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Preface

Sequence

The Method to follow God (Josh.1:1-9) 1/5/2014

After the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.5

7“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Telos: You should follow God by having the confident heart, by obeying God completely.

Introduction:

1) Greeting, first of all I am glad to meet you again in the will of God. Especially for me I praise God for his wonderful work in my way through several things. First. God gave his grace to me for my daughter Esther had been restored out of her very chronicle serious sickness. At the last Christmas she stayed at my home for two night. I appreciate you for your constant prayer. Then I understood that our God works that sometimes he works with 100 miles per hour and also sometimes he works with 10 miles per hour for his glory. In this time, I realized that

fact again in my life. Although we want to be solved our issues in our lives, God works slowly through the process of training. This fact is revealed in the book of Joshua obviously.

2) As we know, the book of Joshua is not a story but a actual direction that reveals how to follow God's leading. For his success and his prosperity, how did he follow God?

Comment- I began with my greeting to reach the text. I expect that it makes the common place in my preaching. Then I suggested to pull the congregation to my personal fairly experience – it is my testimony to make connect some relationship between me and my congregation.

I. First, Joshua followed God with strong heart. (5-6)

1) “No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. **6**Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. “

Joshua, who received the great mission, needed the courage. God promised not to leave him and his ministry. He emphasized “be strong and very courage.” What does it mean? It means that he needs the strong faith. (7, 9)**7**“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. **9**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” True faith is expressed as courage because God is the background of strong power. Whoever takes God the almighty as his foundation shall be strong, bold and not give up his step. As we know, David confessed only the Lord as his strong power in using 8 metaphors in psalms chapter 18: those are; the rock, the fortress, the power, the refuge, the deliverer, the strength, the stronghold, the shield and the horn. (1-5) Just like David, Joshua followed the Lord with the strong heart.

The division began with the exegesis.

2) So, the text reveals that the source of power must be “to walk with

God.” What does it mean? It is Immanuel. Strong encouragement comes out of Immanuel “God be with him”, (5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you., refer to verse 9) Actually Immanuel is the summarized term of all God's grace, those are, the presence of God, the fullness of Holy Spirit, the source of blessing and the power of God.

3) Do you have such strong heart in front of this year in our school life? If you want to occupy this year in Christ at your present situation have this powerful heart that Holy Spirit provide through the meditating the Word of God. Although you meet some big problem as stone, first make sure this heart. And seek to it to God sincerely before God in your prayer time. Then you shall receive that surely. Matthew 7:7-8 says “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8**For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “

II. Second, God demands the complete obedience.

1) Secondly, we should remember that strong courage comes out of the complete obedience. Verses 7-8 reveal that fact. Whoever obeys “the written words”, the Law shall be prosperous. So, the Lord told to keep all the word of God and his mouth do not depart out of the Law. “And also, the meditation was emphasized in his heart. Why God emphasize to meditate the Word of God? Here to meditate means to think some themes repeatedly in his mind with proper action those speaking, writing and murmuring. When we concentrate on the word of God shall work in our minds. The secret that breaks out the strong disobedience must be to meditate the Word of God. Therefore, we should enjoy the spiritual abundance through the meditation of the Word of God as the Psalms 1:2. “but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his Law Day and night.”

- Do you have this plan to meditate the word of God in the new year?

Any case, any place and any time, if you meditate the word of God in your mind, you shall find the wonderful grace in your life. Why? The Word of God is the revelation shone in your life as a light. If you want to meet the sun of righteousness in Malachi 4:2 (But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.) And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves., you need to meditate the word of God. In this year we should approach to this point in our school life. So, Psalmist confessed that he meditates the word of God for all day long (Ps. 119: 97) “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.” and also, he praises 7 time every day. “Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.” (164)

Why? Because through that action he could experience the wonderful grace in the Word of God as the sweet tastes, the burning taste and the abundant tastes. “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” May the grace of God be with you. (163)

2) So, God stressed, “so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” (8) As we obey the word of God, God promised the prosperity and success.

In our future lives we should follow on the way of obedience any time, any place, then God provides the wonderful events and the unspeakable grace to us. If we fall down into miserable state, do not worry about that. Obey the word of God at that situation with your own best to God. Our Lord absolutely shall keep his faithful promise.

