39:9). God loves that the believer to keep on the self-control of faith in the lonely state but not to commit sin more than the believer to live in godliness with the others one another and is with him more.

2. Joseph forgave his brothers that sold himself and then moreover he comforted them. (11-14)

The word, “Joseph made himself known to his brothers” (ἀνεγνωρίσθη* Ἰωσήφ τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς αὐτοῦ,) in our text should be translated into “Joseph informed himself to his brothers” at that time that he informed himself to his brothers, they were cried out loudly and then he had the miserable merciful heart to his brothers and then calmed down their anxiety with several words. (Gen 45:1-15) Just like that Joseph executed by the faith in the fear of God. The one not to have faith has no moving of the heart and the emotion with such tears. True believer examines the men deeply and feels his merciful state well. After Joseph was attacked by his brothers in this painful in much

suffering time at the foreign area for 20 years, and to the cruel brothers sold he, they could not prohibit his affection. Therefore, he comforted the bothers and said, “And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.” He forgave so wicked brothers hated himself as well as comforted them. He solved their sin and their unhappiness in the light of providence of God in truth, and then it was the consolation to cover all wound in the sin warmly. He said, “And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.” (Gen 45:5-8) And also, he invited his father and his all relatives into Egypt by his abundant love.

Sermon 11 Stephen killed by stoning (Act 7:54-60)

As the environment become wicked, God approaches closely to his faithful servant. For the time of Noah was so extreme corruption, although Noah proclaimed the gospel for 120 years, there was no repented man. Then God is with God more. Gen 6:8 said, “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.” The men to listen to the long sermon of Stephen did not repent their sin rather they grinded their teeth and was violent. Therefore, God took care of Stephen specially.

1. He received the grace that God is with him (55-56)

As the believer is persecuted in executing the things that God pleases, God gives more grace to him surely. Stephen received more grace at that time. Stephen received the grace in fullness of Holy Spirit. Verse 55 said, “But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.” means that although he received the grace of fullness of Holy Spirit at the early time, (6:5, and 8) in this aspect he received more fullness. Whenever the saints meet the unfair things in the world, it is nature that God provide greater comfort and power to the heart of the saints. Therefore, Bengel said, “According to increasing of fury of the enemy the spiritual power in the heart of Stephen was added more.” Stephen said, “But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (55-56) This revelation gave the great power to Stephen. As he looked at “the

glory of God” it is to see the heaven, he saw “the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” it proved that the personal character of the Lord himself stays in the eternal heaven, accordingly the man Stephen also got the assured to enter into their more obviously. This revelation was provided to Stephen to be persecuted in order to hold him. Although he sat down in the right side of God, if he helps the church, his standing up shall help him more unspeakably. As we see the record that Stephen received the grace, we should get grace. As Alexander Duff who had worked as a planted missionary in India, sat down on a certain hill and meditate, in his early time, the cargo of God’s glory approached to him closely and then he listened to the voice of God, “Come to me, I have the mission I should commit to you.” After he was got up out of the dream, longing for the work of God finally he became an India missionary. He did not forget the voice in his whole life. If a dream also gives the power and accomplished his important ministry successfully, we to have the authoritative word written in the Scripture can have greater power and the hope obviously.

2. He committed his soul to the Lord. (57-59)

Stephen was met the moment of his departure by stoning of the enemy. Just this time was the actual climax time of crisis. Then he received the grace again and saw the board line to separate between the soul and the body and shouted out in prayer, “And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (Verse 59) For the body of the man and his soul are united mysteriously, it is difficult to see the board line of body and soul. But the one to be born again by the Holy Spirit repents his sin and to be with

Christ, he knows the separation of body and soul. For the one who died for the fault and sin spiritually (Eph 2:1) does not know the existence of his soul also.

3. He prayed for his enemy. (60)

The third grace that Stephen received was the prayer for the enemy. He prayed with loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” In the man one word in his last time is so important indeed! As he prayed this especially he “was kneeled down”, it means that he devoted himself to pray to God wholeheartedly. Stephen loved his enemy and took care of them until the end. He had the strong faith of God at that same time; he had the burnt love to the man. The men to have love truly are same to him. This great prayer cannot help but to be answered. The repentance of Paul was the fruit of Stephen’s prayer. Augustine said, “Without the prayer of Stephen, the Christian church almost did not possess Paul.”

Sermon 12 The Savior to give the atonement (Act 8:32-35)

1. The Scripture reveals the one to atone us.

The Scripture Ethiopia eunuch read was the word below Isaiah 53:7. The word taught the fact that the savior was suffered and was died to save the mankind by substituting the sin of his people. This word was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah of Jesus Christ 700-800 years ago. Not only that Like Leviticus revealed, as they offered the atonement offering to God they shed the blood of the lamb, which was the ceremony of a type that Jesus Christ to come in the future shed his blood and was died. The Scripture of New Testament says fully about the accomplishment of atoned accomplishment of messiah.

One important thing in the word of God is the word to the savior to atone us. The word, the atonement means that he replaced my wage of my sin and save me eternally. This world has many religions but the religion to say atonement is only the Christianity. The Scripture is the book to inform savior Jesus to atone. For Ethiopia Eunuch was listened to the evangelism of Philip and was saved comes out of listening to the atoner, Jesus Christ and believing to him.

2. The one who atones and the suffering

For the atoner was gentle like the lamb and the fact that he shall receive the suffering of death was prophesied. All people are the sinners but only the atoner, Jesus Christ has no the sin. This is the qualification of the savior. The one to have sin cannot save the sinner. Jesus did not receive the fair judgment his life was stolen in this world. Although all men are died for their sin but

savior Jesus was died without having sin. This unfair become to the fair as only his death substituted the sin of many people. Therefore, our text (verse 33) said, “In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” For this means that for the men to get the life by the substituted death of Jesus Christ are lots, there are no anyone can say by measuring the generation of life.

