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1. Let's Come into the World of Grace and Peace (Col 1:1-2)

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“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father”

Introduction:

1) Today, we are going to come into the world of grace and peace in Christ. At August 12 2013, I had finished my pastoral ministry for 31 years of the United States of America. At that day I felt little freedom in my heart. I asked the reasons to myself. Why do you feel peaceful freedom in your heart? The first reason is to take away my responsibility for my church and the second reason is to see the world of Cambodia mission field. I thank God for he permits the recovery of my health. So, I have a spiritual dream in my future because the burden makes me been free and to feel the abundant peace. In other words, I see the world of the grace, the world of the peace in my heart.

2) As the Apostle blessed to the Colossian church with the grace and the peace of the Lord, we have to enter into the world of the grace and the peace. Why? Because the world is the kingdom of God that only the born-again Christians can see the world. How does the Apostle explain it to us? Colossian chapter 1:1-2 mentioned to us obviously.

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father”.

First, what is the true blessing in the Christian life?

1) In one word, it is grace and peace. Grace and peace are the summary of all blessing in Christ. The blessing that God created the entire world and gave the men was to be prosperous, to be fruitful to please God.

(Gen1:22) “God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the see, and let the birds increase on the earth.” After that, the first blessing action also was revealed in the grace of nature to Noah. (Gen 9:1) “Then God blessed Noah and his son, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.” And the next blessing was expressed in the more spiritual mode obviously to Abraham. Gen12:2-2 says “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all people on earth will be blessed through you.” In this verse, we know what true blessing is? It was more wonderful blessing than the physical, material blessing. It was the spiritual blessing that was the salvation of Jesus Christ that shall be accomplished by the seed of Abraham. So, at the later day, in the day of the New Testament, Paul stressed that every Christian received all spiritual blessing in Christ. (Eph.1:13) “Praise is to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” So, we believe that all Christians know the original blessing, see the world and enjoy it deeply in the world.

2) Look at the verse 3. The Apostle summarizes the blessing we can enjoy after we were saved shall be the grace and peace in Christ. The grace is the present without paying any price and the peace is the fruit that the grace products in our lives. Concretely, according to the New Testament the first grace is remission (redemption) and the next grace is Holy Spirit and His grace.

Eph1:7 said “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. And Luke 11:13 say, “If you then though you are evil, know how to give gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” So, the apostle can assure that the kingdom of God is the righteousness and peace and delight in Holy

Spirit. (Rom14:17) This is the important promise of our Lord, Jesus Christ in the world that makes us to meet much tribulation.

And the peace is the fruit that comes automatically to us after we receive the grace. The kingdom of God has the order, the abundance, the stability and the brightness. Actually, it is Immanuel that is the blessing of blessings. When God be with us, we shall have the grace and the peace. And also, we can see the world of the peace.

We can read these things in the Scripture as followings;

As the Israelite occupied the promised earth, Canaan by their faithful obedience, they should enjoy the rest that is the peace in their lives. Joshua 21:44 says “The Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their forefathers.” Who provide the peace to them? Only God gave it as wonderful gift to them.

When we serve the Lord from tomorrow to the end of August 2013. For the woman leadership seminar and pastoral educational seminar, make sure the grace and the peace in our heart. To enjoy the peace in our heart is more important in our ministry. Let' us enjoy the peace of the service towards God, although we have many troubles in our actual life.

Second, where do the grace and the peace come?

1) It comes out of only Trinity God that is, the father God, the Son God and the Holy Spirit God. The Father God planed the salvation, the son God accomplished it and the Holy Spirit God applies it to every person. So, we received the wonderful salvation. We try to abide in the Lord in every day, in every moment, because we see the world of grace and peace and because we enjoy the righteousness, the peace and the delight in the Spirit. Although we are fallen down in the suffering state and also meet the struggling problems in our lives, we live in the blessing world, in the gracious world and in the world of peace that God

outpoured on us in Christ Jesus.

2) Recently as I read II Chronicle in the Old Testament, I found how important to know the source of grace, peace and power.

II Chronicle 26:5 says “He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.”

Although a king had much good condition in that day, if he ignored the source of all blessing, he was corrupted in the sin. Finally, God paid what he obeys to the Lord in detailed. Now the principles are same in the cotemporary day.

My beloved saints, remember the source of the grace and peace in our lives, whatever you stay any situation do not worry about that. And approach to the source as the well. Surely God shall provide grace and peace to you. II Chronicle 16:9 says “For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those who see hearts are fully committed to him.” Now we devote ourselves to the source, our God and his Words. We shall know the only God is true source. How does He treat to us? How shall He pour out the wonderful grace and peace to us? Jeremiah 33:3 says “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Do you believe in it?

Third, to whom did God promise the grace and the peace?

1) As the fifth commandment promised, the grace and the peace are not all people but to the chosen people, the church, every Christian. Verse 2 says “to the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossi.” And also, the text points that they are the limited persons, the saints and faithful brothers in Christ. Whenever we obey the Word of God to some small thing humbly in faith by admitting the Lordship of Christ, surly we can meet the world of the wonderful grace and peace.

2) According to a record, Cambodia is the one of beautiful nations that has natural environment. As we know Angkor Wat is the famous work. I had watched the great scene in the internet. Although he visited to it, if he does not believe in Jesus as his savior, he cannot know the world of true peace. Because we are one of chosen people in the world, we have the world of grace and peace.

My beloved saints.

Do not ignore to this wonderful privilege please. God is waiting for you and your prayer. God prepared everything for you. The owner of the great banquet invites you to come into the world of grace and peace that any enemy cannot deprive out of our heart. (Rev 3:20)

When we meet many people, we have to keep the peace and share it to our neighbor.

Conclusion:

As we know, Mary chose to listen to the Word of God. Jesus pleased the attitude very much. Why? Because she knows to enjoy the real blessing, grace and peace in Christ. Sometime we cannot feel the grace and the peace. But we should admit that the source is not able to be moved obviously. We believe in that.

Although you have much struggle in the school life, remember that you see the world of grace and peace in Christ. Therefore, we have to pursue the source of the grace and peace, God and His Words. At the hot day if we stay in the Word of God, we can taste the wonderful living spiritual peace.

May the grace and peace be with you forever.

2. First, Seek the kingdom of God (Mat.6:33-34)

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Introduction:

1) I am glad to meet you again in the grace of God. Now I want to read verse 33. “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “Do you understand this verse in your heart? Because the passage reveals the purpose of our life, our faith and our church life. What is our purpose of our lives every day? It is to seek the kingdom of God and the righteousness. It means that we live in the center of the kingdom and the righteousness in every day. Actually, it means that it is to glorify God and enjoy God. It the ultimate goal in our lives.

2) I think two things about such life.

First, what does the kingdom of God mean?

1) The kingdom of God is his ruling over us. Only he is the King and the Lord. Who is your king and your Lord? Jesus Christ. Do you admit the fact in your life? So, when we think the kingdom in our lives we have to understand the Lordship and the kingship. My Lord is Jesus in the any place and in any situation. I should stay at the place. When Jesus rules over us, our lives enjoy the kingdom of God. Whenever we eat and drink, we enjoy that righteousness, peace and delight in our heart. Why? Because the kingdom works in our heart. Do you believe in it? Before we go to the heaven, we have to enjoy that grace in the world.

Even though we meet many troubles, we are able to enjoy them.

2) In Cambodia life of church, we meet much necessity in the actual life. Then we have to, first of all, seek the kingdom.

Second, what is the righteousness mean?

1) It is the Word of God. Righteousness means the ruler and the standard in everything. What is your standard and your criterion in all things? It is not my thinking, my family, my tradition and my national law, but the Word of God, the special revelation, the Scripture. Do you believe in it? When we accept it, we can find the kingdom of God.

2) So, we have to read the Scripture. We have to understand the meaning in our heart.

How much do you read the Bible? A certain denomination stressed that the leader should read the Bible 100 times before he studies the seminary. Why do we read the Bible? More important, then we can find the righteousness in our lives. Do you know that standard in your life?

This church should make decision to read the bible at the least, 1 time in this year from you yourself.

Then living God shall show the wonderful world in your heart, the world of the righteousness. Then our heart shall be changed into brightness out of the darkness. He shall receive the wonderful power out of God. The church shall be changed into the precious grace.

Third, what is the blessing of God to us?

1) God promises that and” all these things will be given to you as well.” What are all these things? It includes eating, drinking, sleeping and acting and also all spiritual blessing in your lives.

Deuteronomy chapter 28:1-6 says “If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these

blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

2) “When we first seek the word of God, He shall outpour everything to us. “Do you believe in it?

So, our Lord exhorted us “therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

3) When we meet every problem, remember this promise. Simply we should live humbly to any situation. I want that the church member lives very well every day, it is wonderful grace and blessing. May the grace be with you all.

Let's pray

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your wonderful revelation of our blessing life.

Help us to know the kingdom of God and the righteousness.

Provide your wonderful grace to us.

I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

3. The Thanksgiving Life of Paul (Col 1:3-9) 2013.9.3

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,”

Introduction:

Now, the Apostle Paul is writing the letter to Colossian church in order to encourage them to enjoy the world of grace and peace that is, the righteousness, peace and delight in the kingdom of God out of the infection of false teaching. After the greeting he thanks to God because of three proofs.

First, he thanks God for the work of their faith.

Verse 4 says “because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people”. Whom did they believe on? It was the faith to Christ. What is the faith? It means to trust, to commit ourselves to God. As Tennyson, who was a famous poet in British, said

the meaning of the faith. It is like that we listen to the voice of a bird from the egg of the bird and as we look at the bud, we can know the spring season. Even though we cannot see and cannot listen to something, to see God and to depend on the Word of God is the faith. We who have the sound faith admit that invisible Christ is the creator, the savior and the judger and follow Him. This was the faith of the Colossian church. Surely the faith begets the work. This is like scientific principle. The work (event) is the result of the faith. To the Thessalonian church Paul expressed the sacrifice of the faith. If we have sound faith absolutely we meet the work (event) in our lives. Just like that in the creation, when the Word of God was come out to the outside, there are a light, if we have the faith it is very normal to be brought up the creation. Roman 10:9-10 says that when we believe in Christ in his heart, and confess it with his mouth, he shall be saved. "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

As we know, when the Lord cured the 38-year patient, the Lord found the faith in him by some question, "Do you want to be cured?" it means that do you believe in me? Then Jesus demanded the faith in him. And to the patient of Matthew chapter 9 the Lord looked at the faith in them and healed him. And also, our Lord worked to the Canaan woman through her faith, that are, she wanted to have a wonderful grace that come out of the Lord and that the Lord can do everything in that situation. Then her problem was solved immediately. Mt15:27-28 says, "Yes, it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Second, he thanks God for the sacrifice of the love.

Verse 4-6 say “4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. ” This saying is not the verbal love but the actual love for their neighbor benefits that the world knows that love in the actual life. This love was like their sacrifice love to Thessalonian church. The faith should be expressed by the love. Because the faith is a channel that reveals the relationship of the faith and the love is the power that gives some benefits to the neighbor by receiving the power that comes out of the above. So, I Corinthian tells us that the love is the toil to believe in the truth. Verses 4-7 reveal the 13 features and reveal not the personal benefits but the benefits of our neighbors. In other words, through the devotion and sacrifice the Colossian church gave the wonderful benefits to their neighbors.

Third, he thanks God for the endurance of hope.

They thank God for the hope that God prepared for them. It is the result that the truth of the gospel provides us. The hope that was rooted on the faith and the hope. According to Roman 5:5, the saints who the love of God was poured shall accomplish the patient through the tribulation, the patient through training and also the hope through training. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Conclusion:

The thanksgiving of Paul to the Colossian churches should be ours. We have to take three elements those are; the work of faith, the sacrifice of love and hope of endurance.

4. The Apostle's Prayer (Col. 1:9- 14)

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Introduction:

1) The reason that we call for the Ephesian and the Colossian as the twin epistles is the similar character of the contents when Paul wrote these at the same prison in Rome. And also, the reason is that the Ephesian focuses on the church but the Colossian to Christ, the head of the church. So, the fullness of Holy Spirit means the abundance of the Word of God because of these reasons according to the frame of two epistles. The contents of the Apostle's prayer come soon out of the greeting of the Apostle that the Colossians demands to strengthen the Christian life more than the Ephesians.

2) What are his prayer titles?

First, make them to be fulfilled with knowing God's will.

1) At the epistle of Ephesus, we can find that he asked that God open their eyes to know God and the spiritual blessing, but here, we find the fact that they can know the will of God in their wisdom and their enlightenment. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit[f] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (Eph1:17-19) It is very more concretely than the Ephesian. Actually, to know God is to know the will of God. The priority of our ministry is to know God and the will of God in every area. In the areas of material, time, thought, talents and relationship, we have to learn the will of God.

2) Actually, in our school life we have to focus on the target, to know God's will in our thought, in our ultimate goal and in our ministry. In other words, it means to know the Scripture, the Word of God. Where is the will of God? Do you know the will of God? Ecclesiastics says "God make us unknown the will of God. Why? Obviously, the Scripture emphasized those points. So, we cannot follow the miracle trends or, mysticism, and the covet. So, we accept the process to know the will of God. Through the process we can assure the will of God in our detailed areas.

So, we have to learn the teaching of James, "if it is will of God I will do it or, not do it.

In this semester you should be to know the will of God through the limited process.

Second, make them to grow up in knowing God.

1) And the Apostle asked God that they shall be grown up until the length of Christ that is, to imitate the image of Christ. Do you have the

eternal life? You have to reveal the image of Christ in order to enjoy the experimental tastes. The image is righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. This is the transformed state of God's image. Our purpose is to live in enjoying the eternal life.

2) When we study our subjects in this semester, we can enjoy the eternal life deeply. It is our goal, when we read it, write it, memorize it, examine it and obey it we have known the wonderful world of the eternal life. That is true growth in Christ. We have to long the grace in your heart.

Third, make them to thank to the Father God.

1) The Christian lives in the long process. In the life we should reveal the fruit that cannot help but also thanksgiving and praising. We should give thanks to God consistently. The Bible study of 2:7 series depended on the Colossian 2:7 "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.". Whenever we received the teaching we have to keep the thanking life. This means the life of fullness of Holy Spirit, the life of abundance of the Word of God and the life that have the burning fire. So, Paul prayed that for the Ephesians.

This is higher than the miracle, the prosperity. This influences to every area sufficiently, eternally.

2) Even I am very weak in our ministry I exhorted something to our graduated students. Among them I emphasized the life of thanksgiving. Actually, the thanksgiving means the reality of the faith in Christ. If we have true faith we shall know that I thank God. It proves the life that we believe the Lordship.

Conclusion:

- 1) The prayer of Paul is the life of our life, the power and the purpose. We have to devote ourselves to this one. We should concentrate to know God, the will of God and the life of thanksgiving in every life.
- 2) Let's cast ourselves to the target gradually.

5. The Grace of Remission (Col.1:13-14)

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Introduction:

- 1) What is the foundation of the Christianity? We can say that it is Christ and the Word of God. It is right. But what is the redemption? The text answers obviously to us. It is remission, that is, the forgiveness of sin. But I ask that what the best real facts in relationship between Christ and the sinner are? In a word, we can say that it is the salvation or, the redemption.
- 2) In our school life any time, any place, we have to think of that issue, we have to say that theme and also, we have to study the terminology and its contents. Because understanding this term is very important in our lives. I expect that everybody should know very well the meaning of redemption. Verse 12-13 says “for he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in which we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

3) Now we want to concentrate on the last part, “the redemption, and the forgiveness of sins.” So, I think what the grace of remission is, how we can receive it and after we were saved what we should do.

First, what is the remission (redemption)?

1) Ephesian 1:7 uses the redemption at the term of remission in verse 14. The remission means to repay their debts. In the Old Testament the event of hanging up a bronze snake on the high pole to the image of a fire snake. Or, the event of the death of Passover lamb pointed the death of Christ. As the types. Verse 12 says that the redemption is the remission. (Is. 53:6 we all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.) Why did Jesus Christ die on the cross? He was died on the cross for our salvation, our forgiveness and our redemption.

The sayings as “do not pay their own sin,” “How the Scripture can be accomplished?” It means the death of the redemption. So, the redemption is the center of the life of a Christian. Whenever we centered on the redemption at every area, those are; thought, society, culture, science, economy, politic and the relationship, we can get the insight and the wisdom to solve the problems. Paul was proud of the cross of Jesus Christ in his whole life. (I Corinthians 2:2, for I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.) When the king Hezekiah was attacked by Assyria, he brought the letter in the temple and opened it before God to get the salvation of God. Then he depended on only the redemption of God. He broke his cloth and put on the sackcloth and approached to God because he believed in the redemption of the Lord. (Is 38:16-17)

“Lord, by such things people live;
and my spirit finds life in them too.

You restored me to health
and let me live.
17 Surely it was for my benefit
that I suffered such anguish.
In your love you kept me
from the pit of destruction;
you have put all my sins
behind your back.”

Second, how can we receive the redemption?

1) The redemption can be gotten only in Christ. In other words, we received it because of the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His complete death took away our sin, our conviction, our punishment and our death. We who are united with His death received the redemption out of miserable state. His death and blood make God’s righteousness been sufficient before God. And also, the powerful sin that is moving in our heart, once of all, was taken away by his death on the cross. So, when we abide in the Lord we can get the freedom in Christ. (Rom 6:3-6, or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death... For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin”

2) And this complete union with his resurrection makes us to have the new life in us. Because we have the eternal life in us, we can live in the eternal life. And we can know God, seek the will of God and we thank everything before God, because this is the life of the redeemed people.

3) Simply we can learn how to keep the eternal life in our heart according to the prayer of Paul

When we pursue to live in knowing God's will and in growing in knowing God and in giving our thankfulness to God. We can live in the abundance of redemption. Actually, this salvation must be the center of every salvation, out of our spiritual depression, our physical problem, our financial issue, our relationship and our learning improvement.

My lovely saints, apply the redemption to your actual lives by thinking, by saying, by praying and by proclaiming the gospel, you shall find the renewal world, to the living stream as the Eden Garden revealed.

Third, what is the effect of the redemption?

1) In one word, it is the transformed life. We were moved from the darkness into the world of the light. Just like a miracle that the darkness was changed into the light, we have been moved into the kingdom of the light. (Jn. 5:24 "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.") Therefore even though we live in the life is like as world of darkness we know it and enjoy in daily life because we were saved by believing the Lord Jesus Christ.

2) Do you have changed life, co live another changed heart and changed attitude in your lives? The redemption of Christ made us to live another life, living sacrifice life. What is living sacrifice life? According to Roman12:1 says "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. "As we know living sacrifice is the dying life. As like an animal offering. (Burnt offering). If somebody command that you should offer yourself to this altar (or family, society, or, computer technology, artist,), can you offer

yourself to them? No, How about to the Jesus Christ, God? Yes, I will do it. Then we can be changed by God as the man of God, woman of God. And also, we can walk into blessing way in the darkness.