And also, in our faithful ministry we should believe that God shall take care of us. Look at two case in Christ birth events, then we can find wonderful more obvious fact in them.

Ex: in the case of magi we can find it. They pursued on the star on the sky in order to meet messiah who is the savior of the world, and as they meet some suffering they obeyed the Lord although their enemy set some snare on them.

Ex: In the Joseph and Mary case, we can find the wonderful fact. They met some tribulation in the process of obedience. Then they had some

struggles to overcome the situation in their wondering mind, but when they know the will of God, they could avoid the crisis. Obedience in Christ is very important.

In this year what do you want to do in your situation? The first action should be the obedience in your life. The obedience to the Word of God should be our purpose in our lives. Do you believe in it?

Conclusion:

What is the method to follow the Lord in our lives? It is the obedience and submission to the Word of God. So, we concentrate on to meditate the Scripture in our heart. Then we shall experience the reality of blessing that Psalms 1:3 points to us. Let's go to that place in our year.

The Spiritual Authority of Joshua (Joshua 1:10-18) 1/21/2014

So, Joshua ordered the officers of the people: **11**“Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’”

12But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, **13**“Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you after he said, ‘The LORD your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’ **14**Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, ready for battle, must cross over ahead of your fellow Israelites. You are to help them **15**until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

16Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. **17**Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. **18**Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!”

Introduction:

1) The absolute obedience of all the Israelite to the first command of Joshua established the spiritual authority. (17 Just as their fathers fully obeyed Moses, so They will obey Joshua. Only may the LORD your God be with Joshua as he was with Moses.) To establish the spiritual authority is very important to accomplish the will of the Lord in our lives.

2) How does the spiritual authority establish?

1) First, it shall be established by following the command of God. (16 Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.) It is to follow what God command, because it is his will in that situation. Then Joshua commanded to the Israel

leaders to prepare the necessary food for crossing the Jordan river within 3 days.(10-11 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: **11**“Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’) to aid the other tribes until occupying the remaining land to the 2 ½ tribes.(12-13**12**But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, **13**“Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you after he said, ‘The LORD your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’) This was the repeated command that Moses gave to Israel. The spiritual authority shall be established not by executing the great thing, but by being faithful to a small thing. In other words, it means that it shall be established by giving attention on the word of God. Why? Because it is the absolute authority of God.

In our Christian life we have to establish the spiritual authority by following the word of God faithfully. When we say something to our neighbors just like God did to us. Especially preachers and teachers need to sustain the authority in the ministry. Therefore, they should try to hide in the word of God. They should love to accept the teaching of God. When we read the word of God and listen to it, we should attach to the authority of the Scripture in order to reveal only the power of God as Paul did in the Corinthian church. “And I, when I came to you, brothers,^a did not come proclaiming to you the testimony^b of God with lofty speech or wisdom. **2**For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3**And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, **4**and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5**that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”(ICorin.2:1-4)

2) Second, it shall be established by Immanuel. Look at the verse 17. (17 Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses.) Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. The faith to be with God has the authority of God. Literally it means Immanuel, “the union with God, the presence of God, and true salvation.

Although it is very simple state, it is very important to execute the divine authority in our ministry. In our actual school life, we should concentrate on the life walking with God by personal godly activities.

As we find that Israel overcome their enemies by depending on God, the events of the Acts also reveals the same principles, the authority of being with God continuously.

- The ministry of apostles – they longed the power of God.
- The house of Cornelius - they waited for the work of God.
- The ministry of Peter – he watched on the work of Holy Spirit.
- The ministry of Paul – he served in the grace of God humbly. In a short word, their successful ministry came out of Immanuel.

= Actually, we have to concentrate on the work being with God. What do you think of this issue? Are you conscious of God's presence in your school life?

3) Third, it shall be sustained by longing the Word of God with spiritual tension faithfully (18 Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!).

- What is the Word of God? It is the written word and the oral word told through Moses what God said. Now it is the Scripture.
- So, we want to hide in the Word, with the word and on the word in our lives. Then the authority of the Word establishes our authority. As we know, the Apostle Paul proclaims that “[32](#)And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts20:32)”
- What does it mean? He assured that the word of God has the same authority of the Lord. His ministry of word is the work that the Lord Himself works in the ministry.