3. The secret to understand the atoner

In understanding this truth, the Apologetic, comparable religions or, any philosophy cannot help it. If whoever wants to know this truth he should know himself as the sinner. Although the others are not despised, as he himself is the sinner, he can understand the savior to atone by replacing himself. The Apostle Paul was one of the representative persons to assure to receive the redemption through Jesus Christ. As he said in Rome chapter 7 1) it says that the sin deceived himself. (Verse 11 a) 2) it says that the sin kills himself (verse 11 b) 3) It says that he was sold under the sin. (Verse 14) 4) It says that the sin makes us not worked what we want but it makes us worked what we do not want. (Verse 15) 5) It says that the sin stays in him. (verse 17) 6) It says that he called his body for “the body of death” (verse 24) For he understands the fact that he himself is a sinner, he assured that his hope of salvation comes out of only Jesus Christ. (Verse 25)

Sermon 13 The Conversion of Saul (Act 9:1-9)

1. The cause of Saul's conversion
- 1) Feeling the presence of God

On the way that Saul went to Damascus, the fact that “suddenly the light from heaven was revealed and “shone around Saul” and the voice, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” was listened to do not come out of the man but out of the spiritual world. Saul knew that this thing comes out of spiritual world and he submitted to it and repented. The repentance of the man is established by the higher one than the man that is, before only God. Although Saul thought of God before his conversion event and said and also persecuted the Christian believers in the meaning of his faithful serving God. But all things were harmful meaningless completely. After Saul was experienced the presence of God on the way of Damascus, he treated his boasting as the dung. He said, “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ”. (Phil 3:7-8)

At the youth day of Jonathan Edwards as he walked on the meadow of his father, he felt the presence of God. After that he appreciation to all things was different. It is informed. He was afraid of the sound of thunder before, from that time he felt peace as he meets such event, and had the appreciation to see the glory of God. (450 True Stories from Church History, pp 48-49)

- 2) Repenting as he was pointed his sin. The voice that Saul listened to on the way of Damascus was, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

(Verse 4) and “And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” (Verse 5). The Lord said the word, “persecution” in two times repeatedly, and then he pointed his sin, and asked the reason, “why”. This was the rebuke of the Lord to argue with the sinner as the man is pointed out by the Lord he repents. The pointing of the sin comes out of the voice in the air in the case of Saul, today we are established by the Scripture. The man does not submit by the man but rather he may be hardened. Saul broke out his food for 3 days and prayed. (9, 11)

2. The result of Saul’s conversion

The result of his conversion did not take care of his life in proclaiming Jesus as Christ (messiah). As he proclaim such evangelism to the Jews, he almost was killed by them at his early time. (23, 29) The fact that he proclaimed Jesus as Christ by offering his life was the assurance of his assurances, the miracle of miracles. He who went to Damascus to kill the Christians was proclaimed evangelism with offering his life.

3. Saul’s conversion and we

We see the fact of Saul’s conversion; I also think that I want to meet the Lord miraculously and to receive the grace easily. But we should know that the economy of God is not same to his case. The supernatural events to relate to the conversion of Saul were needed to establish the foundation of church. So, the events also existed for us. I Cor 3:22 said the meaning that “Paul” also belongs to us.

Sermon 14 The Secret of Church' Growth (Act 9:31)

1. Peace

This means the peace in the environment. Sometimes the church is corrupted and is secularized for the external peace. But the early church used the peace rightly was revived. (I Tim 2:2) This is like the fact that Korean church had revived through the day of persecution in the Japanese time. As the church was persecuted severely, personal faith might be lifted up but it is difficult to be developed in quantity.

2. Strengthened

The word, “was being built up” (οικοδομουμένη) means to establish and to rise up, which does not mean the external business, but it points to the aspect of the innate godliness. Then for the church members in the church love one another and take an accord, which they are constructed spiritually greatly. In this thing love is the essential element. I Cor 8:1 said, “Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.” which here the word to establish the virtue is same to the word to be stood up in strengthening.

3. The fear of the Lord and proceeding of the comfort of Holy Spirit

As the believer serves God in fear, they receive the comfort to come out of him. Owing to fear the effort and obedience are brought up. This fear is not horror of slave but the fear is the obedience with sweet heart. According to it God gives the mercy and comfort to them.

4. Increasing of the number

This points to the external growth of the church, which means that the number of the church is increased as the number of churches is increased externally without the innate grace, cannot enjoy the spiritual peace. But, the church to have, “in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit” can take the external increase as well as take the spiritual peace.

Sermon 15 Long for Grace (Act 10:24-33)

Cornelius invited the Apostle Peter and gathered his family and his close friends and waited for him to receive the grace. This came out of his burnt heart to make himself and the others received the grace. (Verse 24) Not only that, as Peter visited his house, he replied, “we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

1. Sacrificing to make the others received the grace

It is precious in front of God that the man makes himself and even the others received grace. This is the burnt sincerity to long for grace. The one not to long for the grace is not them that do not know the importance of grace; God does not give the grace to such man.

The man that does not know the treasure as the treasure does not need to give the treasure. Therefore, the Lord said, “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.” (Mt 7:6)

The sincerity of Cornelius was the four person’s hat brought about the paralyzed man to Jesus. (Mk 2:1-9)

2. Receiving the evangelism of God’s servant by the word of God

We should concentrate on, in the word of Cornelius, the word, “So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by

the Lord.” “. (Verse 33) This is the attitude to treat the word that the servant of God proclaims, as the word of God. Peter said in his epistle, “Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. “. (I Pet 4:11) God is not the one to say by physical mouth himself, but he says through the mouth of his servants. So, it is easy that the one to despise the word of God commits sin to despise the word of God. Because the evangelist is appointed by God, as he says in instead of God, the listeners should take the attitude to listen to the word of God. True evangelists themselves admit that only God makes himself stood up on the pulpit. M. Luther had been exhorted to stand up on the pulpit by his friend, Staupitz. Then he said, “It is not easy to say instead of God”. Luther to receive the second exhortation replied, “To stand up on the pulpit is like to go to die to me.” It is informed that for Staupitz exhorted continuously, he stood up on the pulpit finally and as he preached to the congregation, the great grace came on them.

Sermon 16 The Churches to help each other (Act 11:1-30)

The church of Jerusalem saw the accord thought to take evangelism in the gentile. For Peter took evangelism to the gentile (chapter 10) as he was blamed by some believers in Jerusalem church, he explained the fact that the Jews and the gentiles can receive the gospel together according to his experience. As we see this thing, Peter did not take the position of Pope but as a reporter he said humbly. He said, “If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who I that I could stand in God’s way was? “. (Verse 17) Now the truth that the gentiles also are the objects of evangelism was revealed obviously. Jerusalem church accepted as to the explained truth. (Verse 18) As the church has no the unity in thought, she cannot progress no more, for the issue of evangelism for the pagan, now the church can go toward.1) the church Jerusalem were taken evangelism by sending Banana to Antioch. (19-26). as they sent Banaba to Antioch the church had no the political purpose completely by belonging to them, but purely to strengthen the faith of the church (verse 23) and to teach the truth to them. (25-26) the church of Antioch sent the materials to Jerusalem church. (29-30) for they received the spiritual gifts from the Jerusalem church, now they paid the matter to the church. (Rom 15:27) Just like that the early church communicated the love in the Lord each other.