My beloved saints! You proud of your salvation, your authority of God's children, the eternal life.

Claim your salvation in your any problems. God will reveal his wonderful grace.

I thank God for your faithful heart to his unfailing love. Keep straight. Please.

Conclusion:

1) We who know the redemption, the foundational present come out of God live to thank God and to glorify and enjoy God fully. Why? God paid everything of replace of our sinful debts.

2) First of all, we have to enjoy and proclaim the salvation to the all areas of Cambodia, south eastern Asia. Offer yourself as living sacrifice to God. In this semester make a masterpiece in your life.

Let's pray

Dear Lord, we thank you for your redemption, your salvation for us. Always make us to praise it and proclaim it to our neighbors. Lord, make us to live living sacrifice in school life. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Dear Lord.

6. Who is Jesus Christ? (Col.1:15-20) 2013 9.10

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Introduction:

1) We, who began with our obvious confession of Christ, should learn to know who Christ is every day. In order to be mature Christian why should we do it? Because to know Christ is the eternal life, we have to learn Christ. (Jn17:33 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.) Paul

who knew Christ on the road of Damascus, he poured out his whole life to know Christ more deeply in his life. By considering everything as the dirty things to get the highest knowledge. (Philiphian3:7-9, But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.) Therefore, to know Christ should be the primary ministry in the church. In Ephesian 1:17 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. :) Too that point was emphasized by Paul. The purpose of our ministry is to know and to believe Christ until attaining to the perfect measure of Christ. Who is Jesus Christ? It is the image of God as a mirror. The image means the shadow as a twin, copy and replica.

First, He is the image of God. (15)

1) Verse 15 says “he is the image of invisible God,” Even though no body see God, when we see Christ we can know God because he is the only original image of God. So, in order to meet God, we have to meet (know) Christ who came to the earth 20000 years ago. Our Lord claimed “One who sees me saw the Father.” (Jn14:1 if you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”)

Here, the image points the character of God. Among the character (attributes) we can summarize three-character rose are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. According to Mt 23:23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your

spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. “Because he substituted us, we already have received all characters in us by the regeneration in Holy Spirit. So, Peter claims that we participated into the divine character. What does it mean? We have righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Therefore, when we abide in Christ we can taste the character because we have seen the image of God, we see his reality in our lives. That is the wonderful event in our lives.

And also, Paul points that Jesus Christ is the first born out of God. It means that Jesus is second person come out of the father God and Holy Spirit God. So, John called himself for the begotten son who is different angel. More important thing is he is the first fruit of resurrection out of eternal death. For our salvation. So, Paul claimed that the Christians were participated into the first resurrection in Christ. In the future only, whoever participates into the first resurrection can be saved out of second resurrection (second death).

Why did Paul point that Jesus is the first born? The revelation teaches us about what the true meaning of redemption in our lives is. Rome 8:29-30 says” 29 for those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. “The reason that he is the first born is to imitate him in every area in our lives. In other words, we shall be restored in the image of Christ.

2) Did you meet Jesus Christ in your life? When have you seen Christ? I mean you believe Jesus Christ? Actually, to believe mean to see. To believe Jesus is to see Jesus, the image of God. Jesus is the

copy of God. We cannot see invisible God in our eyes. So, God gave the only method and the only channel to us. What is it? It is to see Christ Jesus who was incarnated by a man. Because he became a man with character of human we can touch him, we can look at him and we can communicate with Him. (I Jn1: says “1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. “So, we can claim that I see God. When we study the Scripture the Word of God, we can see God and His kingdom. We can know the righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

3) In Cambodia we can see many images of gods (idols). Although we see the image, we cannot see true God. Why? Because the image is not image of God. It is the only artificial product of human thinking.

Although we wash the images (idols Buddha stone) with clean water repeatedly, we cannot see real God. Whoever wants to see the living God he should go to Jesus? Because only he is the image of God. Jn14:6 say “6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. “

We are called for preach the image of God, Jesus to the world. Who can preach Him? Only the man should see Him, meet Him and touch Him by faith, you shall assure that only Jesus Christ is the image of God.

Second, he is the creator (16-18)

1) Although Jesus comes out of the father God he is the creator. Verse 16 says “for in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. “Paul explains two facts about the creator of Jesus. Obviously. What are they first, all things come out of Him, and it means that he is the creator. We

believe that all creation was made by Jesus. Sky, water, tree, cow and man were made by Him.

2) Actually “he said” in Genesis chapter 1. When we read it, we think that Jesus worked in the first creation. In other word, Jesus executes the work of creation as the Word in everything. Without Jesus it is not creation of God. Why should the man praise and thank Jesus? Because he is creator as real parent. In our lives. Do you believe in it? Now his word, the Scripture continuously accomplish the wonderful creation, the redemption in our miserable state. So, we have to apply the creating word in every area in our lives.

3) Second, Jesus is the provider that controls all creation. After he created all things he did Phnom Penh, Kompot and Ratanakiri. Do not permit the dominion to the creature, but himself control everything in the word, in visible things or, visible things. We believe that he America and Cambodia. So, we have to concentrate his dominion, his hand and tremble to his command. We have to glorify Him in eating food or drinking something in our lives. (I Cor.10:31)

4) What do you think of Jesus? Do you believe Jesus as your creator? We have to accept that Jesus as creator of all things, as Paul did to us?

- He is the purpose of creation the means of creation and the power of creation
- He is my purpose, my means and my power.
- We should accept Him as my creator.

- Buddhism has no the concept of creation. So, they stay at the limited line. They claim the circulate in the life, in the history. But we know he super natural power that hopping out of limited line.

- We have taken great dream, great vision inn our present situation.

Because we abide in creator.

Have a great vision in your heart.

In this school when you study the word of God you can have creative life, thinking, means and purpose. Let's claim the glorious truth.

Third, he is the redeemer (19)

Lastly the text proclaims that Jesus is the savior. Verse 20 says “and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Why did he die on the cross 2000 years ago? For our salvation he becomes the head of the church that were the men who received the salvation. Do you believe in it? Already I told that issue of his salvation at the other time. We have to concentrate on my only savior only Lord in my lives.

1) Already we think the term. Do you believe that Jesus is redeemer in your thought?

Revelation John wept for nobody can break the seven signatures. Then 24 elders told him “The lion of the tribe of Judah overcome that! “

Conclusion:

My beloved saint, remember that only Jesus is the creator, the provider and the savior, the head of church, Jesus in my creator, my Lord, my provider. We have refuse lying claiming in the world in our heart.

In this day we should accept his leading into his word and his grace in our heart.

7. The power of the gospel (Col1:21-23) 2013. 9.11

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”

Introduction:

1) What is the greatest life in the world? Paul assured that the worker of the gospel shall be the happiest man in the world. When we have such self – image in our heart, we can live as one of the most blessing persons. So, Paul emphasized that he himself became the worker of the gospel. Verse 23 says “This is the gospel that you heard

and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.” Do you know the wonderful grace in your lives?

2) Now if we are some miserable state in our lives, if we are so weak in all areas, we should learn the assurance of the Apostle Paul. “I am the worker of the gospel.” Although we are very short value in our lives, because of the gospel we can live the most blessing man. Do you believe in it?

3) When we understand the reality of gospel in present life, we can know the world of blessing.

Why was Paul proud of the worker of the gospel?

First, because he knew that the gospel changed our identity in his life, he was proud of his worker of gospel. So, the apostle often confessed his different points between the past life and the present life. In his epistles.

Rom12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Eph 2: 1 as for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Verse 21 says, 21 once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

2) As we know, the Scripture reveals the change of the identity, the transformation of our essence by resurrection out of our sinful death. Many symbolisms and many types point that wonderful fact. Among them we know the changing event of Namaan who was the general chairman of Assyrian military.

As soon as he obeyed the command of the prophet, Elisha to enter into the water in Jordan River seven times. Then his leper disease on his skin was changed into the baby skin. There was the wonderful miracle in his life by the obedience. This is the wonderful moment changing life. Our Christian changing point is just like this. When we accepted Jesus as my savior soon our lives were changed, our identity has changed eternally. Do you believe in it? Our past life as miserable leper has changed into our present life, new life by the power of Holy Spirit. From darkness to brightness, from the death to the life, from the disease to the healing. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! “(I Cor 5:17) In a word, our identity has been changed from the servant of Satan into the servant of God. Who? You and I have changed into the children of God out of the children of the devil. How? Only by believing Christ, by accepting Jesus s my Lord. Our position has changed. We believe in it. Jn 1:12-13 says “12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. “

Second, because he knew that when he devotes himself to the Lord, he could enjoy the wonderful grace of gospel.

As we know we cannot find that after Paul believe on Jesus Christ he did not complain against God, although he had met much suffering, much temptation and much troubles. How could he overcome every dangerous thing? The text points the fact that he enjoyed the gospel that

he devotes himself to. What is Christian life? It is to enjoy the gospel. (God, grace, heavenly blessing, truth and unfailing love of God)

Verse 22-23 says “22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. Do you understand that passage? It points to enjoy the gospel by devoting himself to it. So, Paul was proud of the worker of the gospel, the servant of the gospel.

In our school life, we meet some struggles before the present life. Then what shall we do? Just like Paul did. We have to enjoy the gospel to enjoy the grace of salvation, to enjoy the Christ, our savior. Where is our present help? As we know the Psalmist confessed “my present help is Jehovah God that is Jesus Christ. This is the gospel, the only joy in the world. Do you believe in it?

Actually, I enjoyed the gospel in Mr. Vantha & Kakda village. When I preach the Word of God I was in some troubles before I began my sermon because of much heat of this climate. But I tried to follow the leading of Holy Spirit. I saw that 16 children concentrated on my sermon. Their eyes looked at me and their ears focused on me and my interpreter. I saw that they loved Jesus very much. I remember that at that time I enjoyed the gospel in my heart by the work of Holy Spirit.

My lovely students enjoy the gospel by passionate devotion to Christ. This week, we can expect to enjoy the gospel in our English study, Bible study and evangelism. If you enjoy the gospel already you arrived to the real blessing of Christ. If you wander over in your heart, now come to the world of gospel our Lord prepared everything to our every problem.

Third, He knew that the gospel should affect to all nations of the world.

1) Verse 23 says,” 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

2) Who is the object of the gospel? “Every creature under heaven.” In other words. It is all nation and all-natural world, invisible world and Korea, America and Cambodia etc. They need the gospel. If they have no the gospel. They must dwell in the darkness absolutely because the gospel is the light.

3) So, Paul assured that to know the gospel become to rule over the world really, because the gospel makes us to receive the powerful grace and wonderful wisdom in our lives in the world. So, to know the gospel make us to become the global man in Christ. This is our experience. When we accepted Jesus as our saviors, we see the wonderful world, the kingdom of God. And also, we have the heart that embracers our neighbors with wonderful love. When we were contacted to the greatest command, we already have been changed into the global man to go all nations, to teach and to preach the teaching of Jesus to our neighbors. Therefore, the Christians should preach the gospel to our neighbors for sustaining his abundant life in the world. Whenever we preach the gospel to our neighbors, we experience grace on grace and peace on peace.

4) Do you have such experience? Although anybody disturbed him, he can go to all nations in the world, why? The Spirit works in his heart. (Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on

you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Ex: Jesus taught the truth to a young man that came to Him and asked how the man can I get the eternal life? Then Jesus pointed him “sell your property and help the poor and follow me.” Do you know his response? Finally, he could not answer to Jesus. Why? Because he cannot control his property because of his narrow heart. He could not embrace all nations in his heart, because he did not enjoy the gospel.

My beloved students, do you enjoy the gospel? Do you know the value of the gospel? Remember the faithful promise that Abraham received in Gen12:3 “all nations shall be blessing through you. “

This is yours. Changing of your identity, enjoying the abundant grace and preaching the gospel to the all nations.

Conclusion:

1) You, be proud of the work of the gospel in your lives as Paul confessed.

I expect that after 3 years or, 4 years among us some person shall become great teacher to influence to all Cambodia, to the educational areas and the economic areas and to the culture areas with your gospel as the worker of the gospel. Have great dream to preach the gospel in your heart. Young man, young woman, see the spiritual vision in your heart! For what do you want to live? Live for the gospel and devote yourself to the gospel.

Let's pray

Lord.

We thank you for your calling to make the worker of the gospel. Make us known the gospel, make us enjoyed the gospel and also make us preached the gospel to all nations. I prayed in the name of Jesus. Amen.

8. The worker of the church (Col 1:24-29)

“Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and

teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

Introduction:

1) At the above, as we thought, the worker of the gospel means the worker of the church. The church is the people who were pulled out of the world to the outside. It is not the system or, the building. In other words, the church was the Christian who was born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. And they belong to Christ, the head of church. So, the Scripture calls for him the chosen people, the covenant people. Who is the noblest person in the world? It is the church. Why is the church the noblest community in the world? Because it is the church of Christ. That Christ's possession. In Mt 16:16, as Peter confessed, we should confess, “You are Christ and the son of living God.” I shall build my church on it. It means not only the confession of Peter but the confession of us. If we confess that Jesus is my Lord and the Son of God, we can become the church. So, we thank that I abide in Christ and Christ abides in me. It is very mysterious event in our lives. So, we live as church in the earth. Even though we meet some suffering in our lives, our identity as the church cannot be changed. Any Christians lives in the church and as the worker of the church in his whole lives. If any Christians leave the church, it proves that he may be a non-Christian or, very sinful Christian. So, we have to assure that we are the worker of the church and also have to live a worker of the church in our whole lives. In the text what did the Apostle Paul find out in his serving about the church?

First. The church is filled with the glory of the secret.

1) Verse 26 says, “The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. “So, he enjoyed the blessing in his heart. (26-27) “the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” In the verse he shouted that the church is the hope of glory. What is the secret here? It is the most mysterious grace that can solve every problem. In our Christian lives Christ is the secret of all secrets to reach the glory of God. Do you believe in it? In the honor of man, the property, and the prosperity we should see Christ as the master key.

2) Especially Paul emphasized that the secret of the redemption is Jesus Christ who had been hidden before the creation.

3) In our present situation the power of the hades is very strong in our lives. At this time, we have to solve those problems with our absolute master key, Jesus Christ. Have you solved your problems in your lives? For example, according to Acts 27:14, “Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island.”, when he meets the severe problem in his journey as Youroguila that was a storm on the water. Then many men might be drowned in the water because of the sudden storm. Also, Paul was included in the hurricane, then how could he apply his secret, Christ to that situation? Only he accepted that situation in his heart to look at the providence of God in silence. It was his positive action in his life. Whenever everybody was fallen in the darkness on the water. He assured that God shall save them. Because the Lord stood up by the apostle promised the absolute protection. (23-24) “Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me 24 and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’” Why did his delivery out of the

miserable situation? What is the main point? It was the ultimate goal, the mission of the gospel he should preach the gospel to Caesar in Rome. In order to preach Christ to Rome, the Lord needed the Apostle Paul. The solution of the mission centric method must be the master key. Finally, Paul really preaches and teaches the word of God at Rome. 28:23 says, “They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus.” God solved his severe problem with Christ and his gospel.

4) In our school life we have to apply the master key, Christ. How can we apply that to the other issues?

- 1) First, we have to understand the Word of God. Rightly.
- 2) Second, we have to pray faithfully to God before God.
- 3) Third, we have to think all things that depended on the Scripture.
- 4) Fourth we have to be mission plan in his life.

Second, the church is the men who will be filled with the remained suffering of Christ in his body.

1) Verse 24, “Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.” Here what does “what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s affliction” means not to help the cross of Christ, but the remained affliction of pain, trial, tribulation and suffering. Christ. It means the suffering of the church for Christ’s word

in the world. We are walking through the lots of suffering after our salvation. Until we attain to the ultimate goal of our salvation we have to walk on the narrow road. The road is full of much temptation. So, we need to endure through walking the road. Paul says after he was suffered by the enemies at by God's grace he was awakened he exhorted to the church such things and after he finished his temporary ministry. He exhorted that in the future, many wolves will come o church in the future., "I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. "(29-31) in the world the suffering of church small or greatly, we have to accept the reality in our lives. Sometimes we are suffered for our sins or, sometimes we meet the trial of training. Anyway, we have to know that information. Then we should pass students over the situation by the repentance and the endurance.

2) My beloved students, in this school I want to encourage new students to keep God's calling faithfully. I thank God for your faithful obedience for God's calling. I expect that every student gets through this course with your wonderful vision.

Third, the church was the men who serve faithful to Christ and his words in his present life.

1) What is the church? It is filled with the glory of Christ's secret and with the remained suffering of Christ. And also, the church is the faithful people to serve humbly.

(1) Verses 28-29 say "He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone

fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

“How did Paul serve for Christ? He devotes himself to the Lord in his ministry. He preached the gospel and exhorted each person.

(2) Ex: Acts 20:18-21 say “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.”

II Corinthians 6:3-10, “we put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. “

2) My beloved students, be faithful to your studying, your ministry and your lives. We have to see the glorious church in the world that the Scripture reveals to us.

When we die before God, can you confess that I served your church faithfully?

Do you have the obvious vision in your heart to serve the Lord as 24 elders in the heaven revealed in the revelation chapter 4-5?

During you stay in the world without hesitation serve to his church faithfully as your wonderful privilege. And then God provide your grace to us in your lives.

Conclusion:

1) My beloved student, learn to love the church as Paul assured. Our Lord is searching for the worker of the gospel as well as the worker of the church.

2) As we know, John Knox wanted to listen to the commentary of Ephesian written by John Calvin before his death. Why did he want? Because He wanted to participate into the glory of the church. May the grace of God's illumination be with you all?

9. The Cross-Centric Life (Col2:6-15)

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity

lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the circumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Introduction:

1) The Christian life is to run away towards the obvious purpose Paul did in his life. It is called for the cross-centric life. According to verse 14, Christ destroyed all documents by the cross and overcome all enemies. “14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. “So, we can say that the cross-centric life is the ideal of normal Christian life.

Many people misunderstand the cross-centric life. They think of the life as the external figure as hanging in the neck or, some decoration in his house, but verses 6-7 reveal that it is the life of thankfulness. “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness” because the cross-bearing Christian reveals the thankfulness in his life. How can he give thankfulness to God? The thankfulness is the response of the received

present because he knows that in Christ he solves every problem and accomplishes the goodness in harmony of all things. In fact, although they meet the suffering in his life, the thankfulness to God shall be spiritual secret to solve it. The world's reason cannot understand this secret.

3) What does the cross- bearing life mean?

1. It is to caution the secular teaching.

1) What is the secular teaching? The text tells us two kinds.