Conclusion:

1) My beloved student, where is your authority? You have to concentrate to establish the word of God in your school life. Now you are working the work of the Lord. Absolutely God shall establish the authority in your heart and in your ministry.

2) In the spiritual chaos day, we have to concentrate on keeping the authority by obeying the word of God, by assuring Immanuel and by longing the will of God with spiritual tension.

In this year Let's keep the spiritual authority in our school lives.

The Gospel that Rahab Receives (Joshua 2:1-14) 1/12/2014

1And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. 2And it was told to the king of Jericho, “Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.” 3Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.” 4But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. 5And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” 6But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. 7So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

8Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof 9and said to the men, “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction 11And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. 12Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a sure sign 13that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” 14And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.

Introduction:

1) The gospel is not limited to the New Testament but already had revealed in the Old Testament. The salvation event of Rahab reveals the fact to us very well out of the text. As we see the reality in the symbolism, we can enjoy the abundant grace of our amazing salvation. So, when we read the Scripture, intensely we have to search for the reality among many pictorial revelations. What did the text reveal to us about them?

First, it revealed the good news concerning God.

Although she had lived at the Old Testament, she knew some information, those are; the event of crossing the red sea, the event of occupying their strong tribes with the power of God, the event of guiding through the pillar of cloud and the pillar of the fire and the event of eating the quail and the manna in the wilderness, through the rumor. So, she assured that the Lord is the only God in the heaven and the earth.

Verses 10-11 say, “[10](#)For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction [11](#)And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.”

Rahab had got the specific grace to hear the good news and to accept them in the tribes of Canaan just like we did today. True faith comes out of listening to the Word of God, even it is appeared by several types in our situation, although she belonged to the miserable place of pagan nations, the symbols of Satan’s people.

How can we understand the fact that she received the gospel? Because she confessed “the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath” to the Israelite spies. Her pagan knowledge of god

had been changed by the biblical knowledge. This knowledge changed his divine knowledge that is the most important in her life. This is the true gospel.

Paul's gospel includes the transformed knowledge from believing the merit of Christ. (Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, [7](#)rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.(Col2:6-7)

And also, Peter's gospel emphasized 7 virtue that a Christian should grow up in his life, those are; faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly love.

What is your faith? Really do you have true gospel like Rahab did? I mean that you have to assure your knowledge of biblical divine God, as Rahab had in the dangerous situation. So, we can assume that she was born again by the Word of God that come to her in a type of rumor.

= In our school life always, we contact the Word of God, the special revelation. At the good chance, we should concentrate on to listen to the Word of God. And also, we have to sustain to feel the presence of God through meditating the word in the passionate praying.

= Especially I appreciate God for making sure your faith in Christ Jesus through several learning in the baptism class. I have heard that fourteen persons prepare to receive the baptism. What is the baptism? As we know, as Rahab did, we accepted Jesus Christ as my savior by repentance and proclaim my faith to the church, "I am a Christian by accept Jesus Christ as my savior." Are you born again Christian truly? May the grace of God be with you all by the ceremony.

Second, she served the Lord as the King of kings.

The gospel of Rahab made her to be taken the courage to refuse the command of the king of Jericho because she was more afraid of the command of God than the command of Jericho king's command.

[12](#)Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign [13](#)that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from

death.”

As we know, the situation of Rahab that she should devoted herself to the command of Jericho’ king, just like she had the same attitude of Moses against the command of Pharaoh. Hebrew 11:24-27 says “[24](#)By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, [25](#)choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. [26](#)He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. [27](#)By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.” How could she refuse against the command of the king? Because he found the greatest king, Jehovah who rules over all the universe, she could choose the way.

True faith shall be product by finding the world of the revelation, in a word, the Scripture. So, we should give the most attention on the text of the scripture to know God and His character. Whenever we find the fact naturally we cannot help devoting ourselves to God, for the revelation is the life. God works the wonderful things in our heart through the revelation. As the result we shall be changed.

When we prepare our future ministry, we should take the same experimental in our personal activities. When we study, think, talk and relate to our neighbors, we should be moved into such understanding out of miserable knowledge. In this school life we should develop to that place.