Sermon 17 Banaba as the pastor (Act 11:19-20)

1. He pleased to see the grace of God.

The Christian believer enjoys true joy by only the grace of God. Because he gets the eternal life as the grace of God and the grace of God gives the joy in the heart of the one to accept it.

2. He made the believers attached to the Lord (below verse 23)

Only as the man is attached to the Lord, he can live truly. Then he especially can live in his soul. Then many pastors try to lead the believers that they serve as pastoral ministry to themselves. This is not true worker for the Lord.

3. He was filled with Holy Spirit and faith

Although he received the grace of Holy Spirit and the grace of faith but do not take fullness, rather he can move easily to enjoy himself through the grace he received. As it is so, he becomes the man to use the grace to commit sin wickedly. How much horrible it is!

4. He loved the co-workers. (25-26)

He executed to bring about the able co-worker, Paul better than himself and made him served with himself. The pastor is able to be captivated by the heart hating to serve with the better persons better than him easily. The pastor commits sin of jealousy sometimes easily, as he takes the responsibility; he can be tempted easily to make her as his centered organ easily. If he leaves out of this kind of sin he cannot feed the flock of the sheep of the Lord rightly.

Sermon 18 The Time of Trial and the Prayer (Act 12:1-11)

1. The time of trial is precious

As the church keeps on the peace for long time and then is secularized and lost the activating power, needs the moving by persecution. 1) Then the faith of the saints is revealed. (1-3) 2) Then the saints pray one another in the living power and reveal true brotherhood. (Verse 5) 3) Then the saints experience the peace of the Lord in the storm wave to come out of the outside. (Verse 6) 4) Then the saints experience the salvation of God. (7-11)

2. Prayer is the count of victory for the saints.

As Peter was prisoned the word that the church prayed teaches the fact that prayer is the key to solve the problems in silence. We should know to solve all things by prayer. Only as we pray, we should try to pray truly. What is true prayer?

1) The prayer with one heart. As it said that Peter was prisoned in a prison, the church prayed, it is obvious that they were gathered and prayed in one heart. (Verse 5) Jesus said, “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven “. (Mt 18:19)

2) The sincere prayer. The word, “earnest “(ἐκτενῶς) is so important. The man has lazy and foolish character. Therefore, it is easy that his prayer has no sincerity. Therefore, as we take much effort and much time, we can offer the prayer like prayer. The man that takes the agriculture on the not good field have much field and cultivates them he can get almost little grain.

Just like that as the man with insincere heart prayed much and, in some degree, he can get true prayer.

Sermon 19 The power of God's Word (Act 14:1-10)

As we see the today text, as Paul and Banaba said one time, “Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. “. (verse 1), “So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. “. (Verse 3) Not only that, A lame person in Lystra listened to what Paul said, he had “He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well,” in him. (Verse 9) As we see his word, especially Acts chapter 14 points to the power of God's word.

1. The reason that the Word of God has the power.

1) The word of God itself has the power

Heb 4:12 said, “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. “. Jn 6:63 said, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. “. Jn 15:3 said, “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. “. I Pet 2:2 said, “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— “.

2) Because the word controls, the word to come from the mouth of the speaker reveals the power.

As we see 18:5, in Macedonia, “When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia; Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.” To be captivated means that they cannot endure without proclaiming it. Jeremiah said, “If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.” (Jer 20:9) The reason that the word of Paul’s evangelism has the power is for the Lord used him. He was persecuted the Christian believers before some days. But for the Lord used him he got soon the power and proclaimed the gospel (9:20-22) the great power was revealed. As the Lord used Jonathan Edwards, one time as he preached about the hell, the people listened to his sermon by holding the pillars of sanctuary not to be dropped down into the hell.

2. The result in the power of the word of God

The listeners get the faith Rom 10:17 said, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. “. As Paul visited to the city Philippi and during he went to pray at the Sabbath day, he proclaimed the gospel in the meeting of women, among them Lydia listened to the word and believed in the Lord. (16:14) Then the Lord opened the door of her heart and made her listened to the word of Paul the chance to listen to the word is the chance that the Lord opens our heart.

Sermon 20 Of understanding the Revelation of God revealed in the nature world (Act14:14-18)

The revelation of natural world can be understood and be believed only by the faith to believe in the gospel. Therefore, the Lord said to the men not to understand the love of God revealed in the natural world, “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Mt 6:30)

1. The love of God and the ignorance of God

The love of God is revealed on this earth as two things. It is the faithfulness of God and his kindness. He sustains the natural world with faithfully and kindly. For the natural world has the even laws, surely it comes out what it planted and grown up in it, which God made the condition to become so. For the light of sun makes carbon by the nitrogen in the air, all plants absorb them and live. As the seed of lotus 1 thousand year ago is planted today, there is happened bud and the flower. It became as to the fact that God made so. The moon world has no the air and also has no the plants for the shining light has not even state. The moon world has the night of two weeks and the living things cannot live for too much hot at the day time. And also, in the night time the living things cannot live for too cold by the lower state of frozen point. The reason that moon world become so is for God created it for the purpose that God made it established “for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,” but God did not settle that the living things do not live there. (Gen 1:14-18) We should know the power of God to live the living things.

The man to see the figure that the flower was grown up in the greenhouse admits the fact that there is the one to make it. But although it is not compared to it the men do not know God the maker of the natural world called for the great greenhouse. The man is dark for the fact that although he knows the small thing he does not know the great thing. Although they see rolling ball they do not feel turning around of global.

2. The revelation of God revealed in the world of nature and the believer

The one to have peace with God has the new world and new earth in all things. Moody worked to wrap the shoes at shoe maker shop in Boston, the teacher; Kimbal visited him and told him of the love of Christ and his sacrifice. After he received the evangelism his heart was changed. Then it seemed to feel the things that all things welcome him and the sound of the bird also sang for him. For this one he felt that all things are moved in the hand of God and said, “The morning I was converted I went outdoors and felt in love with everything. I never love the bright sun shining over the earth so much before. And when I heard the birds singing their sweet songs. – The shorter Life of D. L Moody, p 20)

Only the men that their hearts were changed by the grace of God believe that all things are controlled by God. The martyr, Paschale also (his sister visited him and said that after he surrendered, as he came out, she will give half part of her property.) said, “If it is not the will of God, even a leaf of the tree never be dropped down.” As the believers lay such assurance they should devote themselves to pray always. The enemy to make separation between God and us is the strong enemy, only prayer can overcome it. W. Harney said, “As the

believer prays and does not overcome it and before his victory he stops his prayer is the weak prayer to grow up doubt. The saints that put his face on the earth and pray are the men to know already the victory belongs to him.”
(Praying Clear Through, pp 126-127)

Sermon 21 Of cleaning of heart (Act 15:9)

1. To clean the heart means the faith itself.

If we have only faith, the one to have no complete cleaning also is called for the cleaned person. Heb 11:6 said, “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. “, Rom 14:23 said, “But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.” For the faith has the true relationship between God and the man finally, if he has it should be the cleaned person before God.