(1) *Philosophy and empty deceit*

- The philosophy means to live wisdom” The stream was begun at Aden of the Greek. After they overcome many wars and took the peace in their lives, they began to think several thoughts in his speculated life. “What existed in the beginning? It is the water, the fire, and the atom, etc. What is the life? The life is And what is the true happiness? Etc. Socrates, Aristotle’s was the Greek. The influence brought several streams of thought in the generation to generation. The China has the philosophy of Korean has the mixture thought for the influence of Buddhism and Confucianism. Especially the day of Colossian church received the influence of Hellenism. It was the Gnosticism that emphasized the divine character in Christ. - “disciple” in the verse reveals that the contemporary thought influence to the church and the sound gospel. The thought made the New Age and the Postmodernism that despised the authority of the church. And they claimed the priority of the reason. Such thought influences on the tradition of Judaism.

2) *The Jewish tradition.* – This is not to follow the elementary study of the world. The Talmud in the Jewish tradition was connected to the humanistic wisdom and fall down into vague state. And also, Colossian church separated of the days and replaces the spiritual things into the

physical things. The issue of the light aspect and the weight aspect had happened because they have the background of worldly elementary lessons. The humanism conflicted against the gospel.

Actually, the Greek philosophy and Jewish tradition cannot avoid out of the humanism. It is the enemy of the cross. The wisdom of human shall be rebelled against the gospel.

= Our every thought connected to several things, those are, making money, the issue of the pleasure and seeking the miracles. Etc.

= Only the cross -centric life is the only way to overcome such temptation. If we despised the life that against the cross, we shall live the worst life in the Christian life, because we become to the enemy of God.

Ex: The Philippian church falls down into the situation. What is your life? Make your all lives to obey Christ. Only the cross-centric life cautions the false teaching in the Christian life.

2. It is to unite with Christ and His teaching

1) The cross-centric life is to caution the worldly lesson, and also is to unite with Christ and His teaching.

The union with Christ's teaching means to enjoy the life of Canaan. Our main job should be settling to the Word of God. And also apply the wisdom to the Christian life. It means to meditate the Scripture in personal life.

3. How can we bear cross in our lives?

The cross-centric life accomplished by three things in our lives. What are they?

1) It is to fight with his desire. Our primary problem is the carnal desire in us.

So, we have to devote ourselves to fight against our sinful desire.

2) It is to accept his problem as God's best present. We have to learn the present problem in our heart. We have to solve the problems with faith. 3) It is to live for his mission as his first people. According to the example of Paul we have to live the mission in our lives.

Conclusion:

The cross-centric life is the victory way and the normal Christian way. May the grace to understanding it and to apply it to your lives by the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

10. The Life that Holds the Head of Church (Col 2:16-23)

“Therefore, do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Do not let anyone who delights in false

humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Introduction:

1) The Epistle of Colossians used the several metaphors of the relationship between Christ and the church. A tree, a building and a body were used by Paul for the metaphor of church. Among them a metaphor of the body consisted of the Christ, as the head and a church, as the body. Several issues that happened in the Colossian church come out of ignorance that despised Christ as the head of Christ. Verse 19 says that they fall down into the slump because of not holding the head. In the epistle of Colossian few metaphors were revealed about the relationship between Christ and the church. They are the metaphors of tree, building and body. Among them the body metaphor consisted of the head is the Christ and the body are the church. Several issues that were happened at the Colossian church came out of the causes that they despised the simple discipline of the church as the simple relation between the head and the body. So, verse 19 reveals that they were fallen in the slump for not to hold the head. Verse 19 says “They have lost connection with the

head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.”

When the electricity had been gone suddenly, lots of appendix issues shall be happened. Then what is our job? We have to observe the relationship between the supply of the electricity and the electricity generator.

Verse 19 says “They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.”

We have to examine the cutting part in them.

2) What are the main problems of our contemporary day? And what is the way of restoration? We meet the issues of same sexual immorality and modern heresies. What is the healing method that the Apostles taught us?

1. What features does the Colossian church have?

The Colossian church had exchanged the true gospel into the several false teaching by compromising with the world and had formed the strange culture in the church. What are they?

1) They fall down into **the intended worship**. It means that they made on the other religion by him. Although they had the format of worship but they expect the accomplishment of their intended purpose and also worship themselves because the idolatry is the covet. They did not enjoy to Lordship to the Trinity God in the Spirit and in the truth. They replaced themselves at the seat of God. This tended to the worshipping the angels automatically. By concentrating on the teaching of the supernatural phenomena they did not think of the teaching of the scripture and replace God into the angels. It seems to just like the

catholic teaching fall down into the teaching that Mary is the mother of God.

2) This is the same contents that the heresy of Judaism in the primitive church taught the doctrine of worshipping the angels. (Hebrew 1 :) The movement of new ages of today teaches to us this teaching. How ridiculous teaching, “the claiming to be “you are God” it is! Although the Scripture teaches that the born-again Christians were participated into the divine nature, it means the limited states in us. God is infinitive and absolute being but we are limited being. So, we should be depended on the absolute God. It is very dangerous to leave the thought of Christ. It points not to hold the head of the church. The results of dualism produced monster Christians in their lives. They did not hold the Christ but the world as well as the false teaching.

3) Therefore, the Pharisees fall down into the intended worship in their lives. In the short word, it is the self-gospel. This is the root of the hypocrisy. Unless the Christian does not learn to self-denial, he cannot walk one step in his sound way. So, we have to learn sound examples out of the Seraphim that were revealed in the Isaiah chapter 6 by serving him Lord with 6 wings. They focused on the self- denial in their worshipping. As we know, in the history of Israel although they took the intimacy to the Lord so much, they could not communicate to God.

4) Therefore, we have to learn the self- denial whenever we have passion to devote ourselves to the Lord and His ministry.

2) They fall down into **the deceit humility**. Although the humility was very good to us, the artificial humility is very dangerous in our Christian life because it is another style of arrogance.

- The importance of humility- The claiming of St. Augustine, “The humility is the highest virtue of the Christianity” proves gradually in

our lives. This is the most important proof that the Christian received the grace.

- So, we have to define the humility rightly. They should have the humility and the self- knowledge. The bearing the cross is the humility. Without having the illumination of Holy Spirit, we cannot be humble.

Our humility is different to the humility of Confucianism. If we pull down the humility into the humility of the world, it shall be the arrogance that was guided by the humility.

Ex: I had seen that a CPA served me in the restaurant by saying several times for my family. He had served me very well for a while. We have to take the humble attitude towards our neighbors. Some body despised the pastor and his ministry. He thought that his ministry is worse than his family and his husband. That is big problems. If he treats to his pastors with bad attitude, how can he receive the wonderful grace from preaching or, teaching the mean of the grace that come out of God? If he has better condition he shall kick out the situation. We need the humble heart. If we lose the humble heart we can lose everything in our lives.

They fall down into **the ungodly fasting activity**. If it is separated of Christ, it is very serious problem in our Christian life. The church needs to have the godly activities of abstaining but if it is separated of Christ and his sound teaching, it shall change into the false activities that product the artificial fruit in their lives. Finally, they shall meet Satan.

1) What different is the Esther's fasting and the Jewish fasting in Paul's day? The one saved their people out of the wicked hand of Haman's craft, but the other fall down to persecute the Christ and His church. But the will of God could not destroy by their passion.

2) Why did God entreat against the religious activities of Israel at Isaiah chapter 59? Because they follow the godly external elements. True fasting need to follow the Word of God.

3) Because of three above things, **the intended worship, the deceit humility the ungodly fasting activity**, the beautiful church falls down into the dirty state by changing the gospel. We have to caution the false teaching because we can lose the abundant source in our lives.

2. What is the way to overcome this one?

We have to watch out two things in order to overcome the teaching of heresy as followings;

1) We have to throw away the carnal thought. It means that our thought should be changed. Look at the verse 18. We have to manage our thought to change all areas. As Peter was rebuked by Jesus as “Satan” Why did he fall down in the miserable seat? Because of his carnal thought. They did not think the work of God, but think the work of the man. So, Paul emphasized that they did not think the things of god but think the things of God. So, Paul emphasized that in order to live the abundant life they should concentrate on the thought. Two thoughts, those are the carnal thought and the spiritual thought shall be happened in our Christian actual life. The life and the death shall be depended on the Word of God. So, we need to study the Scripture and to meditate the Scripture.

2) What is the conflict point in Galatian? It was limited by the Spirit or, the flesh. We have to accept the Scripture, the thought that Holy Spirit pleases preciously.

1) We have to hold the head of the church.

In verse 19, we learn that we try to connect to Christ. To hold the head means to try to connect with Christ. In fact, it is the other expression of the above thing. Our concentrated purpose must be to speculate by depending on the revelation. Because this world has new things we have to examine these things in the world with the whole power. In Acts 2:42-47. What is the passionate thing of the primitive church? First, they received the teaching of the Apostles, to pay, to fellowship and to live pure in the family, to evangelize. These five interrelated to one another in the church life. Among them we have to devote themselves to proclaim and to evangelize. Then we can have true contents as the living fountain in our heart.

Why can we have the passion? Because we live on the new covenant. By this connecting we are guaranteed the people of God who reveals the image of God. If we stay in the money, the honor, the power, the family and the family ease in our life, already we are corrupted in our lives.

Conclusion:

1) We live in the spiritual chaos day for the sound doctrine was despised in the world. Long time ago the evolutionism made the communism and became to the root of American educational philosophy and they took away the Scripture out of the public school and was ruled over by the worldly philosophy and humanistic theory. Who can take charge to this thing? When the church did not hold the sound doctrine, this thing should be happened. Recently many bible studies were executed in our lives we have to check up our dangerous situation. It means that we have to depend on the Scripture

2) At the mount of transfiguration, Peter asked the unreasonable things to the Lord, and then the Lord should listen to only his word. Although

Satan attacks to us by the false godly styles, mysterious facts and miracles we have to attach to Christ and his words.

11. Search for the above thing (Col. 3:1-6)

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.”

Introduction:

What is the life to search for the above things? It means to search for the hidden things, that is, to search for the hidden life in Christ. So, longing, taking troubles, waiting for, struggling in the Christian life are very natural. To run away something and to find something in the life is what we always pursue in Christ. It is difficult that we find out the hidden treasure of wisdom and knowledge in our lives. Here are the tension and delight and sorrowfulness. Now, we think that the meaning of finding the above thing in our lives.

First, we have to stand firm on the foundation of Christ.

1) The above thing means Trinity God, Christ who occupied all things; all spiritual blessing that belongs to the heaven on the source and foundation of death and resurrection of Christ. (1-2) and to searching action need passion, true work. (Mt7:7-9) We have to run toward the above as Paul did. First, it is important to stand firm on the gospel of Christ.

2) What is the foundation for your life? What do you stand firm?

The Word of God, Christ

Second, we have to think the above things. In order to search for something, we need to think something.

1) Thinking is the worst conflicted point and the first fighting place between the world and our soul. Here happened the much warfare to influence to all areas. The function of Soul includes the intellectual function, the emotional function and the volitional function. Among them the intellectual function means the thinking function. So, the Scripture says that Satan put the thought to sell Jesus. And Paul emphasized that you do not think flesh thought but the spiritual thought. So, the text teaches not to think the visible thing but the invisible thing, the spiritual things. When we accept the new things as mine, we can see the new world. We have to discern whether the sinful thought or, the spiritual thought.

2) In Christian life we have to submit our thinking to the Word of God. God's thinking faithfully any time, any place. (II cor.10:4-6) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

Third, we do not think the earthly things.

1) What are they? According to verse 5-6 says "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which are idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. "Among them the representative is the covet. When our function connects to the sin, we can fall down

into the miserable situation. The adultery comes out of the adultery thought and the dietary come out of our sinful desire. Therefore, we have to cast our worldly thought to the earth. We have to weapon us with the biblical thought. Oh, how I love your law!

2) Ex: Confession of the Psalmist

I meditate on it all day long. (Ps119:97) How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth! (103)

Conclusion:

What is the life to take full armor of God mean? It points that we do not think the earthly things but the heavenly thing that we already had received in Christ. How can we demolish the worldly things in the earth? We have to look at the world of revelation and the world of grace.

12. New Life (Col. 3:7-17)

“You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Introduction:

- 1) According to II Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
- 2) Here, the new creature means the new man and the new life. “Therefore” a conjunction suggests an event before a certain thing

happen. What is the event? It is the event that believes the death and the resurrection of Christ. In other words, it means that we experienced the crossroad that divided into two parts in our lives. You stay in the blessing place in your present life.

3) In this time, we think that the criteria of the new life, the feature of the new life and the method of sustaining the new life.

1. Criteria of new life (7)

1) We should divide between before and after. (7) The criteria are the point to believe Christ as his savior and his Lord. The new life begins with to believe Christ. So “to accept, to commit, to trust “in John1:12-13 points to believe. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The faith means to commit our whole thing to God. (Acts16:31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”)

2) Did you believe in Jesus? The beginning of the new life is to believe Jesus and to be saved out of sin. It means to have the remission, to have the eternal life, to become the children of God, and to enter into the kingdom of God. To become the covenant people and to enjoy the blessing of covenant people is the beginning of the covenant.

(Jer.31:32-34 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, “declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”) The Lord gives his spirit to plant his law and the fear heart to the Lord in

him. Therefore, we have the function that can live new life in the world by believing Christ. Just like a fish can live in the water or, the bird can fly in the air, only the new man can live in the spiritual world.

2. The feature of new life (8-10)

1) After we have the new life in our heart, we live in the world in the new life. What are the features of the new life? As a fig tree, a palm tree and a harp tree bring up their fruit gradually, the new man brings up the fruit of new life. What is the new life? In a short word, the new life means that he takes off their dirty cloth and takes it on in their lives repeatedly. So, verse 10 says “take off the old man” but the verse 10 says, “Take on the new man.”

(1) First of all, **taking off the old man** is one feature among them. By the death and the resurrection of Christ God took off all sins and all conviction. Hebrew 10: 8-10 says, “First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” So, we cannot live toward the past direction but towards the heaven.

- The old man is called for self, flesh, the sinful desire and covet and it is like the factory that products many goods. Ephesian 3:5-6 “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which are idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. “In the verse 5 means the products those are; sexual morality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed. And verse 8 says “8 but now you must also rid yourselves of

all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. “

- Ephesians treat the word very importantly, Ephesians 5:3-4 says “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. “The heart begets the thought, the thought the word, the word, the personality, the personality the destiny.

(2) And **the new man has to take on some things**. According to the verse 10, as we take on the new man and then we can live the new life in the daily life it means to imitate the creator and to restore the image of God. So, we have to renew our knowledge, that is, the higher elements than the emotion and the step of volition and control our whole life. We have to study the Scripture in order to transform the intellectual elements. This is the sanctification. We always have to take the burning heart to possess the new things.

Look at the passion of Solomon. His one thousand offerings prove his living sacrifice to God. And also, his first supplication title proves this pure heart to God.

And Paul knows very well the new life that takes off the old life but take on the new life. (Rom13:11-14 and do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 the night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

14 rather, clothe you with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.)

Therefore, we should try to take off the old life but take on the new life.

3. How shall we do to keep the new life?

1) We have to admit the Lordship of God. (11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.) What does it mean? It points that the Lord of everything is Jesus Christ. Because only he is Lord of all Lords.

For example: the prayer of Jeremiah (Jer. 33:3) 3 ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

For example, the prayer of Solomon (II Clon. 1:6) Solomon went up to the bronze altar before the LORD in the tent of meeting and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

8 Solomon answered God, “You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. 10 give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

2) We have to make sure the Lordship. The life of admitting the Lordship is best safe life in the world. Then we can know true peace and true grace. We can get creative thought towards some problems. So, we have to learn this life in every day. Just like James confessed in James 4:13-15 “3 now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and

make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. “This is the way to the gethsemane garden that our Lord entered into. He stayed on the place of Lordship, “ ” Do you have this assurance, Lordship? His is the new life. After that confession we shall meet the wonderful events in our lives.

In our school life we need that points, new life, and Lordship life. Unless we have this life, he should repent to God because of his stubborn heart and his harden heart.

He is not born again Christen.

Conclusion:

1) Because you are new man you should reveal the new life in your lives. This is the heavenly blessing that the people of the nation enjoy in the world. Unless we cannot enjoy the blessing in the earth, it proves his hypocrite life. Let’s go to the world of abundant new life.

13. The Peace of Christ (Col. 3:12-17)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Introduction:

1) The life that the peace of Christ rules over is the self- image of Christians because it is the life that they enjoy on the earth in Christ. *Eilene* in Greek that means the peace translated 1515 times in the Scripture that were defined "become oneness, rest, quietness, and "peace". In other words, it points the state that communicated to the man and the Lord. It is the state that Ps. 84:5 teaches. "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage." And also, it is the state that

loves the God and the man with his whole heart. So, enjoying the peace of Christ is the ideal state that the covenant people have in the world. So, Paul claimed that the God of peace punish Satan by trembling him under his feet. Roman16:20 say “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus is with you.” And to Thessalonian saints Paul blessed the peace as followings; (II Thessalonian 3:16) “6 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord is with all of you. “.

2) In fact, the peace depends on the grace. So, whenever the Apostle greeted to the churches he repeatedly told them ““And also the benediction of Number 6: reveals that the first blessing is grace and then grace and protection. “ ” These passages claim that when we received the grace of God, the peace come to us naturally. So, the reason that the king Solomon could take the peaceful dominion was to receive the grace of God. When we have the peace, we can enjoy the suffering and the wealth in our lives. As we know when the king Rehoboam claimed that such peace come out of his worldly wisdom, his authoritative leadership in forcing his military and his weapon, he surly should be fallen down in the earth. And also, he rued over Israel with human crafts by arranging his 88 concubines, 88 children at every local district and pursued on the peaceful dominion. But he should be failed because he departed out of the Word of God. The strengthen of the man that departed from almighty God shall be miserable state, failure and troubles. May the blessing of God be with you all always by the peace of God rules over on you. What is the life?

1. The foundation of peace

1) Essentially this peace is the gift of salvation that God permits to us. Did you receive the salvation in your life? He shall enjoy the peace in his heart. Because he has the remission ad the eternal life in his heart. The Apostle who know the fact very well says that three foundation

that the peace be depended on. Verse 12 says “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” What are they?

(1) The election is its foundation. The chosen people before the creation can receive the grace and peace.

(Eph1:4) For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

(Jn10:14) “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me

(Rom8:28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who [\[1\]](#) have been called according to his purpose.

(2) Next, the peace is the possession of the sanctified person. And also, the peace is the peace that God outpoured a by trusting the Lord. The love that God gave us the begotten son outpours on us continuously. (Rom. 5:5) Do you enjoy this peace as the church who he has sanctified and loved? This is the question whether you have the personal relationship and the redemptive relationship? Check up the relationship of the eternal life in your life (I Jn 5:11-12) Peter who looked up the Lord on the shaking wave could walk on the water but when he returned to another said he fall down into the water. In the sever hurricane our Lord Jesus Christ works for us. He promised to us “It is I do not be afraid of it.”