= Who is your king, your Lord? Jesus Christ or, your ego, your family? We can find many weak Christians in our actual life, although they claim that they serve Jesus as their king and their savior. Do you serve Jesus as your real king in your lives? I remember a real story. A christen girl refused to follow his non-Christian father’s exhortation in order to follow his king, Jesus Christ. Although her father cried out against Jesus who was one who snatched his only pretty girl, she had gone to Africa missionary to obey her king, Jesus Christ. The Scripture says obviously “[34](#)“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. [35](#)For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. [36](#)And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. [37](#)Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. [38](#)And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39](#)Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt. 10:34-39)

Third, the salvation of all family was happened in it.

It was the wonderful privilege to accomplish the salvation of Rahab's family through receiving the true mark of Rahab that was provided out of the Lord as Act 16:31 points us. "And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

The scripture teaches that true relationship is very important. True salvation tends to go to the salvation of all family through a family member. "And you will be saved, you and your household."

Actually, the faith of Rahab is same faith that the jailer of Philipppo took. It is very nature in the world of truth. If we have accepted the real gospel, we experienced wonderful personal salvation, forgiveness of sins, purpose, power and peace. And then we want to proclaim it to my family not to go to hell. We believe that my gospel can change my family by the power of Holy Spirit. Do you believe in it?

In Cambodia we can find the matric centric society? Generally, a family has 7-10 family members. It is biblical. It is one of good sound in the world. We have important mission to evangelize the family. This is very important mission to us. When I assured the gospel, the gospel should influence absolutely. Do you believe in it? The gospel is the powerful news in our lives.

= Do you believe that Rabab's gospel is the same of our gospel? Do you apply that powerful promise to your family and your country? Now our God challenge you to proclaim the gospel to your situation.

Conclusion;

My beloved students, have the gospel of Rahab and respond to it positively in your heart. By faith proclaim the gospel to your family.

God shall help you with powerful grace. Please remember that God is waiting that all people shall be saved out of miserable state.

Let's pray: Dear Lord, make us seen the Rahab's gospel in our heart to apply to me and my family to get eternal life. Lead us to the wonderful world of gospel to know God and your truth. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Old Church gathered at Rahah's House (Joshua 2:15-24)

1/15/2014

5So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. **16**She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

17Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us **18**unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. **19**If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. **20**But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

21“Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

22When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them.

23Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. **24**They said to Joshua, “The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

Introduction:

1) According to the sermon of Stephen, the family of Rahab should be the church.

"He was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who spoke to

him on Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he received living words to pass on to us. “(Act 7:38) Why? Because they have some proofs that the church should possess in them, we can call for the church of the Lord in the Old Testament.

2) What are the proofs of the true church?

First, they have the fear of God.

1) Verse 18 says “unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.” Do you know the fear of God in the passage? Through Rahab their family were gathered at her house with the fear of the Lord, Jehovah. Why did they gather in the one house? Because they wanted to be saved out of the judgement of God at Jericho., although they did not experience the grace of Lord’s power but by believing the promise of spies her house members believe on the Jehovah in the Old Testament. They had the fear of the Word of God and affection of the Lord of Israel. Just this is the church that the power of hades cannot overcome any miserable situation.

2) True church should have the assurance of the fear of the Lord and affection of the Lord. Ps chapter 2:11-12 points that two element, fear and love, trembling and kissing are united in his heart. Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son,

lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

This is the faith, Although the Rehab’s family lived in the Old Testament day before Christ’s first coming, they possessed the life through accepting the Word of God unconditionally in their heart. This was the work of Holy Spirit. This work has been happened continuously in the world.

Our important mission shall be to establish the church of Christ. I heard

of the information out of board chairman pastor Kim Sang Duck, at the long time ago, his church established the several church buildings at Mexico in south America. He had worshipped at that churches. When they had visited at the church building again, their buildings were destroyed gradually because the neighbors stolen their building. Finally, because they did not take care of them., he should transfer their churches to the Mexico presbytery. Then he found that the church needs the faithful workers. And he chooses mission field at Cambodia. Then he confessed that he realized that the importance of seminary to take care of the church. It is the main motive that our school had begun in Cambodia. The church is not the building but the people, Christians. I shall establish my church on you, every Christian already is church. We have to focus on it. Do you agree with me?