2. To clean the heart means the state to fight with the complex thought. The heart of man cannot have any complex thought. Therefore, God thinks that as the man fight with the complex thought. The life is accomplished by fighting. Our physical life also is sustained by the fact that the white cell fight with all viruses. As our body has the wound, it is infected. It is the gathered there by the result of their death that the many white cells come out of there and fight with the viruses of disease. We should fight with all evil thought and should overcome it. I Peter 2:11 said, “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. “, Col 3:5 said, “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which are idolatry. “.

Sermon 22 Of the Death of Christ and His Resurrection (Act 17:1-4)

The fact that Christ was died and resurrected is the center of Christian evangelism. Although whoever proclaimed the other events of Jesus Christ, if he did not proclaim the other events, it is not to proclaim the Christianity. Paul said, “For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. “, (I Cor 2:2) and also he said, “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. “. (I Cor 15:14)

1. The fact that Christ was died and was resurrected is biblical truth.

As we see verse 2 b- verse 3 a, it said, “And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving “. The fact that he interpreted the fact that Jesus Christ was died and was resurrected was accomplished by the Scripture. And also, he said, “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures “(I Cor 15:3-4). Jesus himself proclaimed that he himself was died and was resurrected according to the Scripture. (Lk 24:25-27)

What important element does the evidence of the Scripture have? Biblical truth is true truth at the same time, the truth to belong to love. The way the man cannot be deceived is to have the word of the Scripture and to believe in it. 1) The word of the Scripture is true. 2) The word of the Scripture is love. The Scripture includes only two things, promise and commandment. Because the promise of course, is to give the blessing of salvation to the man, it is love,

for the commandment is to receive the blessing of God by making the man walked on the right way, it also is the love. A. Schlatter said, “Jesus said that he does not know the commandment without love. “(Jesus kennt kein gottliches Gebot, das die liebe verbote. – Der Evangelist Matthaus, p 400)

Therefore, the Scripture has two foundations that can control our trustful heart. The one is that the word is true; another one is the word is to love the mankind. For its Paul pointed to the word of God, as “the love of truth”. (II Thess 2:10)

2. The fact that Christ was died and was resurrected and myself.

The fact that Jesus Christ was died has no only the meaning of the death of a person, but he was died in instead of all men. II Cor 5:14 said, “For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; “. Therefore, the fact that Christ was died means that he was died in instead of me. The importance of me is depended on this fact. Therefore, I am not the one to be frustrated by myself, but we can rejoice by knowing the fact that Christ loves myself and also can take delight.

But there are many believers to take whether know this fact or forget it.

All men are to want to receive the love and searches for it out of the men of the world. It is foolish that he picks out the fruit from the dead tree. All men in the world want to receive the love but do not love the other in the true meaning. The one to love me is only one. Just he is Jesus Christ. He was died on the cross for me as we think that we have the one to be died for me, it is nature that I should the great hope above of all.

Not only that, Jesus Christ was resurrected for me again. Then he became my Lord for me eternally, and I belong to the Lord. Rom 14:8-9 said, “For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. “. Paul said, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? “. (Rom 8:35) And he said, “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. “. (Rom 8:38-39)

Sermon 23 The comfort Paul Received at Corinthians (Act 18:1-17)

1. He met Agura and priskira and lived with them at their house together. (1-4) For Agura and Proskila also were the exile, they compensated Paul to walk with the gospel much for they had same business, and they had the attitude of same suffering and same delight. Because they were the faithful saints that could give their life to Paul, they gave the great comfort to Paul.

2. Because Sailus and Timothy came down out of Macedonia Paul got more encouragement. (verse 5) As the evangelist work with his co-workers (the beloved workers) together got more spiritual power. Really Paul “was arrested by the word of God” at this time.

3. The fact that the chief of synagogue believed Jesus with his whole family and were baptized gave the encouragement to Paul. (6-8)

4. Above of all, the fact that the Lord himself revealed to Paul and warranted the protection of his security was the great comfort (9-10)

5. Galio governor protected Paul who was persecuted by the Jews. (12-17)

Sermon 24 The Powerful Faith (Act 19:8-20)

As Paul stays for two years at Ephesus and proclaimed the gospel, the great fruit was happened. “This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. “. (Verse 10). To accomplish such work what was the life of Paul’s faith?

1. His devotional life that God admitted Paul in detail. (11-12)

“So that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.” What was the reason that they seek Paul’s hanger chief and his apron as the power? It can be explained as following. That is, “For Paul devoted himself to God as the living sacrifice, his all moving, rather even his all belongs was sanctified. Although his belongs itself had no the power to heal the disease, God revealed his powerful effective to lift up Paul. Just like that, as the man put a corps into the tomb of Elisa as it was touched at the corps of Elisa, it was revived. (II King 13:21). Although the bone of Elisa has no the power of life, God made the thing to lift up Elisa. God admits the true devoted servant to be faithful and remembers so and interferes him in detail

2. The faith that the devil admitted and took the fear to him (13-16)

Verse 15 said, “But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” “. For the evil devil knows Paul, it means that he knew the faith of Paul and was afraid of him. For the faith of Paul is true Jesus lives with such man of faith. The evil devil is horrible to such faith. Like

the dog is afraid of the bone of the lion, the evil devil does not invade into the place that Jesus stays it is like the fact that the darkness does not enter into the light.

The church of this world has the false believers that the devil can mock. For the devil knows the heart of the man he knows who has true faith well. The false believers can be attacked by the devil.

3. The faith to know the Apostle also. (17-19)

The people have the time to know who believes in tritely. Before the great work that Paul's faith accomplished, the Jews and the Greek all were afraid of it. (Verse 17) Not only that, it informed that many people visited there and repented their sins, the magicians burnt their magic books and repented. (Verse 19) In the authority of Paul's faith such activity to have such fruitful effective was followed. In the old time, the preacher, Chrysostom was persecuted by the national king. The national king asked to his servant to get the evil method that could afflict Chrysostom, "How can we afflict Chrysostom so severely?" Then the servant replied, "Chrysostom likes to be died for he believes in the heaven. ". The king asked again, "Let's put him in the prison." Then the servant replied again, "For he loves to pray in the darkness, as he will be prisoned in the jail he shall pray to god. "And he continuously said, "Make him committed sin because he hates to commit sin primarily. "Chrysostom also was admitted by the men like Paul.