2. The method to receive the peace continuously

1) The peace of Christ should rule over us in order to establish our faith on the confirm salvation. Where does this peace come to us? It is the trinity, the source of peace. This peace is produced out of the peace of Christ. For example, the water in the Ezekiel’s vision come out of the

threshold of the temple. When the water come out of the throne, it changed everything of the contact points. The gospel of Christ influences the wonderful life to the end of the earth. (Act1:8) As the small stone hits the idol in the book of Daniel, all the world had been changed, the gospel of Christ shall make the world changed.

- For Example, -The change of Gadara insane man by rebuking of Jesus.

-For example, the image of heaven in Isaiah is the world of peace that the infant play game at the hole of poison serpents.

2) According to verses 12-14, to abide in Christ is compared with to put on the cloth. To put on the cloth of Christ means to communicate to Him rightly. We need the cloth of mercy, compassion, humility and patience.

1) It is the clothe of mercy and compassion. It is the mercy of our God.

2) It is the clothe of the humility that comes out of God's humility.

3) It is the cloth of the patience that comes out of God's endurance. The clothing of Christ comes out of only Christ. So, we have to hang on in Christ Jesus. Ex: As the lubber tree products the lubber jam, the peace comes out of abiding in Christ. So, we have to put on the cloth of righteousness, the garment of salvation. We have to approach into this character in order to take the life that was filled with the peace.

3. The fruit of peace

1) How can we know the life that the peace rules over? It must be the life of thankfulness. Our concern is the complaining or thanksgiving. The main root of every sin must be the complaining. Look at Israel life on the wilderness. I Corinthian 10: 9-10 said " We should not test Christ,[\[b\]](#) as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel."

Why did Paul claim that thanksgiving is the center and the last fruit of all things? As we pray, we have to thank, when we receive the word of God, we have to thank, when we help to the neighbors and devote ourselves to the Lord we have to thank. Thanksgiving is the beginning and the ending in our lives. Why is it? The peace produces the thanksgiving life.

2) Do you have the peace? Look at the heart of thanksgiving.

Ex: Few months ago, when I stayed in America, one day my last daughter went to hiking on the badly mountain with her two friends. Until evening time, she could not come back to house. I and her mom were worry about her because of darkness evening. As we were waiting for my daughter, Mary, we could not thank to the Lord. Then I thought that why did not I say to thank God for that situation. Then temporally I lost the peace of the Jesus Christ because of my unbelief. While we report that lost people to the police department by telephone. my daughter called to us.

Conclusion:

1) Your life should experience the life that the peace of Christ controls. So, we have to keep the purified vessel. If we have no thankfulness in our heart, we have to repent and restore the life. So, we need to receive the grace of God by supplicating it to God. (Jer. 30:3 Philippians 4:6-7)
6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Let's pray

Lord,

We thank you for...

Provide us wonderful grace and peace to us.

We repent our sins to you and devote ourselves to you.

I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

14. The Life in the Abundant Word (Col. 3:16-17)

Telos: 1) **The possibility proposition-** You can live the abundant life in Christ by understanding the abundance of the Word of God.

1) **The obligation proposition-** You must live in the abundance of the Word of God by understanding the meaning and the fruit and the method.

2) **The value proposition** – You can enjoy the abundance of the Word of God by pursuing the word of God more passionately than following the worldly desire.

Text:

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*** Introduction:**

1) The church should pursue to live in the abundant Word of God as the ultimate goal of the normal Christian life. We can understand that It is the same to the life filled with the fullness of Holy Spirit through

examining the contents of Col. 3:15 “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. “and Eph. 5:18 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ., the twin verses. The scholars assured that Paul wrote two epistles at the same time in the Roman prison because of revealing the same stream and structure in them. When we compared with two things, we can know the thought of the Apostle and also, we can understand the meaning of two teaching as the interrelated contents. What is the fullness of Holy Spirit? It means the abundance of the Word of God. What is the abundance of the Word of God? It means the e fullness of the Holy Spirit.

2) The Apostle explains the life that is put on Christ, and now he tells the life that the Word of God rules over us. The life that resembles Christ means the life that the word of God rules over us. After the primitive church received the Holy Spirit they devote themselves to be taught, to have the fellowship, to gather, to pray, to evangelize. Among them the center is the teaching of the Apostle. Acts2:42-47 42 they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising

God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

First of all, when the Word of God is entertained in us, the other things shall be solved naturally. So today I want to treat the meaning of the abundance of the word of God and the results in our lives.

1. What is the life filled by the abundant word?

1) Here, the Word means the Scripture that is, the revelation, and to abide in the abundance of the Word means that the word is the king and the Lord that can control the heart and whole lives. It means that the Scripture is the center, standard, criteria of the direction of all thought, all activities and all regulations. (Ex: It is like searching for all directions on the surface of snow for by marking the center or in the center of seven stars) The Apostle explained the personal metaphor as “to dwell” (Jn. 1:14-15 the incarnation The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)

) what the Word dwells in us means what God lives in us. Acts 20:32 “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified reveals more obviously the fact to us. It is to commit them to the Lord and the Word of grace and the Word can strengthen us on strongly and make us to enjoy the heritage in our lives. It reveals that the word stands on the same foundation of the Lord, the source and fountain of the life. The life without the Word means the life without having God, that is, the emptiness

Therefore, we have to live according to the direction of the Word. We have to assure few things about the Scripture as the reformers believed on them.

- 1) The authority of the Scripture – the Scripture = living God
- 2) The obvious character of the Scripture – Whoever reads the Scripture in his conscience he can find wonderful salvation clearly.
- 3) The sufficient character of the Scripture – Only the 66 books of the Scripture provide the full, complete salvation to us.
- 4) The living character of the Scripture. It means that the scripture is alive. We have to make us lived the Scripture in our life. The Scripture is the subjective and I am objective. To abide in the abundance of the Scripture means to pass through the Scripture in all things. As Christ is all in all, the Scripture is all of all. So, we should assure the salvation that depended on the revelation. This is the unique view of the Scripture. The view of the Scripture that the forefathers believed on is the character of life of the Scripture. For example, the true manna points Christ. So, Jesus emphasizes to eat Christ. To eat it means to believe on it. Actually, it is the important issue in our whole life. Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[b]”emphasizes the life character of scripture. When we know that and abide in it means to abide in the life. We have the spiritual bread through uniting with Christ.

Therefore, why is the abundance of the Word of God the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

Unless we receive the Holy Spirit, the Scripture shall be opened in us. The eternal life is not the one among the grace of the Holy Spirit but the whole. For the Holy Spirit he is the life. So, in a meaning the Scripture is able to be the Spirit. My word is the Spirit and the life. The

Scripture is the spirit. So, to receive the Holy Spirit is to receive the Spirit. Of course, it is another world over to memorize some verses literally. To become the fullness of Holy Spirit is to become the abundance of the Word of God. Then we experienced the presence of God. The reality of the fullness of Holy Spirit is this state. Generally, when we try to know the Scripture rightly the presence shall be happened. Ex: the two disciples on the road of Emmaus. Ex: Deuteronomy chapter 6 or, Matthew 4:4 emphasizes the only absolute Scripture. The life is the Word of God.

What is the purpose of covenant people? In order for the word to equip everything when we offered our seat to Him we can experience the abundant grace as Mary did. We have to devote ourselves to the Scripture to make the Word of God to be subjective.

2. Then what fruit was produced to abide in the Scripture?

1) Five commands are the fruit of verse 17. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

After verse 16 soon the word comes to us. The word that entered into the inside soon the fruit reveals. Teach, exhort, sing, praise and thank.

(1) He teaches the Word of God naturally because the Word of God is alive in him. Where does the wisdom of teachers come out of? I come out of the Word. Look at the decision of Ezra

(2) Where does the character included the love and the generality to us? When we receive the spirit of the Word we can teach them.

(3) And how can the song and praise come out of? When we know the sweet taste of the Word of God we can sing a song.

(4) Here does the thanksgiving come out of? As we believe the word of God we can approach to the side of living stream of the eternal life. Actually, it is the life of true worship. As the worship cannot control the worship we can do not that. 2) And this command is the means that we abide in the Word of God. Through teaching, exhorting, singing, praising and giving thanksgiving to God we know that the Word of God is the life.

Ex: Look at the revival of Ephesian church and Korean churches.

For three years the apostle Paul taught the Scripture in Ephesus. Understanding the Scripture influenced to the minor Asia and Rome. In the church history true revival was depended on the studying the Scripture. In the case of South Korea, generally 1-week revival was held in the church. Then certain carried their rice to participate into the conference for eating of the meeting. The passionate studying of the Scripture brought up great revival on 1907.

3. How do we approach to the seat of abundant Word? What is the secret?

1) We have to return to the original point and to accept the same meaning of the fullness of Holy Spirit. In order to know the fullness of Holy Spirit we have to understand the meaning of the abundance of the Word of God first. Because we cannot see the Spirit but can see the word of God, we can easily contact to it.

1) When we read the Scripture, we have to expect the fullness of the Holy Spirit and also when we pray and obey the word of God we have to feel the thing and when we take the relationship we have to examine the fellowship in the Word of God. When we evangelize we have to

expect the power of the Word of God. And when we serve to our neighbors we have to follow the direction of the Scripture.

2) Where is the example?

Ex: The family of Cornelius

Ex: The history of the Pentecost.

Conclusion:

1) Seek the life that the Word of God abides in us abundantly. We have to devote ourselves to the Scripture. When we concentrate on the Scripture we have to hang on the Word of God as to make money and to take care of the health in our lives. Then we can taste the heaven in the earth.

2) My beloved students, in your life challenge to know the Scripture deeply. Become the specialist of the Scripture.

15. The Rider on the Red Horse (Zechariah 1:7-11)

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo.

8 During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses.

9 I asked, “What are these, my lord?”

The angel who was talking with me answered, “I will show you what they are.”

10 Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, “They are the ones the LORD has sent to go throughout the earth.”

11 And they reported to the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, “We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace.”

Introduction:

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

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

Read verse 1:8. “8 During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses.”

Here, we can point three features in a vision, those are, the rider on the red horse, the valley and the myrtle tree. What do you think of them?

Actually, his vision reveals the important element of the redemptive history. What are they? First of all, we have to understand that the visions of the scriptures are the channel of the revelation to know the truth, Christ.

This is a method that made His people understood Christ. So, we have to learn to interpret the vision very well biblically. If we cannot handle that symbol, we can fall down into the false teaching as a heresy. How can we interpret the symbolism, the picture revelation? Let's examine the example in the first vision to understand biblical interpretation of symbolisms.

First, who is the rider on the red horse?

1) The Red horse is the substitution horse, because he activated and he controlled on the activation of other horses, another red, brown and white, “Behind him were red, brown and white horses.”

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

2) Actually, what do they mean?

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

(2) The Rider points to the supernatural person,

The man – verse 8 says He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Verses 10-11 says the man = the angel of Jehovah, He is the special angel in the Old Testament as pre-incarnated Christ.

(3) Why did he stand up in the valley for the redemption of his people? As we know that Christ completed the redemption on the cross 2000 years ago.

= He is the angel of Jehovah. He is pre-incarnated Christ. The symbol points the real meaning of Zechariah’s vision that he saw, Christ in the New Testament revealed in the earth 700 years later. Now the prophet saw the redeemer who accomplished all salvation wonderfully in the power of Holy Spirit. Hebrew 1:3 say “3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. “Where is Jesus? He sat down on the right hand of the throne.

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

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

Look at Gen1:2. “The Spirit of God is the spirit of Christ and revealed the reality of the redemption to us, which was controlled the presence of God, Immanuel. So, Paul pointed that the Lord is the Spirit. (II Corinthian3:17 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.) After we received the gospel we immediately approached to the presence place, Christ. (Mt 28: 19-20) (I Cor. 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!)

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

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

As we related these events to the Zechariah vision, we now see the presence of God in the vision of redemption, salvation, atonement. The Lord wanted to encourage the frustrated Israel by revealing the abundant redemptive glory to them. Today when we are frustrated in our personal sin and in our bad condition, we need to see the Christ. (Jn1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.) The glory of begotten son, the grace and the truth, as the prophet saw.

Where is our true comfort? Only Jesus Christ, the rider on the red horse.

Second, we can see another point. It is the valley scene.

1) The rider stood up in the valley, gland, or, in a ravine. What does it mean? To know that meaning we have to understand the terminological meaning of the word. It *mesula* means the deep. The valley is deep. Ex: America has many deep valleys. Some deep valley need elevator or, helicopter because of the dangerous state. Biblically the deep. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. Points God's judgment, the destruction, the sin and the darkness, Zechariah saw the sin and the condemnation in the same vision. Actually, the deep reveals in several revelation again.

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

3) This deep again reveals in the Noah flood event. The event points the wonderful salvation out of sin and the absolute curse. So, Gen.8:1-2 says "But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. 2 Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. 3 The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down," the flood was called for deep.

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

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

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

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

2) Lord’s transfiguration event reveals the glorious redemption. Even though Christ works the mountain areas was changed by the Holy Spirit, then Peter confessed “I stay here.” Why? Because he saw the glory of

the redemption.

Today the same event is ours. We saw the Zechariah vision that pointed true redemption and the glory.

In our school life, we need that same experience to you, we should confess automatically to stay here I love so much.”

Conclusion:

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

Let's pray

16. The Promised Comfort (Zechariah 1:12-17)

12 Then the angel of the LORD said, “LORD Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?” 13 So the LORD spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

14 Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, 15 and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.’

16 “Therefore this is what the LORD says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the LORD Almighty.

17 “Proclaim further: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’”

Introduction:

1) Now, we see some action that happens in the first vision of Zechariah. This is some activities shared between the Angel of Jehovah and the other angels (several riders on the red, brown and white horses). Verse 14 says “Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, 15 and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.’”

At the last part what did he response? Verse 17 says “Proclaim further: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’”

There is the wonderful comfort. There will be much comfort.

2) Comfort means the love and the salvation. Today we need the Zion (the presence of God, Jesus) comfort in our lives. What is the only comfort in my life and in my death? Heidelberg catechism, one of the reformed theological confession said, “It is the trinity God.” Actually, the comfort means the salvation, the redemption.

Do you have known the wonderful comfort in your life? When we know the comfort, we can work our mission in actual life because the heavenly comfort is the foundation of our ministry.

= In the vision, God was very angry but will cure them and will pour out the comfort to them. This is very wonderful promise. In this time,

we think that the reason of God's angry, His healing method and the abundant state of his comfort.

1. God's Angry

1) Verse 12 reveals that for 70 years God's angry influences on the Israel.

“12 Then the angel of the LORD said, “LORD Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?”

Why was He angry to Israel? The reason was their rebellion to God and his word.

How did the angry reveal to them? The results were revealed the warfare, the plague, the corruption, the demolishment and the captive of Babylon.

What do you think about that? Cambodia spiritual state has many proofs

That God is angry to them. To keep the Phusum Bun is one of them. So we have to feel the emotion of the Apostle Paul at the situation. According to He had felt very strongly at many idols in the Corinthian church. Why? Because he saw the result of their future that shall receive the curse of God. The Scriptures reveals obviously that the idolatry people nation and family shall be perished absolutely. Do you believe in it? We have to think that it is very severe situation. We have to see the angry fire that comes out of the heaven.

And we read that serious state that God prohibited to give rain to the Israelite of David. Why? Their sin was offered to God. “ “

After David solves that issue through the great sacrifice to God finally God permitted the rain to them.

Especially we see the one of the great angry of God to Israel's a Benjamin tribe. Their seed we demolished by their murder and the adultery. According to the book of judge chapter.

In the contemporary day we have to observe the angry of God and to bear the burden before God.

According to his merit our humble heart should be offered to God by repentance and faith for this nation.

My beloved student, we have to God's angry to this field. 170 million people were died. So, they called for one of the killing fields in Cambodia. We live in it. Why do we live here in that day? I assure that we have to change this killing field into the living field by the gospel. His is our mission that god gave us. Finally, we have to see the smile of God on the country.

2. God's healing

Although God was very angry to Israel, God wanted to heal the destroyed nation for himself not by the human curing but by the divine healing. Verse 16 says "16 'Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,' declares the LORD Almighty.

Here we can observe the method of God's healing. What are they?

(1) First, for complete cure; God should come back to them. It is the presence of God. His deep valley shall be changed by the beauty of the myrtle tree, the presence of God. so we have to pray that the kingdom come on me, my family and my country, my village. Today we have to ask thy kingdom come to my school life.

(2) Second, God will restore God's house. What is his house? It is the temple. Why God did reconstruct the temple? Because He wanted to receive the true worship out of his people. Today Cambodia worships many idols as the Baal and the Asser. Actually, the Baal Asser points the human sinful desire. Look at the center of all Cambodia nudist ceremony, we will find the center of their ceremony is his sinful desire. So, the scripture pointes that the covet is the idolatry. Collosians3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.) The idols are the expression of his desire (money, honor, prosperity, please and health and wellbeing).

God's healing starts at the restoration of the true worship. So, we have to big join to change the false worship into the true worship that offered in the truth and in the spirit. This curing principle is ours. We have to long to the kingdom of God and the restoration of true worship.

Now in the gospel we received the wonderful healing promise in the Lord. When the primitive church cried, "What shall I do?" Peter said "38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Act2:38-39)

After praying, admit the grace and give thanksgiving to the Lord. And checkup them. Search for small grace in your life. Continuously pray to God until you experienced the grace. You shall experience the grace.

3. The Abundant Comfort

1) Verse 17 reveals that God will make Jerusalem flow with the prosperity and- make our heart restored by the truth and grace. This is abundant comfort. When they know the truth, they shall know the comfort.

2) Absala dancing in Cambodia has 3000 motions. Their thought is bountiful. But the center was empty place, human theory; false thought was set down on it. We have to change them in our ministry.

3) God will pour out the comfort to them. What is true comfort? The comforter is the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit should pour down on them.

Verse 17 says “and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.” It is not man’s will but God’s will. Just like Gen3:15(And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[a] and hers; he will crush [b] your head, and you will strike his heel.”) God Himself shall accomplished by his own power for the salvation of his own people. In other words, God prepared all things. (Jn14:1-2“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God [a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3) (Philip 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.) (Mt6:34 therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.)

Do you believe in it? In our school life we meet lots of anxiety in our heart. Actually, we cannot control our thinking in our future. At that time, we have to cast our all burdens to Christ who can bear our all problems. Then we can know his wonderful comfort, the life of his people.

4) We believe that Holy Spirit works in our heart in the miserable state.

God's choosing and God's comfort is our ideal of covenant relationship between God and me. And also, the Intimacy with living God is our power in our lives. So, we can always expect his abundant comfort.

Conclusion:

1) In our school life we need the abundant comfort that the angel of Jehovah promised. It is the grace of the Holy Spirit. Hold this wonderful promise.

2) Whenever our heart is shaking in our school life, we have to stand firm on the strong place, the rock Ps 42:1-2 I waited patiently for the LORD;

he turned to me and heard my cry.² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

The promise of this abundant comfort is ours. Acts 3:19 said "19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"

Today we think that God promised the abundant comfort to us in order to restore God's wonderful grace. Zechariah's vision was accomplished to us in Christ. Today we have to enjoy the comfort by living before God in our school life.