So whenever, wherever we go and stay in Cambodia, we can build the church by proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. Moreover, we can help to grow up in the sound doctrine by praying and preaching the Scripture faithfully. Please do not follow the emotion phenomena, but the truth. That important thing comes out of the fear of God.

Especially the Cambodian church should learn the true trembling in their life before living God. Who is God of the Scripture? When we devote ourselves to him, we can take living hope in the family, in the country and in our future.

Second, as they hanged their neck on the promise of salvation, we should depend on the promise of God.

1) Verse 18 says the Lord proposed an important mark, sreact cord on the wall. Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. A certain man claimed it is the blood of Jesus Christ because it is secret color. Can you accept the interpretation? Actually, we cannot find any Scripture. But the bronze snake in the wilderness is the Jesus Christ for Jesus interpreted it "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted

up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life “(Jn3:14-15) Although we cannot say it is the death of Christ, obviously the family of Rahab hanged their neck on this mark. So, we can apply to the promise of salvation that the Lord commands. It is a mark of their salvation. The promise is very important.

Rahab’s family was not saved automatically but they should possess the fear of God. If they had no the fear of God, they shall not determine their refuse against the king of Jericho. And also, they devoted themselves to the promise.

This is the same line of our salvation. Do you assure the salvation in your heart? How? Can you reveal your eternal life to the people? How? Our answer shall be believing in the promise of the Scripture. Jn 5:24 says “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” Because we believe the promise we assure that we are saved out of all miserable sin and curse. This is Rahab and her family ‘s salvation

So, I claim that before we believe unconditional commitment to the promise we cannot know the eternal life in our life. So, we should believe the Word of God unconditionally. This is the reformed faith. Do you believe in it? When we believe in it, we can know. If we can know it, we did not believe in the promise.

Third, they obeyed the direction wholeheartedly in the miserable condition. Think of that. Suddenly the city was destroyed by the power of God. the situation is very demolished state. Then they did not go out, only they stayed in the house as trusting the promise of God. it is the church. So only the church has the eternal life, the forgiveness and the power of peace.

Conclusion:

Today, we start the new semester in the grace of God as a Christian, as the church and as a servant of God for God’s calling. Remember that we are the church that living God is working. In this semester we should learn the fear of

God. And also, we have to follow the lead of our king. So, we believe that the authority of hades cannot overcome our ministry and our passion for Christ. Lift up your goal to the higher goal. And try to challenge to arrive on it. God prepare everything in us.

Study as the church of Rahab, I assure that our God shall help you in your school life.

The Sign of Crossing Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-17) 2014.2.11

1Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. **2**After three days the officers went throughout the camp, **3**giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **4**Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

5Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

6Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.” So, they took it up and went ahead of them.

7And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. **8**Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

9Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. **10**This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. **11**See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. **12**Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. **13**And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

14So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. **15**Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jor-

dan and their feet touched the water's edge, [16](#)the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So, the people crossed over opposite Jericho. [17](#)The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Introduction:

The miracle of Scripture has the above meaning than curious phenomena. The miracles belong to the pictorial revelation or, the explanation revelation because God reveal his will to his own people through the miracle. What is the miracle? We can say that the miracle proves that our God has the supernatural power to create, to provide and to redeem.

Why did Jehovah reveal many miracles to Israel in the wilderness? Their lives consisted of lots of miracle, super natural power. Among eating, drinking, sleeping and walking and fighting of daily life they had experienced the wonderful events. Theses miracles proved obviously the supernatural power of God as sign in the church.

Among them crossing of red sea reveals the wonderful redemption that the church was delivered out of sins. This is the interpretation of the Apostle. Actually, the event of crossing the red sea stressed on the abundant salvation in the event., the remission, justification and baptism as a sign of salvation.

In the text we can find another crossing. It is crossing of Jordan river. What do you think of the crossing Jordan river? In this time, we have to think the reality of crossing Jordan river. What does it mean?

First, crossing of Jordan River means another aspect of church salvation.

Verse says “And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

1) [14](#)So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. [15](#)Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, [16](#)the water from upstream stopped flowing.”