Sermon 25 The Blood of Christ (Act20:28)

The salvation we received is not the priceless thing that we can exchange by giving our righteousness. The righteousness of the man is valueless thing. We get the salvation by the blood of Christ. Is 64:6 said, “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. “. How much precious is the precious blood of Jesus? We can know it as we see the fact that God’s merit is provided to it. We know how much great the fact that God created all creatures in the heaven and the earth is. But as we compared the creation with the atonement that God sent Christ into the world and made him shed the precious blood, the creation rather is not so great. The creation was finished by some words for 6 days. The atonement is established by his economy in the beginning, he revealed for several thousand years and he sent the begotten son and realized it and also it shall be consummated by the work of Holy Spirit until the end of the world. The word of creation come out of mainly Genesis chapters 1-2 but the word of blood of Jesus Christ comes out of the whole part of the Scripture. Just like that the blood of Jesus is so important. Therefore, the Apostle Paul said, “For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and he crucified.” “. (I Cor 2:2) And he affirmed that we cannot be saved by the laws but we are saved by only the blood of Jesus Christ and said, “For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.” (Gal 2:19) The word, “I died to the law “is the strongest expression that the laws cannot save us. Luther who executed the way for several years said, “For the son of God loves me and gave himself to me it is the oppose thing to the

laws and the righteousness of human work like the thunder and lightning. If I admit the most precious treasure that the son of God cannot be compared to the others, cast your all religious ceremonies and the deed and merit into the hell. Because you think that only the death of God's son can stop the wrath of God and reconciled with us.”

Sermon 26 Of the things that the pastor should prohibit (Act 20:17-35)

1. What does to prohibit mean?

Greek text of the word, “keep watch” (προσέχετε) means to watch out and to be careful of.

1) To prohibit for myself. Above of all, to keep watch point to keep watches the salvation of him. (finally, he is to be careful of as the servant of God) The man has short power to execute two things. As the Christian receives the position, if he tries to help the salvation of the other, it is easy to neglect the issue of his salvation. Therefore, the Apostle Paul said, “But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. “. (I Cor 9:27) The pastor should know this one. That is, to keep watch himself is the stage to take care of the pastoral ministry well. As he himself is not right spiritually he cannot do the work of God, as he himself is revived spiritually, he cannot revive the other, if he himself has no the spiritual abundance spiritually, he cannot make the other become abundantly spiritually. Richard Baxter said, “As many people teach not to go to hell and then he himself go into the hell.”

2) To prohibit for the sheep. He receives the delicate judgment out of the flock of sheep. As the general church members have some fault the church does not make it as the issue, if the pastor has such fault, the men do not forgive it and remember it. Therefore, the pastor should be careful of it and should sit down on the higher seat than the faith of flock of sheep.

2. What is the concrete method for prohibition?

By what should the man be careful of by reviewing himself? What did the Apostle Paul give to the elders in the Ephesian church and take care of him? Verse 32 said, “And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. “. What they received is the word of God (the Scripture) the word of God strengthened the believers (verse 32) the word of God 1) like the mirror (Jm. 1:23) so by it we can see ourselves. 2) It is the wisdom of wisdoms (Ps 119:98-100) we can take the attitude superior to all experimental persons well. 3) It is the power of the life, (Jn 6:63) the one to close to the word intimately he should be cleaned up. (Jn 15:3)

Therefore Deut 6:6-9 said, “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. “. Therefore, Luther said, “The place where the word of God is proclaimed purely stays the true church.” He again said, “The pastors are not different to general church members. Only they were committed the mission to proclaim the word of God.” (A Compend of Luther’s Theology, p 137) And also, he said, “The pastor position has no the other things except the ministry of God’s word. (Compound of Luther’s Theology, p 138)

3. The reason that the pastor should prohibit.

1) Because the Holy Spirit appointed the pastor.

If the pastor status is appointed by only the men, it is good enough to work the proper things in the eyes of the people. But the pastor was appointed by invisible Holy Spirit. Therefore, the pastor should execute to please invisible Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul said, “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. “(Gal 1:10) It is easy that the pastor commits the sin to despise Holy Spirit by the mistake that they please the men than to please Holy Spirit. Therefore, he should take the caution.

2) The pastor should be careful of for he rules over the church that God bought by the blood of Christ. How much precious the church that bought by the blood of God is! The blood of Christ is the only price to atone the mankind. Heb 9:22 said, “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. “. So we see the Revelation, the people to get the glory did not praise their good works, and the things they kept on the laws and faithful things but praised only the blood of Jesus (the lamb). (Rev 7:10-12)

But as the pastor is not being careful of it is easy that his own effort and his able talents become the church well. Therefore, the pastor should be careful of and should not add the other except the blood of Jesus in proclaiming the merit to save the mankind. Maclaren burnt his all manuscripts at his last time. The reason he did so was for he wanted not to depend on the others (like his own merit) except only the blood of Jesus at his last moment.

Sermon 27 Paul to have assurance in the tribulation (Act 21:27-40)

Paul met several tribulations in the mission journey. Among them especially as he visited into Jerusalem it is severe that he was suffered by the Jews. What attitude did Paul in the tribulation take? He took the burnt heart of evangelism in the tribulation with sangfroid. (37-40) As he was arrested by the military and was pulled he had the heart of evangelism to the multitude. He said to the centurion, ““I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you; permit me to speak to the people.” (Verse 39), which it means that he said it as the motive to take evangelism to the crowd. What was the reason that he took the thought of evangelism to them without some horror? It was his assurance. For he possessed the assurance he would not shake in the tribulation. What we think of is the origin of his assurance.

1. He got the assurance for the word of God.

Paul received the several times by prophetic warnings about the dangers to meet in Jerusalem. At Tyre such thing was happened, (verse 4), at Caesarea also such thing was happened. (10-14) although he was warned by the word of God now actually he that met such accomplished things directly cannot help but to be assured that God walked with him on his way. Always the accomplishment of the word gives the assurance to us. (Jn 13:19) Not only has that, for the word of God itself given the faith to us (Rom 10:17) whoever has it takes strong assurance.

2. He got the assurance for his obedience.

As we obey the word of God directly, we get the assurance. Although Paul rose up to Jerusalem he already knew that he shall meet the suffering, (20:25) he raised there by obeying the will of the Lord. (20:22, 21:13-14) The purpose God gives the truth to us is to see our obedience. As we obey it, he pleases. Refer to Me Sam 15:22-23.