17. The Judger of the History (Zechariah 1:18-21) 2013 9.27

18 Then I looked up, and there before me were four horns. 19 I asked the angel who was speaking to me, "What are these?"

He answered me, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.”

20 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. 21 I asked, “What are these coming to do?”

He answered, “These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise their head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people.”

Introduction:

1) The man calls it for as the vision of four craftsmen. Continuously Zechariah saw the other vision about that controls the world history. What does it mean? We need the interpreting the vision. In a word it reveals the almighty hand of providence of the Lord. Cambodia’s history of killing field is included in the hand.

2) In the Cambodia mission history, we can read the providential hand of God to proclaim the gospel to the people. Among them I had read that Cambodia government denied any missionaries under the French. Then a man who lived in the Montana, she prayed for 25 years for Cambodia Evangelization. Then her friend, who was a daughter of French king, knew the fact and helped that that foreigner missionary entered into Cambodia, at that time the door of gospel in Cambodia was opened. It was the hand of God.

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

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

1. God is the absolute judge in the world.

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

Although the Israelite committed sin and was fallen down in the miserable state, God's unfailing love could not be changed. Among his burning angry He did not forget his mercy to his people. But the discipline is painful. Hebrew 12:8 says "7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

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

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

(2) Is 56:8-11 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

(3) What is the character of the authority of God’s Word? It is the absolute authority.

Four craftsmen were four countries. Babylon, Mede. Persia and Greek. Although they were very strong nations in the history, finally they were destroyed by the hand of God because of their sins. For example, do you know how Babylon was destroyed in the world? The king, Belshazzar took a festival with his officials with drinking by using the temple instruments in the palace. Suddenly the hand was revealed on the wall and wrote some letters. it was the few Babylon letter ““This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN²⁶ “Here is what these words mean:*Mene*[[e](#)]: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.²⁷ *Tekel*[[f](#)]: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.²⁸ *Peres*[[g](#)]: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”(Dan5:25-28)

Finally, at that night the nation was destroyed by another official.

God condemned the king by His hand. In the history all nations have been controlled by the invisible hand of God.

3) In our times, at Cambodia, we have to tremble the hand of God who is moving all people, all economy, all culture and all political situations. The invisible hand of God is working on us.

Do you believe in it?

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

Why do you study here? What is your purpose in your study? You have to follow the hand of God for his glory. Go to Ratannakili, Mondokili and all provinces with the gospel in the name of Jesus. Moreover, you receive the good train in the reformed school with the grace and the truth.

2. God is the complete judger

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

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

From 5:17-19 says “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive

God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

3) We have to understand true salvation that consisted of positive thing and negative thing.

4) So reformed Christians want to follow the complete salvation in the world.

Niber tells us four kinds of reformation

- 1) destroyed
- 2) compromise
- 3) escaped
- 4) Reformed - destroyed and reconstruction we believe the God.

So, Puritan's view of the world was when they build the house; they want to build the house that their Lord dwells in it. They want that the Lord in every place should be entertained by the people because they believe that complete judger. So, when we cruised of something we should propose the substituted answer to them. If he only complains about a certain thing, he will be a negative person. We have to become a positive person in Christ.

3. God executed the detailed judge.

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

2) Verse says ...

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

= In our school life, we have to learn the detailed clear heart. Take away the thinking with help, without any support I can do it with taking new history in our Lord. Then we become a strong man and a strong woman. Then we can change our lives in Cambodia.

When we live with some help we awaken in our heart. We have to think the thanksgiving. Have some dream to help to our poor neighbors. How can we help them? By money, by power and by wisdom it is not our purpose, but one of our methods. But more important thing is to help them with the gospel. We have to change them by our thought and our godly life. Have such dream in your heart.

Conclusion:

1) Cambodia calls us, Myamma call us, China call us and South East Asia call us “help us!” They stay in the shadow of curse of God without understanding the gospel. We have to response to the world.

2) Cast yourself to the stream of redemptive work flown by be imitating by God of the scriptures. He is the absolute God, the complete God and the detailed God. May the grace of God be with you and your study and your dream?

18. The Man Who have A Measuring Line (Zechariah 2:1-13)

Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 I asked, “Where are you going?”

He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.”

3 While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him 4 and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will be its glory within.’

6 “Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north,” declares the LORD, “for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven,” declares the LORD.

7 “Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!” 8 For this is what the LORD Almighty says: “After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— 9 I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.

10 “Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the LORD. 11 “Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. 12 The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

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

The metaphor reveals the glory of redemption of Christ very obviously to us.

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

1) Verses 3-5 say, “He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.” 3 While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him 4 and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will be its glory within.

2) The focus of the metaphor is set at the protection of Jerusalem, as a city without walls, with the fire wall. And the Lord shall be the glory in the city. This expression suggests us about the abundant reality of redemption. What are they? It points the absolute protection as Eden Garden and as the protection of Samaria of the northern Israel out of attacking of Syria. God is the double protector of Jerusalem. Later in the New Testament, Jesus emphasized that the double protection for his people. In 10:28-29 “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all[c]; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.” “Now, we live in the fire wall in the world as we know when Israel came out of Egypt through the pillar of fire that protected Israel out of attacking of Egyptians. It is the fire wall. Isaiah emphasized that absolute protection for his people. (Isaiah 41:8-10) “But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, 9 I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you;

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

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

2. God shall rule over the kingdom

1) 6-9 says, “Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north,” declares the LORD, “for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven,” declares the LORD. “Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!” 8 For this is what the LORD Almighty says: “After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.

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

earth by his dominion of the kingdom.

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

3. All nations shall be joined in the city.

1) And also, the redemption points the other wonderful feature. It is the point of universal redemption except the national Zion. So, verses 10-13 says "Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. 11 "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Juion.dah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

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

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

After we finish proclaiming this abundant grace tour neighbors, we

have to go to the eternal world.

Conclusion:

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

2) The Cambodian monks are respected by the village people with several methods although their proclaiming is false, ridiculous, we should be gathered by the people because of the only truth. For this things God call for you.

19. A Man with a measuring line (Zechariah 2:1-11)

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6 “Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north,” declares the LORD, “for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven,” declares the LORD.

7 “Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!” 8 For this is what the LORD Almighty says: “After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— 9 I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.

10 “Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the LORD. 11 “Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. 12 The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

Introduction:

The three vision of Zechariah points the marvelous salvation in the world happened 700 year later in the world. Although it was happened actually, the detailed events shall be accomplished in Christ. Actually, we live in the grace of the redemption. We now see the wonderful salvation in the world.

The restoration of Zion points the redemption of the church. The text reveals the redemption of the church in the earth through some symbolism. What are the proofs that restored the Zion?

1. God's protection shall be happened in the city.

4) Verses 4-5 say "Run, tells that young man, 'Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.'"

5) What does it mean? The city without the walls points the picture of restoration of God. God Himself will protect Jerusalem against every enemy as the Garden of Eden. It makes us thought the picture of Immanuel. (Mt28:20) And God himself will become the wall of fire. As God put the sword of fire on the outside of Eden to protect the garden. (Gen3□. This is the picture of the New Testament salvation. As we know, the personal salvation includes the absolute salvation out of the inside enemy and the outside enemy. What is our outside enemy? The world, the Satan and the secular culture etc. are out enemies. Jesus proclaimed that He overcome the world. And he had bound the Satan with his almighty power as the stronger one. And also, He renewed the secu-

lar culture in the world. (Rom12:) And he destroyed the inside enemies, sinful desire, the desire of physical desire, the desire of eyes and the desire of pride of this life. (Ijn2□)

6) We believe that promise and serve Him in Cambodia culture. Even though we have some problems in our lives, we have to challenge to the worldly enemies. Among them we know that the strongest enemy is our sinful desire.

When Christ was crossed on the Calvary it had been died by his power. (Gal 2 :)

Ex: Ghazi was surprised at the angels to protect the city, but now we know that our protection shall be the complete in the Spirit. Nobody can overcome us in Christ. Do you believe in it? John 10 points the double protection for us.

Whenever Where place we go God protect us out of all danger. Look at the rider on the red horse in the deep valley. Following Him always we can overcome all kinds of enemies and receive crown. (Ps 23 :)

According to this protection we can serve the Lord to attain to the goal of victory.

2. God's righteousness shall be established against the Babylon

1) Verses 7-9 say. "Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!" 8 For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them.[b] Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me."

2) What does this picture say to us? It reveals the destruction of the enemy in the world. So, the righteousness of God shall be stand

firm on them. The wave of righteousness and justice shall rise on the world strongly. (Is.)

3) The righteousness of redemption shall establish in the world. So, we have to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness in the world.

4) The influence of the righteousness reveals peace and delight in the world. We shall enjoy the grace in our lives.

Ex:

3. God's plan of the completed salvation shall be in all nations.

1) Verses 10-13 say that "Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. 11 "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. 12 The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

2) The wonderful salvation of absolute protection and the righteousness of the Lord shall be developed into the kingdom of God in all nations. Especially the salvation of God was settled on all nations through the Israelite. But because Israel was failed by their sinful desire, God himself shall establish the righteousness in all nations. As Isaiah prophesied it shall be accomplished. " " " "

3) Today our salvation was included in the promise. So, we have to give thankfulness to God and would like to receive the small grace out of God. As the Canaan woman longed to God. He always has to have the humble heart in his life because of seeing wonderful great glory of salvation.

4) At our Christian life in Cambodia we have to apply this fact to our detailed life. We have to search for the people of God in the city.

Conclusion:

20. “My servant who called for the branch” (Zech. 3:1-10)

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan [a] standing at his right side to accuse him. 2 The LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebukes you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”

3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.”

Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.”

5 Then I said, “Put a clean turban on his head.” So, they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: 7 “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

8 ““Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes[b] on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

10 ““In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

Introduction:

The vision reveals the character of the Redeemer, God who solves the sin that is, the stumbling block to contrast against the new work. Joshua in the dirty clothing means the miserable state of Israel. First of all, God demolished the avocation of Satan and put the new clothe and new crown on him. And also, in the future the new branch will come out on the earth. (88 “Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.) We received this grace and shall receive it more abundantly in order to enjoy the redemption of our Lord as new branch. Today we want to know who the new branch and what did he give us. If we know the branch we can see the glorious blessing in our heart. What kinds of blessing is it?

1. He removed all sins eternally.

The text is as the scene of Job chapter 1:1-3 (1) Joshua who stands up on the heaven court was accused by Satan. Jehovah rebuked Satan two times, “ ” And he took off his dirty cloth and made to put on his body new cloth and new crown. (4-5) and said that he shall keep my law and shall my house and my yard. (6-7) here we can learn two things about the remission. 1) Sin brings the failure absolutely to us. The destruction of Israel comes out of the sins. It is the not the negative sin but the positive sin. The spiritual sin of leaders is more dangerous. 2) Only the angel of the Lord can clean all sins. Because of the condemnation of Jehovah, the accuse of Satan did not be admitted by God. God rebuked that they cannot accuse them again. The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.”

“(4) The Angel of Jehovah or, Jehovah points reality of our Lord

Jesus Christ. The death of the Lord can forgive our sins. (Heb10:17)
We should not search for the reasons to lose the power and rejoice.
How do we have as we did not positive things? We have to return to
the fullness of Holy Spirit, the failing love and the help to our
neighbors out of the ceasing prayer.

2. He came as our branch.

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

(8, Ish11:1 Rem23:5) What shall the branch work? 1) He will begin
with new ministry. As the second man or, the last Adam he will clean
away all sins and accomplish new thing. He shall complete the new
branch movement, the mustard movement and the yeast movement, not
the burring stick snatched from the fire 2) (II Cor.5:17) When they
attach to Christ he can product the abundant fruit. (Jn15:5)

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

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

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

3. We should bring up the fruit be abiding in the branch.

1) As a weak branch Jesus Christ came into the earth to bring up his abundant fruit in the world. Although he is very weak branch and ugly face, he is so strong and beautiful in the earth and in the heaven. So, his small branches as the churches we can bring up the abundant fruit in the world. Jn15:5 say “ ” What is the condition? It as to abide in him. What does it mean? It is to communicate to Christ and intimacy with Christ. What kinds of fruit? There are two kinds in it. One is the character fruit. Soon this is the fruit of the Spirit to reveals character of God by the Holy Spirit in the world. AND THE ABOTHER IS THE EVANGELISM FRUIT. IT MEANS TO MAKE DESICIPLE IN THE WORLD. How can bring up much fruit? It abides in the branch.

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

Conclusion:

1) According to Zechariah 's prophesy, the branch came on the earth. He accomplished all plan of our sovereignty God. In the branch we can be changed into the image of God. In Cambodia we have to follow the image to the world.

2) Therefore, we have to attach on the mission to evangelize in the village.

Let's response to the Lord's calling.

21. The Vision of Golden Lampstand (Zechariah 4:1-14) 11/3/2013

Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like someone awakened from sleep. 2 He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. 3 also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."4 I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"5 He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied.6 so he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.7 "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"8 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.10 "Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone[\[a\]](#) in the hand of Zerubbabel?"11 Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?"12 Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?"13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said.14 so he said, "These are the two who are anointed to**[\[b\]](#)** serve the Lord of all the earth."

Introduction:

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

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

1. The Holy Spirit makes the big mount changed the level ground.

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

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

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

- On the Pentecostal day, Holy Spirit comes on the church. (2:1-2 when the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.).

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

- As the Spirit depended on the church, the door of the gospel was opened towards the gentiles from the Cornelius family. (10:45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.)

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

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

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

God testimonies his redemption by the work of the seven eyes. (10, 3:9) The Spirit who were sent into all areas shall become the level ground. The work of the angels to supervise all the areas, the work to remove the horns,

the work of God's protection and the work to remove all sins (3:9) are accomplished by the communication of Holy Spirit. It is the eschatological promise. (Is.40:4.42:16, Mt17:20, 21:21-22, Mk11:22-23, Lk17:6, I Corin13:2)

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

2. God accomplishes his will through the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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

1) To the work of Zurubbabel, the multitude responded the obedience, harmony and corporation. The Lord declared that to Zurrubbabel grace, grace. It means that they prayed to God. God worked through the only man. God demands the response of all body. Verse 7 says, " " What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

“ And verse 10 says ““Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone[\[a\]](#) in the hand of Zerubbabel?” The obedience of the saints is short cut way of wonderful work. So, the obedience is than the offering. Especially the prayer of the saints is the tool that accomplished the work of God. Without the prayer no work.

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

Conclusion:

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

Let's pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace and amazing love. Lord, Clean up our corrupted heart by the precious blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. Open our eyes and our ears and our mouths to know you and your truth and to proclaim the word of God in the world. Lord now provide the Spirit to our heart to see the glory of the Lord by faith. Lead us to understand your truth in the text, the work of Holy Spirit. Lord, make your people followed to your calling with the godly attitude. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Let's pray,

Lord we thank you for your working power to change any mountains into the ground. Any problems in our lives, you taken away into the hell for your glory. Provide the power of Holy Spirit to proclaim the gospel to the world. Fill the fullness of Holy Spirit to us. I pray in the name of

Jesus. Amen.

22. God's Wisdom to Judgment (Zechariah 5:1-11)

I looked again, and there before me was a flying scroll.² He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide.^[a]" ³ And he said to me, "This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished. ⁴ The LORD Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of anyone who swears falsely by my name. It will remain in that house and destroy it completely, both its timbers and its stones.'" ⁵ Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what is appearing." ⁶ I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity^[b] of the people throughout the land." ⁷ Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! ⁸ He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it. ⁹ Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.¹⁰ "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me.¹¹ He replied, "To the country of Babylonia^[c] to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."

Introduction:

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

1. God control the sin.

- 1) What does the woman in Epha mean? It means the sins of the world.

Verse 6¹ asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land."

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

- The cover of lead means to control the conscience of Judah people. This is the wisdom that God prohibit the wicked sins in the world now.

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

Ex: The extreme sinful desire to kill David was controlled by God.
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- 2) Ex: the contemporary sins that spread rapidly to the world shall be controlled by God's hand, as the voice of rooster (Peter), the saying of donkey (Baaalam), through some suffering.

We should listen to the voice of good conscience. (Hebrew)

2. God divide between the goodness and the evil.

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

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

2) In the world we have to discern two things obviously in our heart.

This is the wisdom of Holy Spirit.

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

1) God controls the sinful desire by the work of Holy Spirit.

Verse 9 says, “Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.”

- The wing is the chariots of Groupism in Ezekiel 1:

2) The freedom of Holy Spirit makes us moved the freedom out of the sins, sufficiency out of the necessity and grace out of the thorn in our Christian life.

Conclusion:

In our pastoral ministry and mission field we have to learn the wisdom of Holy Spirit. Pastor elder and deacon should use the wisdom of Holy Spirit in the world. Because our mission field w is filled with worldly crafts against the heavenly wisdom. We have to seek the above wisdom as James emphasized, “ ”

23. The vision of four chariots (Zech. 6:1-15)

Let's pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace and your amazing love. Lord. Open our eyes to know and your truth. Provide your illumination to see the sufficient world and the peaceful world by understanding the Word of God. Provide us your Spirit and your grace. Strengthen your peoples with your right hand. Especially lead our school to the truth and the true peace to proclaim the gospel to the world. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

I looked up again, and there before me were four chariots coming out from between two mountains—mountains of bronze. 2 The first chariot had red horses, the second black, 3 the third white, and the fourth dappled—all of them powerful. 4 I asked the angel who was speaking to me, “What are these, my lord?”

5 The angel answered me, “These are the four spirits[a] of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world. 6 The one with the black horses is going toward the north country, the one with the white horses toward the west,[b] and the one with the dappled horses toward the south.”

7 When the powerful horses went out, they were straining to go throughout the earth. And he said, “Go throughout the earth!” So, they went throughout the earth.

8 Then he called to me, “Look, those going toward the north country have given my Spirit[c] rest in the land of the north.”

9 The word of the LORD came to me: 10 “Take silver and gold from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. 11 Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jozadak.[d] 12 Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. 13 It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he[e] will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’ 14 The crown will be given to Heldai,[f] Tobijah, Jedaiah and Hen[g] son of Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of the LORD. 15 Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the LORD, and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the LORD your God.”

Introduction:

1) The vision of four chariots is the last vision in Zechariah essentially that ended as verses 1-8. From verse 9 the coronation reveals. Even though the coronation is a symbolism, it is very important that points the dominion of the King Messiah. (9-14) “A man who is called for the branch” comes in order to reconstruct the temple and ruled over it peacefully. Here we listen that the centric message of Zechariah is the revival that they should pursue through the Holy Spirit.

2) As the Word of Roman 8:28, the goodness that God shall

accomplish in us points the spiritual revival by speaking two things in our text. What are they?

1. It means the sufficient ministry.

1) The activities of four chariots in the text are related to the first vision. The activities of red horse, white horse, black horse and colorful horse reveal the nations that destroyed Israel as Syria, Babylon, Egypt. Historically these nations were destroyed really. It was the accomplishment of verse 8. “Then he called to me, “Look, those going toward the north country have given my Spirit[c] rest in the land of the north.”

“This is the prosperity of messiah and also it points that before Zurubbabel the great mountain shall be level ground. Here, we can learn two wonderful things of the Lord.

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

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

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

3) Do you believe that God works wonderfully in us? We have to

work everything according to the sufficient work of Holy Spirit. In this week we have to pursue to true sufficient ministry, the sufficient heart in our school life. So, we have to seek to the work of Holy Spirit in our lives. Please, stop to trust the man's good points but pursue to trust the Spirit in the Word of God.

4) Ex: When I went to Virek and Lazana' village yesterday, I have been that 15 children waited for us at one place. I was surprised at the scene. I thought that our students' workers devoted themselves to the ministry of God. I had felt the sufficient grace of God in their ministry. We believe that the Holy Spirit accomplish the sufficient ministry any time, any place.

2. It means to accomplish the peace.

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

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

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

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

Conclusion:

In this morning we have to check up the sufficient and peaceful heart in our ministry. Do you have these things in your heart in your school life? Yesterday, I met two persons in a village. They have no the sufficient heart and the peaceful heart in his life. One person is the abnormal marriage life in his life. he has five wives as a Samaritan woman of John 4: It is very sorrowful life.

And also, I met a monk who had the bright face. After I greeted to him someday I will meet him at the pagoda in order to give true peace of Christ Jesus. Although his face was so peaceful I could see miserable heart from his attitude. I pray that they shall return to Christ, our true branch by repentance and faith and possess the sufficient heart and the heavenly peace.

Let's pray

Lord, we thank you for our true branch, Jesus Christ in our lives. Make us followed Jesus centric life in our lives. Provide abundant life on us. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, the month of Kislev. 2 The people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-Melek, together with their men, to entreat the LORD 3 by asking the priests of the house of the LORD Almighty and the prophets, “Should I mourn and fast in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?”

4 Then the word of the LORD Almighty came to me: 5 “Ask all the people of the land and the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted? 6 And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? 7 Are these not the words the LORD proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?’” 8 And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: 9 “This is what the LORD Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. 10 Do not

oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.'

11 "But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and covered their ears. 12 They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So, the LORD Almighty was very angry.

13 "'When I called, they did not listen; so, when they called, I would not listen,' says the LORD Almighty. 14 'I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations, where they were strangers. The land they left behind them was so desolate that no one traveled through it. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.'"

Let's pray. Lord, we thank you for your marvelous revelation before God. Lord, provide your grace to us to follow you and to obey your word in our school live. Open our eyes to see the way of wisdom glorify you. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Introduction:

1) In thinking the book of Zechariah, now again we can find a wonderful truth in the text. It is the truth to return to the Word of God. Whenever we seek the new things, our Lord answer that you have to return to the word of God. As Bethel people asked to the Lord "Should I mourn and fast in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?" (4), the Lord answered that you should return to the Word of God. "Ask all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted? And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? Are these not the words the Lord proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns

were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?’ ”

And also, verse 11 and verse 13 says, “11 “But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and covered their ears. 13 “‘When I called, they did not listen; so, when they called, I would not listen,’ says the LORD Almighty.

2) Anytime, anyplace whenever we return to the Word of God, we can be restored and be revived in the heart. Although the Israelite listen to the wonderful message and see the wonderful visions, they should return to the Word of God actually. The text reveals the wonderful grace to them about two sound relationship to the Word of God in detail.

1. How should we proclaim the Word of God?

1) Here we observe how the revelation of God comes to us. (verse 1 “In the fourth year of King Darius, ***the word of the LORD came to Zechariah*** on the fourth day of the ninth month, the month of Kislev.”) In the Old Testament it had been come to us as the types of pictorial revelation, those are; dreams, visions, miracles, Urim and Dummim. 7 visions reveal the state of Israel's mirable state of corruption, the cause of the corruption and the condemnation and the salvation. The symbolism, the metaphor and the picture provide the abundant revelation to us.

For example, the event of crossing the red sea means the baptism of church. Descending manna means the Christen spiritual daily food, Christ and His Words. So the Christians who receive the revelation can proclaim the will of God. (Act 2:17 “‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.) God gave us the revelation by the prophets. “Are these not ***the words the Lord proclaimed through the earlier prophets*** when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?’” (7) But

they did not obey them. They made their hearts as hard as flint and ***would not listen to the law or to the words*** that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. (12)

(2) David was controlled by Gath and Nathan and Paul of New Testament was revealed obviously the word of God by Ananias and seven churches in the minor Asia received some revelation by the angels (pastors) of the churches. Then, the church was established on the prophets and the Apostles on the cornerstone, Christ Jesus. (Eph2:20) In such meaning, today pastors have the same authority as they stand on the revelation as the proclaimer of revelation.

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

2) Do you have known the word of God? As Herman Bavinck tells to the Scripture, whenever we read the passages we have to accept it as the Word of living God. As we eat some food we have to eat and drink them in our heart. Actually, we will check up that the Word of God is the life in our lives. Matthew 4:4 “Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” We believe that living God says his will through the Scripture. What is the view of the Scripture of reformed theology? It is very simple. It is that the Scripture is the word of God. How can we proclaim them? The Word that was written by Holy Spirit should be proclaimed by Holy Spirit.

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

And again, God teaches how we treat the Word of God in our situation.

1) In one word, it is the absolute obedience. Why is the obedience to the Scripture so important? According to verses 10-14 by the disobedience the beautiful earth was changed into the wilderness. “‘When I called, they did not listen; so, when they called, I would not listen,’ says the Lord Almighty. ***“I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations, where they were strangers. The land they left behind them was so desolate that no one traveled through it. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.”*** (14)

2) What is the reason of Saul's failure? After he overcome against Amalek in the battle, he could not control his covet. Because of his small disobedience he was fallen down into the miserable state that he should search for the psychian. (ISam 28:18 Because you did not obey the LORD or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the LORD has done this to you today.) The destruction of Israel was brought up by the disobedience of God's Word; their revival shall be made by the obedience. “‘When I called, they did not listen; so, when they called, I would not listen,’” In our school life we have to listen to the word of God any class, any situation. Do you listen to the Word of God? Listening the word of God is the most wonderful event in our lives.

3) Therefore, the returning movement to the Scripture should not be limited in Israel. And also, we have to return to the Scripture and try to be examining by the mirror of the Scripture.

Conclusion:

1) My beloved students, in this morning accept the invitation of Holy Spirit, “Return to the Scripture and obey the word of God.” It is the only living way of our contemporary day and the only powerful source of our lives. Do you believe in it?

Let's pray

Lord, please open our eyes to know your wonderful truth. Make us to know the

Scripture. Make us too entered into the Holy Spirit's grace. I pray in the name of Jesus Amen.

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

A day of the LORD is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls.

2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. 5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled

from the earthquake[a] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

6 On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness.

7 It will be a unique day—a day known only to the LORD—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up high from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses, and will remain in its place. 11 It will be inhabited; never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure.

12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. 13 On that day people will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will seize each other by the hand and attack one another. 14 Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected—great quantities of gold and silver and clothing. 15 A similar plague will strike the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the animals in those camps.

16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. 17 If any of the peoples of the

earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain. 18 If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD [b] will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. 19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.

20 On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. 21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite [c] in the house of the LORD Almighty.

Let's pray

Introduction:

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

2)

1. God establishes the church highly in the world.

1) According to verses 1-7 A day of the LORD is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls.

2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those na-

tions, as he fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. 5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake[a] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

6 On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. 7 It will be a unique day—a day known only to the LORD—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

Jehovah Himself who made to fight Israel against the all nations shall attack them in replace to Israel. When he stands up on the mountain of Olive, it shall be divided in two parts. When is dark the light shines. In the titration day the light shall rise in the world. And at Jerusalem the living water shall be fountained. The abundant grace shall come on the church in the New Testament. Especially the Lord is the warrior who fights against the enemy for the church. The full armored of Ephesian chapter 6 means the complete weapon that is Christ. Because these things shall be accomplished in Christ Jesus. We can overcome anyplace and anytime in the complete victory of Our Lord. So, Paul shouted that we are more than conquerors. Who can overcome against Goliath of 21centry? Only Jesus Christ can overcome him, Jehovah that is Jesus Christ. Whenever we fight against them, always we can overcome them in the name of Jesus. We can believe that fact always.

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

1) Already we saw that the dominion of God consisted of faithfulness and peace at chapter 8 of Zechariah. Here we see the climax. He shall be the King in the universe world. (9-11) when he rules over them it shall become the nation without any condemnation. (11) No Canute lives there. The curse of God shall

come on them who attacked Judah. The almighty God rule over them with his unlimited power. So, we can overcome the confused world with the spiritual power fully. Then we should enjoy the blessing that God provide to the obeying people. Really to the people, family and society who entertained Christ as his Lord.

2)

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

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

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

26. The Faith of Lazarus (Lk16:19-31) 2013 9.22

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have

pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

30 ““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Introduction:

1) The man takes three concerns of his life in the world as follows; 1) Sin 2) After the death 3) the present life. What is your main concern in your lives? All people will agree with me. Do not think so?

Actually, three issues are appeared in Cambodia traditional festival, Pchum Bun. According to a record I read that they executed four ceremonies of the festival, as you know, there we can find that their main concern is three things. 1) Sin 2) After the death 3) the present life. Actually, these are our concern in Christina life, do you assure that theses lives were solved in Christ? The text reveals the answer of three common issues.

2)How we should understand this issue? Lazarus's faith reveals the answers obviously to the contemporary three issues. What are the contents? What faith did he take in his life?

1. He was solved his miserable sin issue in his whole life.

(1) He received troubles in his life. In the Old Testament he had the fear of God. Although he was a poor man and a bagger. After he died he went to the heaven.

(1) The heaven is the real world. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.

(2) 'Abraham breast- in Christ, the covenant people. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

(3) He committed sin before God but his faith of fear and love of God made him entered in the heaven. 25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

(4) Today Cambodia persons thought that their sins shall be cleaned by the good behavior. It is very stupid thought.

So Pschm Ben ceremony include to clean their sin by executing

(5) But we were cleaned by faith of Christ and his merit. (Hebrew1:3 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven) we are received by accepting the merit of Christ on the cross.

= To solve that issue we have to return to Cross. What is the sin? The root of sin is to live by myself.

2. He was solved his eternal future after his death.

Verse 31 says “He was embraced in the breast of Abraham. 31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

1) What does it mean? It points the salvation, redemption, and the eternal rest in Christ. The forgiveness of sin, the eternal life to enjoy God. Cambodian’s praying for their fathers’ eternal future in that festival. Their greeting proves their present reality that they were wandering without having real peace.

2) Jn5:24 says “24 “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.” Now presently we assure that we have the eternal life in our heart. Do you believe in it? According to this verse, our eternal future was solved in the earth.

3. He was solved his present happiness in Scripture.

Verses 22-25 says “22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

2) 25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. What is Abraham’s answer? the present people should listen to the prophet and Moses, the Scripture. Then will take the happy rest.

3) We have to return to the Scripture and to meditate the Scripture.

We need the present life of salvation. Why did the Psalmist emphasized that the blessed man was to meditate the Word of God? Jewish memorize the Torah in his life from 5 years old. Without accepting Christ. They did not return to the Word of God even though they memorize all Torah. Because they did not accept real word of Jesus Christ. Now they are wondering in the wilderness in his life.

In the same case Cambodian traditional festival was included this thing. Before they meet the Scripture, nobody can possess the present happiness, any time, any place. We have to listen to the Scripture, to get miracle life happy life abundant life in our life and in our family. Do you believe in it? Abraham's command is Christ's command. What is the greatest command? It emphasized to teach the Scripture. To keep the Scripture. In other words when we devote ourselves to the command already we abide in the happiness in the world through understanding the Scripture. John6:63 Says "63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit [e] and life." The fresh is void but the spirit is life, my word is life. Jesus emphasized so. We have to check up our faith. Did you check up them in your heart?

4) To enjoy eternal life means to depend on the Scripture in the world.

Without the Scripture, true salvation will be impossible. I Jn5:11-12. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Let's take the faith of Lazarus in this pchm bun festival. Be careful the view of the rich man. – pleasure, present physical peace.

Conclusion:

Cambodian Church that includes us needs to understand Lazarus's faith. Build the sound faith. Especially, at the day of Pchum Ben, we have to

think of these issues to enjoy the true salvation. And also, we have to pray to evangelize all Cambodia.

Let's pray.

27. The purpose of the discipline (Hebrew 12:7-11)

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines

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

Introduction:

Reformed theology and faith reveal the feature of the faithful principles with proclaiming the Word of God and the execution of communion, as three marks of the church.

It is not able to be refused because of several reasons in the church life. And also, the situation of Cambodia mission field it should be made sure to plant the reformed faith in their lives.

I treat to three facts of the biblical discipline according to our texts as the following proposition. What is the purpose of biblical discipline? What is the methodology of biblical discipline? What is the influence of biblical discipline? It is the purification of the church.

First, what is the purpose of biblical discipline?

1) Verse 7 says “7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.” It is the positive sanctification and the restoration of God’s image in the process of Christian life. After we were born again in our lives, we need to sanctify our lives. Then God uses our present situation, trouble, struggles, suffering and diseases relationship troubles for our sanctification. So, we admit that the discipline is followed to every Christian because they are the children of God. Job 7:17-18 says ““What is mankind that you make so much of them, that you give them so much attention, that you examine them every morning and test them

every moment?" The Lord tested him minute by minute, second by second.

In order to train their children, God uses the suffering and the thorn in their life. Ecclesiastic 7:13-14 says "Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made crooked? When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future." So it emphasized that God uses the suffering time and the trouble time for the discipline of his children. Later, James 5:13 interpreted it concept as the mention "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise."

My beloved students, whenever we meet some discipline that comes out of God, we have to accept them as special chance in order to be lifted up to the mature stage. Even though we are very severe state in vague things, we have to think as Joseph did in the suffering time.

Gen.50:18-21 says "His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them"

Second, what is the methodology of biblical discipline?

1) It is the truth and the prayer, the actual elements that purified them in the Christian life. Only all kinds of sin should be cleaned by Jesus Christ. Because he died on the cross as the offering of substitute, the debts of his own people were passed away by the merit of Christ. We should accept that wonderful promise by confessing our sins with faith. (I John1:9 if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will

forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.) The confession is the faith that use the truth and the pray. This is the only method to clean our sin.

2) The Scripture says two things to clean our heart. The truth and the prayer.

What does it mean?

(1) The truth cleans our heart. (Jn17:17) Sanctify them by[d] the truth; your word is truth. Actually, the cleaning is the brightness. When we hold the truth in our heart our heart becomes the bright state by understanding the truth that is the light and the way. This is the purity before God. So, the truth makes us to purify our heart.

(2) The prayer cleans our heart (ITim4:5)⁴ for everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. Without applying the truth, our prayer is empty. Why? In the world of prayer, we apply the truth to our detailed situation, our sin, our guilt feeling, our frustration and our problems. Then we experience the purification of our heart.

(3) So, the discipline makes us to pray to God and to meditate the Word of God. So, we claim that the prayer and the word of God is the useful tool to purify us out of our spiritual dirty state.

Therefore, we have to approach to hold prayer and the Word of God in that time. So, the church should be filled with the prayer and the preaching by the pastors. The tools of the grace are able to make the church to be sanctified.

Third, and also what is the influence of biblical discipline? (10-11)

10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, how-

ever, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

1) It is the purification of the church. Why is the purity of church so important?

Because the purity is the life of the church we have to concentrate on the keeping the purity. In other words, the purity, honest and faithfulness is the life of the pastoral ministry. The Holy Spirit works in the church for this purpose. If the pastor or, the Christian lose it then he shall lose the power out of his body as Samson did. He shall live as the servant of Satan. So, God uses often the cutting to purify non-purified branches to bring up lots of fruit. (John15:2)

2) Ex: Look at the case of Ananias & Sabra in Acts 5: It was very serious issue at the worship time two people were died suddenly. It was the discipline hand of God to purify the church.

As we know their sins was deceit before God as they offered their property money to the church. Rather, if they confessed frankly their weak points it might be well. But they because of their pride heart to the honor were fallen down into the serious death. Then God disciplined them to set the death in the church. It influenced on the purification of the church. Sometimes God purified his church by permission of serious specific event. This is the discipline of church.

3) In Cambodia church life, we should learn the sound discipline for the purification of the church. Especially there are lots of the money and the adultery in the relationship among church members. We have to learn through the Apostle Paul. What are they?

Money- We has to like the clean money not black dollars. When we have some relationship to money, we have to be careful. When the carnal desire stays in the center of our relationship, the evil heart can move in the sound relationship. So, Paul warned to the man of God as followings. “But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue

righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.” (ITim6:11) What should they avoid out of the carnal desire? It is the desire of the money. In the Christian life ministry, we have to make to clean this issue. When we touch the money in the church and in the ministry. We have to treat the issue obviously as Paul said and Jesus said.

Conclusion:

When I fall down in the severe state by stroke I had meditated the Ps. 139: The Psalmist felt the discipline of God. It is very precious, we have to stand firm before God. Then we shall be lifted up the upgrade stage. My lovely students approach to that seat. You shall become the useful man of God.

28. The wonderful present for the church (Ephesian 4: 11-12)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that

the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Introduction:

1. What is the church? It is his beloved assembly that the Lord has wanted to build up on the earth. “I will build my church on them.” So, we are the church who the Lord concentrates on in the earth. You are very happy for we are his church. Because he loves us so much he gave us wonderful present.

2. The verse 11 says, “11 so Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, “God gave four the wonderful presents to us. What are they? Here are 5 position gifts apostle, prophets, evangelist and the pastor and teacher. Do you know them in your Christian life?

3. After the Scriptures were accomplished, the Apostles, the prophets, the evangelists were finished, so we believe that the Scriptures include these gifts.

Only the pastor and the teacher were remained in the church.

Actually, the only gift is the Pastor –teacher or, the teacher-pastor.

This church received the wonderful gift out of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

According to the Word of God, what is the pastor?

First, he is the preacher. (II Tim 4:22 preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.)

- His first mission is to preach the word of God
- He is the specialist of the Scripture.
- He is the standard of the church, example.

- We have to listen to the Word of God and obey his message in our lives.
- This is the main method that we serve to the living God.

Second, the teacher (Eph.4:11) 11 so Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

- And also, he is the teacher who teach the word of God to his people regularly (Mt 28:19-2019 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”)
- Making disciples by teaching ministry is his ministry.
- The church exists to obey the great command of our head Jesus Christ.
- The pastor should devote himself to teach the Scripture to his church.

Third, the shepherd– Jn21:16

The pastor preaches and teaches and takes care of the church as the shepherd did to his sheep. “Supervise my sheep” 16 Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me? “He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. “Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

- So, the pastor is the elder.
 - The mission of the elder is to take care of church.
- = In summary, the pastor has three elements in the church. So, they have to have the consciousness of the treasure. (Obedience) humility, responsibility. And also, the church should obey his command faithfully.