3. He got the assurance for his experience.

Paul was delivered out of his died situation for several times by the power of God. (14:19-20, 18:12-17, 19:23-41) The man learns through his experiences. In the life of our prayer also we experience the answer of God through our many praying experiences, and also, we get the assurance by the thing. About the issue of the reward to goodness and the punishment to evil that God treats to the man as we watch the things of the world in detail, we can know it and also to have the assurance to the issue. As we watch out the things of world we see the activity of God's providence to punish the evil. For example, it is like the event that at the moment that Pope John XXI boasted the palace of Viterbo that he established, the roof was dropped down and he was died. Just like that in the past history, sometimes we can see the fact that reward and punishment were revealed directly. Only the fact that reward and punishment were not revealed at every event directly yet is for this world is not the field of the great judgment.

Our assurance comes out of the experience of long time. Polycarp was arrested by the persecutor at his old age, 86 years old. Then they told him that if he said not to believe in Jesus, they shall release him. But Polycarp said, "How

can throw away Jesus who gives only benefits without any harms to me for 86 years?” Just like that his experience to walk with Christ for 86 years gave the assurance to him.

Paul was the man of assurance. He said, “Which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. “(II Tim 1:12) And also he said, “He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.” (II Cor 1:10)

Sermon 28 True Life of Paul (Act 24:14-15)

Paul was not afraid of the blasphemy of the wicked to keep on the faith. The announcement of the wicked claims that the evil is good. Therefore, the saints to believe in rightly are not afraid of the curse without the reason by the wicked. Refer to Prov 20:2. Luther listened that he was an adulterous person as he come out of the Roman church. The reformer, Farrel listened to the word, the dog of Luther party. The many martyrs in the medieval time were blamed as the heresy. Then what is the true faith of Paul?

1. Serving the God of their forefathers. (14)

God that Israel had served from their forefathers can be believed in absolutely. The God made the forefathers of Israel taken the evidence of faith. As we see Heb 11:2, “For by it the people of old received their commendation.” Heb 12:1 pointed to innumerable forefathers (the saints of the Old Testament) to receive the evidence that God exists and said, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” Therefore we also should follow their faith of the saints in the Old Testament. We should try to pray to God to respond the prayer of Elijah. Jm. 5:17 said, “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. “. The God of Elijah is that is, my God.

2. Believing the writings of the laws and the prophets (14 b)

The laws and the prophets prophesied coming of Christ. The first coming of Christ in the Old Testament come out 456 times, actual y they were

accomplished as his incarnation and the other his activities. As we see only them, the writings of the prophets can be believed absolutely.

3. Believing the resurrection (15)

It is obvious that the man should be died and should be rotten after death. Then how can the resurrection be believed? The faith of resurrection does not come out of seeing the corps. The faith of resurrection can be taken by believing in God (by believing in his word that is, the Scripture). The resurrection out of the death cannot do by the human power but only God can establish it. 1) Cannot God to create all things in the heaven and the earth out of nothing resurrect the dead man? Cannot God to resurrect Jesus Christ resurrect the dead man? 3) Cannot God of the great power that makes us born again resurrect our dead bodies?

Sermon 29 Faith and Life (Act 24:14-16)

Paul without sin was sued by the high priest of Jews and listened to the mock, “a plague “by Tertullus before Governor Felix. (Verse 5) But he did not shake at this seat but he proclaimed the gospel.

1. Faith (verse 14)

1) Faith has the feature not to be shaken. (in verse 14 a, to confess means to say with assurance in common confession) Then Paul did not shake by believe in the way of Jesus strongly that the others called for the heresy. The reason he did not shake so is for he knew that only Jesus is the one to solve the issues of the man in his heart sufficiently. He said to the Corinthian church members, “I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. “. (I Cor 7:35) The noisy and faith are contrast part each other. As we believe in the Lord wholeheartedly, the wandered heart is disappeared. The shaking of mind (doubt) harms to faith.

2) Serving God of the forefather (verse 14 center) the faith of Christ does not mean to believe the temporary situation. This faith had been informed as true thing to the one to do truly. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. “. (Heb 13:8)

3) Believing by following the writings of the laws and the prophets (verse 14 b) this “hope” (the hope of resurrection - refer to verse 15) what was written in the laws and the prophets strengthen our faith. We believe in the laws as the people and got safety. Then the fact that God warranted our resurrection by the laws, how it gives the safety to us! Not only that, the man

trusts in the faithful man. Then the prophets in the Old Testament were holy and faithful.

2. Life (verse 16)

Faith is founded on the faithfulness as the above says. Then the worthy life to it should be conscientious. What does the conscientious mean? It is the heart that try not to accept the sin and false. Especially the conscience to receive the Scripture is so. As it was reported in daily newspaper, a certain driver hit a man and gave the urgent harm to him and escaped but he received the rebuke of his conscience and visited to the police office and confessed himself. According to his word he could not hold the handle because his science pieced in him. Especially the one to receive the word of the Scripture repent in his conscience, his faith become strongly and open the communication with God. The emperor, Deodocius received the punishment by Bishop Ambrose and wept for 8 months and repented his sin, at his last bed, he wanted to be embraced by Ambrose and was passed away in his breast. Augustine wrote down Ps 51: (the psalms of repentance) on his wall and read it for 10 days and repented and was departed. In meaning of complete repentance Paul said, “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. “. (I Tim 1:15)

Sermon 30 Religion and covenant (Act 26:6-7)

H. Bavinck said, “True religion is not the other except the covenant. True religion has the source of his virtue that God descends down lowly and visited to the man (to take the covenant). This character of true religion always was existed before the depravity of mankind and after that.” (De Ware religie kan daarom niets anders zijn dan een verbond, ze heft haar oorsprong in de nederbuigende goetheid, in de gnade Gods. Datkargdter draagide religie zoowel voor als na den val.- Geref. Dog. II. J. H. Bos, 1908, p 613: J.H. Kok. 1967, p. 531)

The man has no the qualification and right to say of God for he was the deprived sinner. Then as God visited the man and said (take the covenant) by the virtue of his mercy finally the communication of God and man were opened and the relationship of contract was established. This is the relationship between God and the man that the Scripture says. Bavinck said again as followings, “Among the reasonable being and the moral being (the men) all noble lives are approached by the type of covenant.... Love, friendship and marriage and the other social common relationship and industry and science and arts are established on the criteria of covenant. In other word, they are established by trusting on one another and by in the concept of several moral and duty informed generally. Therefore, it is not surprising thing that the life of human noblest and richest life, that is, religion has the character of covenant.” (Geref. Dog. II. J. H. Bos, 1908, p 611: JH Kok, 1967, p 530.)

The other religions except the Christianity are observed strictly, all are rooted on the naturalism and the pantheism. For the naturalism think the god that

does not say the word, actually we cannot say that it has the true object of the religion. For example, Confucianism is closely to the naturalism some times, and also at the other time it says to be nearby the pantheism. Confucianism does not know God to say with the man and the Buddhism is a kind of Pantheism. It is proved by the fact that the character of Buddhism is a part of human heart. The study of meditation in Buddhism is only the effort of the autonomous to understand the character of Buddhism. Speaking in the strict meaning, Buddhism is only the method to monological meditation but is not the religion to be established by the covenant to make with the others of personal existence. The fact that the Buddhism is the autonomous is not able to be doubted by seeing whether their cannon or the evidence of the Buddhists. The motive that Orgold, who was an army colonel in America believed in Buddhism are as followings. That is, as he himself was 12 years old and attended into the church with his parent and listened to the word, "True God is in the heaven." In the sermon of a pastor. As he did not understand the word and asked to his mother, "Is our true God in the heaven?", then his mother replied "really that's right." Then he asked, "Then did you have met him?" Then his mother said, "I only believe in as to the word of the pastor." He was arrested by the doubt for he did not understand it. Finally, he went to India to investigate the source of religion and stayed and visited to monk, Smakara, and then had the doubt of the god and asked to him, "Where is he Buddha? Does he stay in heaven like Christ?" Smakara answered "Buddha does not stay in the heaven as well as in the earth but the heart itself to ask such question is that is, just Buddha." It was informed that Orgold to listen this word believed in Buddhism with safe heart. (pp 74-77) As we see it, we can know that the Buddhism always flows into the autonomous.

Actually, the Buddhists do not take other activity except monologue effort to understand his heart. Because Orgold did not believe in God in the heaven higher than himself, his heart was flown into the optimism to take his heart as the object of religion. But God is most being. The human heart is not God. Human heart itself does not know the most God. There is the bridge to make them believe in God between God and man. It was Christ who God visited the man and established the covenant. Because Orgold did not know such gospel he was dropped down into the false optimism to have religious authority. The other religions except the Christianity have no the thought of covenant they cannot escape to be the false religions.

What we think conclusively is our attitude about the fact that God accomplishes his redemptive work in covenant. 1) Because he sent his begotten son according to his covenant and he accomplished the redemptive work we are lived by faith to accomplish the covenant. The covenantal accomplishment to relate to the redemptive work includes the blessing to be related to us eternally in the present, the future and eternity. It is the blessing that we demand. Therefore, we cannot help but to have the faith and hope to this one.

3) We admit that the event to accomplish the redemptive covenant of God is the word of God's revelation. And the we receive the grace to sanctify by the word of God. II Pet 1:4 said, "By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." The word to accomplish the covenant become by the power of Holy Spirit, the souls to believe in it receives the work of sanctification. But the pagan religions do not admit the cannon as

promise to come out of the heaven. Accordingly, the pagans do not think that their cannon do not bring some spiritual power. For example, the religion of Buddhism does so. 3) The salvation by accomplishment of the covenant gives the comfort to the believers. That is, in the day of tribulation and the time of temptation, makes us filled willed with the delight and makes us endured until the end. Because the blessing included the salvation is too great and the word God said himself is so faithful and also, they by Christ become Amen and then they are established surely. What God aims on is not changed and has no the reason that is not blocked by some accident events. The promise of God is not depended on some condition of ourselves. It should be accomplished by only God in Christ finally.

Sermon 31 The evangelism of Paul to Agrippa and Festus (Act 26:24-29)

1. The answer of Paul to the word of Festus that said that he was crazy. (24-27)

Festus said that the evangelist, Paul proclaimed that Jesus was resurrected was crazy. The answer of Paul to this issue was not that the event of Jesus was not happened at one corner. If a man was crazy, it shall be revealed by claiming the fact to break out the historical fact. But the evangelism of Paul only was relevant to historical fact. In such meaning, Paul claimed, ““I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.” This word of Paul was the claim that the resurrection of Jesus was put on the criteria of historical fact. Paul did not arrive on the faith that Christ was resurrected speculatively but he arrived at the faith by historical fact. As we see it, the theology of crisis in the center of recent thought is wrong. The activities of Jesus are consisted of sufficient characters to become the historical facts. 1) His miracles were established before the multitude (especially before the enemies) His death also came out of the hand of the enemies, whoever cannot deny it. 2) He was resurrected and met his disciples directly for the long duration, 40 days and several times he revealed himself to them at several laces. Because such obvious historical fact, the men to believe in the fact executed the strong evangelism and they got confidence. Much miracles and wonders with this evangelism were revealed. (Heb * :24) 3) The men to have authority had listened to many reliable evidences of the resurrection of Jesus in the persecution to the disciples of Jesus. They

naturally cannot help but to believe in it. Although they had seen persecuted the church so, they observed and saw the faithfulness of the disciples of Jesus and their boldness and their power so much. Therefore, as Paul said so, “For the king knows about these things and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice”.

When Vestus told Paul to be crazy, Paul had an answer to oppose it. It was the fact that the event of Jesus became by the prophecies of the prophets. He said, “King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe. “. (Verse 27). This word of Paul did not point to the fact surely that the faith of King Agrippa to the prophesy in the Old Testament was sure. Only he inferred naturally that for whoever believes in the writings of the prophets because it was the public admitted one as the authority of truth, King Agrippa also may be believe in it. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was what the prophets proclaimed. Therefore, Paul to proclaim the event of Christ by the writing of the prophets was not crazy man. As Bavinck said, the prophesy of the Old Testament about the first coming ministry of Jesus Christ come out total 456 times (Gereformeerde Dogmatiek III 1910 p 256), they all things were accomplished. Although one prophesy is accomplished, if it is the reliable thing, why cannot we be reliable thing of the accomplishment of 456 times prophecies! Not only that, for the writings of the prophets are the words of love, we should believe in it. The writings of the prophets were written for us. Rom 15:4 said, “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. “. I Pet 1:10-12 said, “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours

searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. “. Just like that the writings of the prophets are the truth of love. Therefore, it is justified that he believed in the resurrection of Christ revealed by their accomplishment, but not the crazy thing.