Conclusion:

- 1) This church should thank to God for your faithful pastor Timothy.
- 2) Keep the mission of church for his great command in the areas by obeying the direction of the pastor.

Let's pray

29. The First Commandment (Ex.20:1-6) 2013.10.2

And God spoke all these words:² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”³ “You shall have no other gods before [\[a\]](#) me.”⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Introduction:

1) The contemporary day is able to be called for the time without the fear of God because we cannot feel the fury of the Lord against the idolatry. Moreover, in Cambodia we have to be warned by the commandment of God. So, we need to make sure the spiritual feeling that Jonathan Edwards, who one of great awakening movement pioneers in America, had in his heart at the 17th century. He preached the theme, “the sinner in the hand of the Lord’s fury” depended on Psalm 73 to his congregation. At that time God’s grace was outpoured on his congregation and framed the spiritual fire into the American churches that had been very dull.

2) When we live in Cambodia that was filled with all kinds of idols, we should feel God’s angry toward the earth. Especially we should have the serious fearful feeling to the God’s horrible hand. Although the world stream has been changed for some rapid trends, the first commandment cannot be changed into the other situation.

Today we have to make sure our spiritual position according to the command.

1. What is the motive of the first commandment?

1) It is the redemption. Although we cannot know the background of that command about the Dr. Kline's theology, the text reveals the main motive to us. What is it?

2) Verses says "And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." The Lord emphasized the redemption out of the dominion of Egypt. It means the salvation out of the miserable sin. In other words, because of our remission we have to keep the Ten Commandments. Among them the first commandment is very important for the foundation of all commandments. It means if it does not stand firm on the command, it is impossible to keep the others.

3) What do you assure that you keep the first command in your life? Actually, we have many gods in our lives. What are the idols? It is something that we love more than loving God. It may your money, your honor, your desire, your ego and your pleasure. Although we are born again in our lives we may serve the other gods in our lives. It means that we break the first commandment.

Especially we may commit sin easily in Cambodia because of compromising with our environment. Then we have to return to understand the motive of that command, our salvation. Because of the grace of our salvation we have to keep the first command.

2. What does the first commandment prohibit?

3) The first command prohibits having some gods than Trinity God. The modern people serve several kinds of gods in their lives. Among them two important idols are specific.

What do you think of them?

(1) Mormonism- to love the money. It includes Baal and as era etc. Actually, they are the gods of prosperity, production, wealth and successfulness. The history of Israel reveals that this idolatry had been followed to their thought and their lives continuously. In the case of

Ahab king, they devoted themselves to worship to the Baal. It is the god of Mormonism. Today the contemporary people who include Cambodia people pursue to the money as their god. Do not you think so? This stream flows into the church. Many Christian was fallen down into the Mormonism, dollar idols. I expect that our students should break the idol in their lives. Then we can response to God's calling. So, we have to learn the main secret that can control any time, any place, the poverty or, prosperity in Christ. Do you have this secret?

(2) Secular hedonism- to love pleasure. It loves the pleasure more than God. It is very big problem. If we have to affection to the secular pleasure we cannot follow Jesus. As we know, a metaphor points, in Matthew13: “ ” Why did not the plant grow up? Because some thorn pick into the plant. The Scripture explains because of the thorn. It is the money desire, the worldly anxiety, the pleasure. To response to the calling of God we have to throw away the pleasure in our heart. Today many Christians were tempted by the secular pleasure. Learn to enjoy God in our lives.

(3) Cambodia church has to make sure two things, Mormonism and secular hedonism. Observe your customs festival. You can find that elements. We ourselves should reject to follow this thing in our heart. And also, we have to show the creative spiritual hedonism to the people.

3. What is the purpose of the command?

3) Then why does God emphasize to keep the first command? God wants that our lives stand firm on God centric life. With our heart, with our character, with our lives and with our whole volition, we have to serve God because it is the only way to help you, the way of the life. Do you believe in it?

4) When we come back to your home at scum ben vacation, you have to go to your house and your village as an evangelist to proclaim the gospel. Whatever you want you can do that but remember our God

observe you and count your thinking, your attitude and your behavior. At that time, you reveal the God centric life to your family. Go to them, pray, proclaim the gospel to your friend, your family and your village people. Plant your gospel seed in your family and in your village. God shall help you.

Conclusion:

My students! What is your calling? In this time bring your spiritual fruit to us.

This is not taking rest time but the proclaiming time to your native villages.

May the grace of God be with you?

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons

7 Jesus said to the servants "Fill the jars with water"; so, they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

Introduction:

1) Who is the first officiating of marriage? God was the first officiate in marriage of Adam and Eve according to Gen 2:15-25. *“15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’ 18 The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’ 19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam[f] no suitable helper was found. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs[g] and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib[h] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.’ 24 that are why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”*

2) From this passage we find several important truths of the marriage. Above of all, we should examine our view of marriage. Do you know the biblical truth of the marriage? Now, we think the truth in our heart. Especially we see that this text points the true meaning of marriage through the event of the first miracles.

1. The marriage should be accomplished in the kingdom of God.

1) The sign of the text emphasizes the features of the kingdom of God, those are, righteousness, peace and delight in Holy Spirit. V11 says “11 what Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.” Can you find the feature in it? The kingdom of God was filled of the glory of God through the event. Jesus intensely revealed the glory of marriage. Why did he reveal the sign to the disciples? Because Jesus wanted to teach that true marriage exists in the kingdom of God. So, the first marriage had begun with at the Garden of Eden by God. The marriage was the first blessing that God permitted to the mankind. You know that reason? Only the marriage in kingdom of God can take true meaning.

2) By the word of Jesus, the king of the kingdom, the fruit was revealed in the marriage ceremony. Verse 9 says “and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside “the water was changed into the wine. That event reveals the meaning of God’s kingdom.

3) Christian’s marriage aims to accomplish the kingdom of God. What does it mean? Through the marriage we have to enjoy the grace of the Holy Spirit, righteousness, peace and delight except eating and drinking in the daily lives. So, we respect the marriage and the family so.

4) In Cambodia case, the marriage itself is a natural event in the world, but if it was disconnected to the kingdom of God, they shall lose true meaning of marriage. Without Christ their ceremony shall be empty. So only the Christian life can change the meaningless into true

blessing of the kingdom of God for the Holy Spirit is working in the marriage.

Why the Apostle Paul does reveal the result of the fullness of Holy Spirit as the sound marriage life with the love and obedience? (Eph.5:18ff) Only the Holy Spirit can change the corrupted marriage into the beautiful life.

So, we have to concentrate on establish the life of kingdom people in our lives, righteousness, peace and delight.

2. The marriage should be established by obeying the command of the Lord.

1) How was the event happened in the troubles? At the least there were two important conditions.

First, it was begun with Mary's pray. Verse 3 says "When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." The marriage always has some problems, those are; financial issue, physical issue, relationship issue and each kinds of problems. Then Mary asked to Jesus Christ. It was a prayer. It is very important thing. Actually, it is more important thing than the miracles. The communication itself between the Lord and the man is main purpose in our lives. Actually, it is the reality of the eternal life. The actual problems make the true prayer, enjoying the eternal life through the intimate relationship between God and the man. Then he assures that Jesus is the son of God, the almighty God who can solve every problem.

Second, she obeyed the word of God so she exhorted the servants "5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Her exhortation comes out of the answer of her prayer. This is the wisdom. Obedience is the main point of the true wisdom. Always it is the Lord - centric action. Obedience of the Word of God is the core of wisdom.

2) True marriage should be depended on the true relationship, prayer and obedience to the word of God as Mary did at that case.

So, when we meet some problems we have to solve them by prayer and obedience.

3. The marriage should be centered Christ in their union.

1) Without Christ, any marriage shall become unhappy in their lives. But with Christ the marriage will be changed into most beautiful marriage as changing the water into the wine.

After the event the chairman did not know the source but the servants knew the blessing of the true marriage. The text points not to the married persons but to the servants. Why? The true delight of the marriage belongs to the Lord and the obeying person, the people to unite with Christ. Christian marriage is a symbolism of true marriage between God and his people, the true union. So, we should respect any marriage in Christ.

2) In the future, our students will have marriage life in your personal life. I and all professors want that everybody longs the biblical marriage in your life.

Just like Isaac, you prepare your marriage through mediating before God. (Gen.) “ ”

3) We live in the chaos day of marriage in the world. In America the church has to solve the gay issue. And in Cambodia case we have to solve this humanistic problem of the marriage. I respect their customs, but want to inform the biblical marriage in the kingdom of God. They have been taken many hours in the marriage ceremony. We have to conscious of the problem about that issue biblically. I think that they do not know the true meaning of the marriage. The true marriage needs to

unite oneness in Christ. We have to lead them better direction in the marriage in Christ.

Conclusion:

1) My beloved students, In the future drew your godly marriage in your heart to glorify God. As the revelation of Cana event you have to prepare to make the biblical marriage in your life. You have to pray it to God. Then God shall help you for his glory.

2) I exhort that you concentrate on to study and to train the godly life and the word of God and overcome the temptation of the sinful desire. Your God shall help you faithfully.

Let's pray

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your wonderful grace and for your amazing love to us. In the Lord's Day, provide us your heavenly rest in our heart to understand the word of God. Clean our heart with the precious merit of cross of Jesus Christ. Open our heart to know and your truth. Provide your illumination to see the world of sound marriage in this time. I pray in the name of Jesus Amen.

Let's pray

Lord, we thank you for your wonderful plan for our eternal life, for you gave us the family system in the world. Help us to make our future marriage as the sound family to glorify God and enjoy God fully. Lord provides us the fullness of Holy Spirit and the abundance of Word of God to follow the faithful way of obedience and love. Especially hold our students with your wise power to follow you by self-denial, cross-

bearing. Bless our students to keep the godly life stream to despise the secular stream. Make them to follow the biblical marriage in their future. Especially make our all students become the godly husband and the godly wife. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

31. The Happy Confession of Peter (Mt 17:1-13)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

11 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the

Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

Let’s pray – Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace to our school. Lord, lead us to know you and your truth deeply. Provide us the wonderful illumination to see the world of the Word of God. Strengthen the students with your right arm to obey your word. Especially give your mercy to Cambodia church to know the Word of God. Now open our eyes to see the wilderness of Cambodia. Use our school to glory of the kingdom of God. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Introduction:

1) As Peter and his fellows, John and Andrew confessed “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” Their confession proved that they had already experienced the wonderful grace in their heart. Actually, we need that same experience. Think about their situation. They stay in a mountain, the very miserable place and very poor situation. They did not dwell at the beautiful resort, but they stayed at a certain unsoften, bad place. But they claimed strongly “It is good for us to be here.” Later Peter confessed the same thing to the Cappadocia Christians. “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance....⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,” (I Peter 1:1-8)

His wonderful experience should be ours. Especially when we study the word of God in the school every day, we have to expect that experience. Do you have such confession? In studying, in cleaning, and in evangelizing, when we meet some struggles, really do you enjoy that world? True happiness abides in Christ. We believe in it. In Cambodia ministry we need that experience.

2. Let's think how they took such wonderful experience through the text.

1. What event happened in that day?

1) Verses 1-3 say, "After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus." They were led by the Lord to see some specific things, "the revelation was appeared before them. This is the supernatural event.

Always as the event of revelation happen, the grace of God comes and the truth comes to us. Matthew 11:25-27 says ^{at} that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Revelation (apokalupsis) means to take away some veil to see the hidden things" The revelation of the life, the food in our Christian life. Without the revelation (vision) he shall be stupid and perishable.

So, we started new life at the moment that received the revelation of Jesus and every day we need the revelation in our actual life so as Paul pray to God to know the revelation, “¹I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[f] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesian1:16-19)

What did three disciples see in the mountain? They saw the transfiguration of Jesus. Verse 2 says” There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. “ What did they understand at that time? They assured that Jesus was not the simple person but God by touching the divine nature. They did not get the knowledge about God but got to know God truly in their heart. This knowledge is the eternal life. They enjoy the eternal life at that place. So, they claim that “Here is good.”

2) In our school life we have to check up this point. Have you confessed such facts in our school? If you have this confession you can be successful in your life. Why do you like this place? Because to get some new knowledge, new relationship and the new friendship. More important is to meet Jesus Christ, the Word of God. I want that every student meet Jesus Christ in the Scripture deeply here. This is our main goal. Without any relationship, any time, any place, we need this experience in our lives.

2. What is his wonderful experience?

1) Actually, although they confessed the wrong saying in ecstasy in the supernatural state, their experience is so important in our lives. When we read the Scripture, meditate the word of God and obey the word of God in our lives, we have to seek that experience. Sometimes we need fire, cool water, burning heart, boldness, deep repentance and assurance. We have to meet Jesus Christ in the daily life, moment by moment.

2) Although Cambodia weather is very hot and we are poisoned by many worms in our bodies, we need to pursue the wonderful experience. Then they saw that Jesus conversed with two persons, Moses and Elijah. What did they talk with one another? It was the departure of Jesus, his cross. Although they had other theme one another. Their theme is the death of Christ. Why did Jesus treat to that theme? Because it is the main purpose of his incarnation. Without the cross, all worlds, all people all culture and all things shall be meaningless. Without cross no blessing no salvation no heaven and no peace. As we know here two persons are very important person in redemption. They served the redemption in the Old Testament. Exciting experience is so important and also the soft relationship is very important but more important is the meaning of cross.

3) In our school life we have to focus that point. Every day we have to learn the cross life in our lives.

3. Whom did they see in his actual place?

1) Verse 5 says “While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” Then they asked for three tents on the mountains for three persons. Suddenly the cloud come to them and passed over them then they could see only Jesus. And they

listened to the voice out of above. “You listen to only his voice” Why did the Father God emphasized it? Because Jesus Christ is the only way only life and only truth. Moses and Elijah were only servants of the Son to accomplish the redemption in history through the cross. They learnt that only Jesus Christ is the source of happiness. So, our best concern must be to abide in Christ Jn 15:5. So we want to concentrate on Jesus Christ.

Ex: When I visited to the Amkor Watt, I had seen several people who meditated on the sitting state on the wet ground in castle. I did not ask who you are but I thought that they may Korean persons. I surprised at their passionate their religion, but I gave mercy to them because of their empty action, although they believe false teaching with their heart.

2) My beloved students, in the World we are tempted by secular pleasure very much. If we enjoy in Christ and in the word of God, we cannot overcome this temptation. During the training time we have to seek the sweetness in Jesus and his word, the Scripture as the Psalmists confessed by him.

Ps119:102 your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Ps119:143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight.

Peter remembered that at that time he looked at the glory of second coming of Jesus and he introduced us to participate into the more sweetness, the world of the Scripture. ¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”^[b] ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that

came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain....¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (IPeter1:16-19)

Can do you confess that here it is good? You can do that assuredly to God and to the people.

When we study the Scripture, we have to taste the sweetness in the Word of God.

At that time, we can thank God in our heart truly. Because our corrupted heart shall be able to be ruled over by the truth we can see the world of grace.

Conclusion:

1) In our mission ministry I can point that worst thing in our students. It is the unthankful heart to God and o the man. Although many people devoted themselves to them with their all sacrifice, they could not give thanksgiving to them. This is big problems to you. It proves that they could not find the wonderful world.

2) In this Thanksgiving Day our school students should thank to your parents and your teachers and your chancellors and your sponsors. Send your pure heart to them. Our father pleases that heart. Mat the grace of God to your heart.

Let's pray

32. The Purified Bride (Mt 25:1-13)

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for you.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Let’s pray,

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your wonderful grace and amazing love to us. Lord, open our eyes to know you and your truth. Provide us your illumination to see the world of truth. Make us strengthen with your wisdom, with your power to glorify God. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Introduction:

1) Mt. 24-25 is called for” the revelation of Matthew” because they reveal the signs of the eschatological time. They consisted of chapter 24 revealing the signs of last day, chapter 25 concluding three metaphors. Among them the first metaphor emphasized the preparation of Christians to accept the second coming Jesus. The metaphor reveals obviously the method to equip us through the attitude of ten virgins.

2) Now we think of the sound attitude to meet Jesus Christ as our bride. What is the wise virgin?

1. She prepares her future faithfully.

1) Verse 3-4 says, “3 the foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.” 5 wise virgins prepared their future with faithful

attitude but 5 foolish virgins did not prepare unfaithfully. Because of their ignorance five stupid virgins have no the serious tension in their lives. But the wise virgin prepared detailed items (lamps and oil) for the awakening consciousness.

2) We have to prepare our future faithfully because God gave us the best things. Sometimes we misunderstand that our present suffering proves God's weak love to us. But the scripture emphasize that God treat us with unfailing love every day and every moment.

Ecclesiastics 7:14 says "When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this:

God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future. "Why does God permit two kinds things in our actual life? When we don 't knows the future, we can become humble attitude, trembling attitude and passionate heart to obey the Word of God.

So, Paul says "¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. (II Cor 7:11) "When we have the anxiety of repentance, we approach to the seat of the life.

= So, we have to prepare our future faithfully.

2. She keeps to awake in her lives.

1) What is their big problem? They did not know the retuning time of his bride. So, they should endure any situation to meet him. Although they do not know the settled time they are waiting him, this is the way of Christians. In the duration of aspiration, she may be tempted by several environments, sleeping, taking rest. It is very difficult to endure his coming. Is different each other.

2) The way of Christians is narrowing, tough but is filled with the eternal life. The way is wonderful joy in amazing love. In our school life we have to taste this experience. Therefore, we have to be awakening before God.

Ex: Last Saturday I met two monks in pagoda. The place is very good environment. They read the Scripture but do not know the meaning of the Scripture. What is the main teaching of Buddhism? One of them told me about does not commit sins. Did the Buddha solve the sins? No. Save yourself for your selves out of sins. Then I told the gospel. We live in the Buddhism of 95 % people in Cambodia. What shall we do? We have to awake towards this world.

Therefore, we have to long to the grace. Then we can get the wonderful grace out of the Lord.

So, the Scripture taught to focus on the aspiration. Actually, aspiration abundant life. This is the awakening life. We have to walk to that way.

3. She waits for the bridegroom with oil.

1) The five wise virgin has the oil. This point is different to the silly virgin. The oil means the Holy Spirit. Already we received the Holy Spirit but we have to be provided by God the grace of Spirit. The Scripture emphasize that they should receive the Spirit. Why did the Scripture stress it toward the church? Because we need the grace of Holy Spirit. Without the power we cannot live the normal Christian life in the school.

2) When they meet urgent situation in them they are not worry about that. Because they have oil, the source of all resource. So, we have to long the grace in our heart any situation.

3) I want to challenge this thing for you. Whenever you study the Scripture you have to wonderful experience. Just like the Psalmist did

in his life. Ps119:97-100 says. ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,

Conclusion:

My beloved students

Live as the wise virgins in your school life. Prepare your future,
awake in the Spirit and love the Holy Spirit.