2. The answer of Paul to the question that the king Agrippa cast in satire? (28-29)

Agrippa to listen to the evangelism of Paul said, ““In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian? “. but he replied coldly to the Christianity. He despised to become a Christian. But Paul said in the meaning of its important fact, “And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.” (Verse 29) Paul revealed by such word, 1) He revealed how much important to become a Christian. His word, “as I am “revealed his experimental assurance to the happiness of Christian. He experienced the fact that except the happiness of Christian no the greatest happiness exists. He assured that except it all things are vanity as well as only unhappiness. (Philp 3:7-9) 2) To be arrested was expressed as the thing except the happiness that all men should pursue on. But among the Christians there are the men not to do so, which it belongs to the will of God. Therefore, here Paul did not make

the arrested state generalized to all men. The statement of Paul always was revealed so in the worthy to the truth.

Paul boasted only Christ at any time and any place. (I Cor 1:31, Gal 6:14) To him there is only Christ in his precious one. (I Cor 2:2) In the meaning, he wanted that all men become like him, it is not arrogance but precious assurance. Without such assurance to Christ he cannot become the evangelist.

Sermon 32 The Comforter, Paul (Act 27:22-44)

Jesus himself is the comforter. It said that he does not cut off the bruised reed and turn off the reduced lamp. (Mt 12:20) This is the word to reveal his merciful virtue to take care of the destroying man, as he came across to the time of his departure, he told to his disciples, ““Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. “. (Jn 14:1), “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (Jn 16:33)

The Apostle Paul to proclaim Jesus Christ also was the man of comfort. He said in the meaning that His evangelical ministry is the work of comfort. II Cor 1:3-6 said, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.” Among this word there is the term, “the comfort”. He said again, “encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all”. (I Thess. 5:14 b)

1. The necessity of comfort

Although he is so strong man, sometimes as he is slipped down and is dropped down the great multitude to receive his lead should be failed together. Comfort is the good medicine to rescue the disappointment. Although Luther

was a giant leader of the Reformation, sometimes he was disappointed and lost the rejoice. One day for he was disappointed too he tried to go out and to restore the delight. As he returned to from there also he got still groom emotion and frustrated attitude, his wife, Katherine von Bora was put on the suckles cloth and sat down there. It was the attitude that she took in the meaning to be careful of the frustration of Luther. It means that she allegorized that for Luther's God was died, Luther was frustrated. Then Luther said, "God never die." And got the great power. Comfort should not come out of the only the great persons absolutely, the weak person also can do it. Campbell Morgan was a great preacher influenced the grace to the world, his comforter was his wife. His son, Howard said that his mother is the first preacher (it means that she was the one to comfort well). The great power comes out of warm comfort. Therefore, the Scripture teaches the need of much comfort in the church. Act 16:40 said, "So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed." Philip 2:19 said, "I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you." Col 4:11 said, "and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me." I Thess. 4:18 said, "Therefore encourage one another with these words." For the church on the church stays in the tribulation, true comfort is the source that church receives power.

2. The source of true comfort

On the way that Paul sent to Rome, he comforted the all wretched passengers on the Mediterranean Sea. From what did he get such power to console the

others? He got the power out of the word of God. He said to the frustrated multitude on the crossroad of life and death, “Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ So, take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we must run aground on some island.” (22-26) He looked at the hope of the men that were rode in the ship obviously and directed them. The word of God that today came out of God is the Scripture. The Scripture makes us looked at the issue of man and the issue of the universe obviously. Therefore Rom 5:14 said, “Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.”

1) The reason that the word of God was written is not for only the patriarchs, the prophets and the Apostles themselves to write down them but for the revelation for all mankind. Therefore, the people to read the Scripture should know the fact that it is the words for themselves. A. Kuyper who was one of three Calvinistic theologians said to the Scripture, “As I read the Scripture. The word is not the old word that Moses and the Apostle John were given, but the word that God gives now to me.” That’s right word.

2) Another reason that the word of God was written was for to transfer it to the later generation obviously. If the word of God is written but was transferred into by oral tradition, the most things might be reduced to us. As Grosheide said, the fact that God wrote the word is to fight with the world.

That is, for the men of the world had the character of sin that transfer the word wrongly, the truth should be transferred by the tradition through the even writing. For the record of the Scripture is inspired, there is no fault. Therefore, Jesus said, “If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken”. (Jn 10:35)

The word of God recorded exactly so gives the eternal hope to us. We can get the comfort and power in the world to have much tribulation. Moody also had experienced the event to die almost for the wretched ship. Then he got the comfort and power through the word of God. From London to be famous in having much mist, for finally as he met a good day, returned to America, for 3 days he stayed on the Atlantic Ocean, he spent the feeling to offer thanksgiving to God. Suddenly there was a strong sound that the ship was hit on a reef. After his son rose on the deck, he informed that the ship is sinking in the water. Then as Moody went out on the deck, 700 passengers were trembled for the horror. Some certain two men tried to take the suicide before they were drowned into the water Then Moody gathered all passengers and began to prayer meeting and then read Psalms chapter 91 He especially was impressed by verse 11, “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” in his heart. For he had no any horrible heart he was slept, he experienced the first deep sleep in his whole life. After some time, the ship, Lake Huron was appeared and delivered them the passengers of the ship (Superior ship) were arrived at America safely. Then from where did Moody get the comfort and courage? Of course, it came out of the word of God.

Sermon 33 The Freedom in Arrested Paul (Act 28:30-31)

Although the Apostle Paul was pulled at Rome and was prisoned, actually he enjoyed true freedom there. The one to live for only Jesus we can enjoy the free happiness in anyplace. Refer to Jn 8:31-32.

1. He entertained all people at his rental house.

As we see in verse 38, Paul resided his rental house, he was watched out by the Roman official in his house. Then his freedom was limited. Although Paul was bound in such environment, he accepted all people to visit himself. Here, the word, “welcomed “(ἀπεδέχeto) points to the fact to entertain with kindness and love. His kindness and his love are not format courtesy but the passionate thing to come out of his heart. The heart of the saints participated into the suffering of the Lord is more abundant and is deeper. Moving of love in him shall be freedom and cut off the chain of flesh egoism.

2. He proclaimed the kingdom of God boldly.

When the believers treat the body and seek the peace, they are dropped down into the coward state. But if he enters into the fire furnace of suffering he takes the confidence for the gospel. Boldness does not get out of the peace but it is the grace of God to get it in the seat of suffering. The Epistles of Paul (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon) that praise the suffering, encourage the joy and flow the hope were written to the rental house in Rome.

3. Nobody prohibits

The activity of the saints to accept the trial for Christ rather to praise the trial cannot be controlled also by the cooperation of all mankind. Such saints have an important portion in the suffering and the adversity. The devil to know this fact cannot harm such saints.

[The end of the Acts Sermon by Dr. Yune Sun Park]

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