33. The Foundation of the Church (Eph2:19-22) – presbytery sermon (10/28/2013)

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Introduction:

1) First of all, we thank God for the first presbytery meeting since we had begun with the establishment of the presbytery of CBPCP today, here. This proves the wonderful love of God towards Cambodian church. We have many thankful conditions in our ministry. We thank

God for preaching the gospel to Cambodia, for studying the word of God regularly, for preparing the future workers and having the reformed presbytery. Especially, above of all, the presbytery should keep the sound doctrine, the Scripture. This is the main purpose of our presbytery establishment.

In this time the Apostle Paul 's thought about a little but important doctrine of the church. The Apostle uses the house metaphor to explain what the church is to us. Verse2:20 "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

First, Christ is the owner of the church.

1) We do not believe that the church is building but we do believe that the church is the assembly of Christians who accepted Jesus Christ as their savior and their Lord. So, when we believe in Jesus as our Lord, we have changed into the new creature. We are born again by the Holy Spirit, we have the eternal life and we have remission, we have the eternal life, the Holy Spirit. We believe that fact. Do not you think so? So, we are the church that is united with Christ. Only Christ is our owner, our Lord as Paul says in verse 21-22, "21 in him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Who is our y what our owner? It is Jesus Christ.

2) Many people misunderstand that the owner is the man. Pastor, elder or, congregation. No only Christ is the owner of church. But Christ led the church through the pastor. Only the pastor is the servant

of Christ. The servant should obey absolutely to Christ. If he does not obey his owner's words, he cannot become his servant.

3) Our presbytery is the servant of Christ to glorify God. When we discuss some things and settle some things, we have to accept the contents because of our owner's will.

Second, the church should stand firm on the Scripture.

1) Verses 20 say "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." What does it mean? A building consisted of main the cornerstone, the foundation and another structures.

The cornerstone is Christ; the foundation is the apostles and the prophets in the New Testament. And the frames are all Christians and the gentiles in the earth consisted of the Jew and the gentiles.

Do you experience that the Scripture is the living word? Because of this experience we devote ourselves the Scripture.

2) Our presbytery and churches are building in the Cambodia history. We have to assure four important things. What are they? 1) Sola Scriptura (We should admit 66 books as the Word of God very well. 2) Soli Fidei (We are saved out of sins not by work but by faith.) 3) Sola gratia (Only grace Eph2:8-9 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.) and soli Dei Gloria.(I Corin.10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.)

Third, the church shall be building until the second coming of Christ.

- 1) The church of Christ is building in the world until the second coming of Christ. So, we need the tension, creation and owner in the tension. So, God called for us for this ministry.
- 2) Cambodia church is building in the earth. So, we have to offer our many troubles to this ministry because the Lord gave the mission to us in order to imitate the image of God.

Conclusion:

- 1) My beloved presbytery pastors, remember the teaching of Apostle Paul in this time. Let's take that assurance to the church to glorify God and to enjoy God.

Let's pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace to us. Strengthen your servants with your right hand Provide the fullness of Holy Spirit and give them assurance to the sound doctrine, reformed theology and its faith. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

34. The Foundation of the Church (Eph2:19-22) (10/31/2013)

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Introduction:

1) We thank God for preaching the gospel to Cambodia, for studying the word of God regularly, for preparing the future workers and having the reformed presbytery. Above of all, we should keep the sound doctrine, the Scripture. This is the main purpose of our study and our ministry.

2) In the text, we can find that the Apostle, Paul thought about very important doctrine of the church. The Apostle uses “the house metaphor” to explain what the church is. Verse 2:20 “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

3) What is the church? We have to admit the fact that the school is the church in our heart deeply. Our Lord is working in the church wonderfully. Do you believe in it? So, we have to make sure some truth about the church in our heart. I can find three things in the text.

First, Christ is the owner of the church.

1) We do not believe that the church is building but we do believe that the church is the assembly of Christians who accepted Jesus Christ as their savior and their Lord. So, when we believe in Jesus as our Lord, we have changed into the new creature. We are born again by the Holy Spirit, we have the eternal life and we have remission, we have the Holy Spirit. We believe that fact. Don't you think so? So we are the church that is united with Christ. Only Christ is our owner, our Lord as Paul says in verse 21-22, “21 in him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” Who is our owner? It is Jesus Christ.

2) Many people misunderstand that the owner of church is the man, a pastor, an elder or, a congregation. No, only Jesus Christ is the owner of church. But Christ led the church through the pastor. So, the pastor is only the servant of Christ. The servant should obey absolutely to Christ. If he does not obey his owner's words, he cannot become his servant.

3) Our school students are the servants of Christ to glorify God. When we discuss some things, settle some things and studies some truth, we have to accept them because of our owner's will and also should obey them in our lives.

4) Ex: When our school begins with the reformed theology, our school settled several important things in the board. Among them our school should establish on the personal godly life to follow Jesus. So, we have emphasized that all students should prohibit the UN proper relationship between the male and the female. Why? Because we want to be faithful to the calling of God we have to caution the thing. This is the will of our owner toward the school. I do not know our student's situation deeply. But I believe that we must go to the narrow way for the will of our owner.

Second, the church should stand up firm on the Scripture.

1) Verses 20 say "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." What does it mean? Generally, a building consisted of the cornerstone, the foundation and another structures. The cornerstone is Christ, the foundation is the apostles and the prophets in the New Testament, and the frames are all Christians who consisted of the Jew and the gentiles. So the church stand firm on Christ, Apostle and prophets that is the scripture. Today when we stand firm on the Scripture it is the best blessed life.

2) Our school, our churches are building in the Cambodia history. We have to assure four important things about the salvation of the Scripture. What are they?

(1) Sola Scriptura (We should admit 66 books as the Word of God very well.

(2) Soli Fidei (We are saved out of sins not by work but by faith.)

(3) Sola Gratia (Only grace Eph2:8-9 8 for it is by grace you have been saved, through

Faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no

One can boast.)

(4) And Soli Dei Gloria. (I Corin.10:31 so whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.)

This is our purpose in our school life. Today we have to concentrate on them. Do you enjoy these mottoes? Your faith should stand firm on the Scripture. Then you shall see the glorious events in your life.

Third, the church shall be building gradually as the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness until the second coming of Christ.

1) The church of Christ is building in the world until the second coming of Christ. As the constructing process meets many strange things, we need the tension, the creation, struggles and power. So, God called for us for this ministry.

2) Cambodia church is building in the earth by the Lord. So, we have to offer our many troubles to this ministry because the Lord gave

the mission to us. Then we shall enjoy the abundant grace, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

Conclusion:

My beloved students remember the teaching of Apostle Paul in this morning. Let's take that such assurance (church's owner is Christ; the church stand firm on the Scripture and the church is built by Holy Spirit until the second coming) to glorify God and to enjoy God.

35. The Godliness we have to Possess at the Last Time (II Tim. 3:1-9)

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. 9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

* **Objective:** We can overcome the suffering of the last time with godliness.

* **Introduction:**

(1) We feel the quickness of the time passing. When we say, “Peace, peace!” suddenly, the event will happen suddenly, as like the pregnant woman begot a baby. The second coming of our Lord will also suddenly happen to us so we need to prepare for that event so we can present ourselves without shame. Paul called the time that such an event will happen as the last day. (I Tim 4:1) “The Spirit clearly says that in later times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (Acts 2:16-17) “No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:” in the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” The last days in the Scripture tells us that from the birth of Christ to the second coming of Christ, it will be terrible times (Verse 1). It means that a terrible event will happen before the second coming of Jesus Christ. Recently, we know that our global environment is serious: earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, and hurricanes destroying our ozone layer, the making of small atom bombs, transforming the genes in animals and plants are all things that will have happened and will happen in the last days. We

must know that our Lord's coming is near. 2000 years ago, Paul had been inspired by the Holy Spirit to tell us of the happenings of the last days. Also, he taught us spiritual wisdom to avoid troubling things.

1. What happens on the last day?

1. Modern people are filled with excess humanism, which is new Age and Post modernism. The Scripture already had prophesied lots of signs in that day. Especially Paul told us that the last day is the time of suffering. The suffering of Verse I mean "dangerous." The dangerous world exhibits 18 characteristics. We can divide them as 6 kinds:

1) The Excess Egoism, Self -centered life, affection of money.

This man cannot follow the Lord. If a man receives the grace of God he will have a neighbor- centered life.

For example, the successful have 20 features, those are 1) greet 3 seconds before than the other did. 2) Greet to the person who not need greetings 3) thinks it in the view of the other 4) he does not say, "If something exists." 5) He does not excuse. These things are what the neighbor –centered person have to possess.

2) Arrogance

"Boastful, proud, abusive"

The background of a Self-centered life is proud. Calvin told that the greatest sin of Christian life is boasting. When we are humble, God shall heal our miserable earth.

(II Chron. 7:14)

3) Rebellion against the authority

- “disobedience to their parents, ungrateful, unholy”
- The people destroy the authority in our lives.
- Example: New age movement (post modernism, unbiblical feminism).

4) **Advocating**

- “without love, unforgiving, slanderous”
- The Scripture called the devil as advocates, “slanderous.”
- As Isaac, though the church is harmful, it has to forgive with our enemies.

We have to learn the prayer of Stephen. (Acts 7:59-60) “Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.”

= The Church of Christ should be filled with mercifulness.

5) **Non-self-control**

- “without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited.”
- They cast themselves into the desires of self devotedly, like a broken brake of a car, unable to exercise full self-control.
- If we do not learn self-control from the Holy Spirit, we can fall down into a state without self-control gradually.

6) **Pleasure**

- “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness

But denying its power.”

The culture of Japan is called the culture of joy. That’s very miserable.

2. Right now, we meet six factors of the above in our culture. Also, we feel strongly that the Second Coming of our Lord will happen during our days on Earth. What are the assurances that the Lord Prophesized about the signs of last day in Matthew 24: -25:

- The signs include the same situation of the flood of Noah
- The time of Lot
- The metaphor of the fig tree means the independence of Israel

- There are acts of struggling, warfare, earthquakes, and famine in the world. Now we can meet such things in our environments. Here, a more important sign exists. What is that?

= The evangelization of the gospel in the world is the last sign of the second coming of Jesus.

2. We can overcome the suffering of the Last day with godliness.

1. How can we overcome the suffering of the last hours? Paul claimed that only godliness of saints overcome against that tribulation. (Verse 5) “Having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

2. How can we receive the power of godliness?

1) We have to throw away the habit of ungodliness

- “Have nothing to do with them.” (5)

The cult attacks the wickedness of the Christians so we should take away the false doctrine unconditionally for only the Scripture is the true doctrine that consists of godliness.

2) We have to learn the truth, the word of God.

- Verse 7 tells us of “always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.”

- Paul quotes that Janne and Jambus opposed Moses in order to warm the false doctrine.

= (Ex. 7:11) We have to have a heart trained by the truth. In other words, we have to be devoted to the studies of the Scripture. Whenever we need the Bible, we leave to experience the change of heart by the power of the Holy Spirit, like a fire, a fresh spring, and a hammer.

This experienced knowledge makes us overcome the temptations of false doctrine on the last day.

*** Conclusion:**

(1) We pass through the church of suffering on the last day. We feel that the content of the prophecies, which our Lord and Apostles had told, appeared in our age. We have to arm ourselves with the godliness of the apostles in order to complete the kingdom of God in our lives.

36. The Community of Saving Faith (II Tim 1:1-7)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

***Objective:** We have to keep the sound faith by receiving some spiritual gifts for our ministry.

***Introduction:**

(1) Most people like to focus on the external part in the Christian life, but the Bible concentrates on the internal part in the lives. One of these proofs is the teaching of the Second Epistle of Timothy. The book has informed for the last book among the Prison Epistles which are the first epistle of Timothy, Ephesian, Philippian, Colossian, Titus and Philemon. Probably this book was written just before his death at Roman prison (AD.69). He wanted to tell to the church of Christ the most important message that they should proclaim strongly toward the world. Of course, He had taught the doctrine about the universal church which also includes us. Without changing his first conviction, the Apostle had kept on it till the point of his death. What did Paul expect? He expected that the church of our Lord will be established on the sound faith. Before he was killed for the gospel, Paul had sent Timothy, who was his son of faith, and established the community of Christ at Ephesus. Moreover, Paul himself showed a model of faith to Timothy through his conviction that without exchanging his mission he had kept on the same way. His first confession is, “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me- the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace” (Acts20:24). Finally, also his last confession is” I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith” (II Tim. 4:7).

(2) What is the purpose that Paul pursued with his whole life after his conversion at Damascus? What is the main purpose of his ministry? It is to accomplish the community of falseness faith”. (4-5)

When we think of the event of Balaam in the Old Testament (Num24:-25), we learn that the responsibility of the church leader is very important. The influence of his false teaching demonstrates that all Israel worshipped the idols and 4200 Israelite were killed by a plague from God. Therefore, we have to concentrate to keep on our sound faith. This is true power and true blessing that the church should possess.

Now I would like to think about the importance of biblical faith and the method to keep on it.

1. Why does the church have to keep the biblical faith?

1. The “Biblical faith (saving faith)” is a very important treasure that the church has to possess; the church has to keep the treasure eagerly. Our church can meet several problems but more important problem is the difficulty of following biblical faith. This problem occurs when the foundation of the church attacked by the sinful nature that is most dangerous in our lives and in our ministries.

2. Paul thanked God by rejoicing in Spirit because Timothy had possessed the sound faith. (3-4) The Christians should not stay on the false faith but on the true faith by encouraging one another. They shouldn’t pursue on the temporary faith or the miraculous faith or the historical faith. If they give up true faith, the line of faith can be broken. Therefore, even if they have to struggle with their faith, if they keep on the sound faith, their prayer and spiritual burden can change this miserable world into gracious and peaceful world. So, Paul could greet to the church, “Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.” (2)

3. What is the sound faith? Paul tells us three facts that the saving faith must have.

1) Because the faith is founded on the promise of life.

The verse 1 “according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus” suggests that it has certain roots based on the strong foundation. In the prophecy of Balaam, we can see a prophesy of the messiah. We are surprised at observe that the messiah would come through the root of Judah miraculously. The thought of a human being is different to what God thinks. 450 messianic prophecies of Old Testament were accomplished by Jesus Christ in God’s will. So, Paul tells us that it is the promise of life. If anyone believes in Christ as his Lord and savior, he directly takes the life, but if he doesn’t accept him as his Lord he has already received the judgment. Do you have the saved faith to build on the foundation of the Scripture?

A Chinese Christian came in the United States of America and gave a testimony of his country to me, which is the Northern China. They wrote down all the Scriptures on a piece of paper to make a Bible. Then the Chinese thought that a Bible saves one soul. So, they could commit themselves to write it wholeheartedly because they believed that the Word of God is the truth and only the promised life.

2) Because we serve the living God with a clean conscience in faith.

A standing Buddha, a sleeping Buddha, and a sitting Buddha, cannot move but our God is alive. So, serving Him is a wonderful blessing. If we ask him something, he exactly answers, if we cry to him, He shall accept our prayers and solve his problems”. So, the Psalmist of Psalm 139: confesses, “Examine the kind of sin that I have”.

The Scripture expressed the conscience as “heart”, “spirit”. It means “together with science”. Paul called for an unrepentant conscience as “a conscience sealed with a hot iron” or “a harden heart”. It is like the function of a physical kidney. For example, if the kidney is out of order

medically, the poison spreads out on other organs because of the weak activity of the kidney and all bodies will be swallowed, if our good conscience is dull, we can lose an absolute standard. Therefore, we have to try keeping a pure conscience. As our Lord tells us “blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God (Mt5:8)”. So, we have to serve the Lord with a clean heart without sin.

Whenever I think of church elders, I always remember the criteria of 24 elders revealed in the Revelation of John, who have a golden harp (new song) in one hand and a golden vessel (prayer) in another hand. What does it mean? It means that the clean heart is very important in serving the living God.

How can we have a clean heart? Only through the blood of Jesus Christ our heart can be cleaned through the recovery of our dirty conscience. When the Spirit points our sin concretely under the light of revelation, we have to confess (agree) to God and accept the merit of Jesus Christ on the cross to apply into my heart by believing the power of his precious blood. Then we can restore the clean heart to be able to serve the living God. And we can serve God with praise and prayer. His death is very powerful effective to clean our sins.

3) It is a traditional faith.

Our faith based on the Word does not come out of ourselves but out of God. Nobody has received it by self- examination, but from hear the Word of God preached by faith which God gave us without price, So Paul emphasized that our salvation comes by faith. This faith came to Timothy from Roys (Timothy’s grandmother) and Eunice who was his mother. His family was international; his father is Jew and his mother Greek. The false faith begot false faith but true faith begot true faith.

“The faith to honor God informed through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was accomplished by Christ from the works of the Holy Spirit. So, the Pentecostal fire of Holy Spirit had come to them. When Paul preached the Word of God at Iconion in the minor Asia, Timothy would be born again and become a pastor. God did not despise a traditional faith to keep this sound faith.

In order to keep the sound faith, we have to examine above three facts.

2. How can we keep the falseness faith?

Paul taught us two things.

1) The regenerated heart will be kept through our lives.

Timothy who was suffered in Christ had been filled with fear. He got pastoral worry, lots troubles in him. Although he had many helpers, any trouble makers happened in his ministry. Also, Paul is same case. Then Paul exhorted that they have to keep the heart God gave him. What are they?

First, it is the heart of power. When he comes across a difficult thing, he could overcome it by that heart. Secondly it is the heart of love. It means that he solves some problems with the love of God. And also, it is the heart of self-control. It means a waking heart or a discerning heart. I Tim 1:3 tell us that the purpose of commands (the law or the gospel) is the love to come out of heart. It is very difficult for us to keep the false less faith. We always have to watch out all our lives for this thing.

2) The spiritual gift of our heart should be revived by God’s grace.

- Verse 4 shows us that Paul long to see you. Why does he want to see Timothy? He wanted that he fans into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of his hands. It means that Timothy may

receive the anointing of Holy Spirit and preach the Word of God powerfully in his church for keeping the falseness faith.

Most people concentrate on a crowd, but our Lord concerns to the faith of a little mustard. So, we need to study the Scripture and pray without ceasing our lives.

One day when some disciples who sleeked to receive a large faith, Jesus answered that if you have a faith as small as a mustard seed, you can do all things. It means that we need to do every life faithfully. From my heart the grace of faith spreads to my neighbors.

*** Conclusion:**

(1) Today we should not lose the purpose of our ministries. Why do we try to take the goal? For Jesus to keep the false less faith is our purpose in our ministries. We can find that lots of ships of faith have been wrecked by much failure of temptations. How many Christians are wandering around his lives.

My beloved brothers! Watch out to the false faith in your ministry. If you try to keep the apostolic faith, the Lord surly shall give you the wonderful power for your ministry.

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