2) It is very great event that reveal the reality of salvation of his people again as crossing the red sea. So, we can interpret this symbolic event as another aspect of salvation. I Corin.10:1-5 explain that Paul interpreted that the church was baptized under the cloud and the water. For I want you to know, brothers, a that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2](#)and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3](#)and all ate the same spiritual food, [4](#)and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. [5](#)Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.” What does it mean? Crossing the red sea is a symbolism or, a pictorial revelation. What is the reality of symbolism? It is the salvation of his people out of miserable sin. In the event we can learn the character of our wonderful salvation, that is, to be saved out of miserable sins. Here crossing Jordan river point that detailed salvation in his people who depend on the fundamental salvation. Actually, after we were saved out of our sins we taste the actual grace in our every area by the work of Holy Spirit. In other words, we shall be saved out of our sinful desire. Just it is the reality of crossing of Jordan river. Crossing of red sea points the baptism, justification but crossing of Jordan river self-denial, cross bearing those are the sanctification.

After we received the baptism with the water, we affirm that we are saved out of sin. Basically, the baptism of water is the mark of our salvation, but more important is the baptism of Holy Spirit. What is the baptism of Holy Spirit? It means to be cleaned by the Spirit. In other

word, it is the regeneration. “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. “(Jn3:6) Can you see the kingdom now and also can you enjoy the kingdom of God? Actually, the regeneration means the event baptized by Holy Spirit in our Christian life. It is the reality of crossing of red sea that is a symbolism. This symbolism relates to another symbolism, crossing of Jordan river. Actually, two symbolism point the abundant character of salvation Therefore we can think two important things in that picture. As we know the united contents in a verse.

I Cor. 12:13 says “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. “We participate into the baptism of Holy spirit and also we enjoy the abundance of the baptism as drinking the water and eating s baptism’ grace. Refer to revelation 3:20 that explain the reality of salvation as intimate fellowship with the Lord on one table with eating it. Actually, the justification is sanctification and also sanctification is justification in the salvation (baptism).

So, we understand that the baptism of water of and drinking the living water out of the rock means the abundant grace of Holy Spirit and also the miracle that the Jordan river was broken means the redemption out of the sinful desire that is the factory that product always sins. What does it mean?

Second, Jordan river is the symbol of our sinful desire that product the sins.

1) The cross of Christ cleaned up every sin once of all forever. (Gal 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.) And what we remember must be happened through the holiness and the purity. According to the command, “Consecrate yourselves” (5), as we examine ourselves through the repentance and the faith shall happen some wonderful things. (3:11,14,16, 17)

11See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.

[14](#)So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.

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2) If the Lord cleans up our all sin, our all evil and our all punishment but leave

the sinful desire, can you overcome it by your wisdom? The Scripture says that we cannot do that. From 7:21-25 says “[21](#)So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. [22](#)For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, [23](#)but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. [24](#)Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? [25](#)Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.” We never be able to overcome our sinful desire. Our endurance, our meditation and our good behavior cannot influence to remove it out of our heart because it was very strong, stimulated and systematically.

Ex: Jesus Christ know it very well in his ministry. At Gethsemane he prayed with his disciples to God for his cross. Then his disciples slept. Then the Lord says “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mt26:41) Do you know this meaning? Most people’s misunderstood that it is physical tiring body for compassion to them. No. it is does not mean. Here sarks mean the sinful desire. It cannot arrive to the standard of the Lord. It is impossible to stay there. So, we have to cast it to the seat of death, demolishment. Here the Lord pointed the main problem and the solving method to them.

The method is to believe in the merit of Christ’s cross. So, our Lord should bear the cross to remove the sinful desire. Paul proclaimed “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I

hate. [16](#)Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. [17](#)So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. [18](#)For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. [19](#)For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. [20](#)Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. (Rom7:15-19) “This is the main key to remove our burning sinful desire. When only the Spirit apply it our heart we can overcome the temptation before God. So, Paul thanked the Lord and praised the Lord. We have to cross our Jordan river in our lives.

For example, when we have received the temptation of stimulated things, by stealing, lairing, hating envying and sexual desiring, how can overcome them in our actual life? As our sinful desire rise in our heart we cannot control it. We have to admit that fact. At that same time, we have to admit the merit power of cross. Then our thing must understand thank praise and devote ourselves to the Lord as living sacrifice. (Rom12:1-2)

Do not follow the emotion but the will that depended on God’ will, the word of God. When we see the light of the Lord we can see our inner light. When we look at the glory of the Lord’s face we find that we shall be transformed by the work of Holy Spirit. This is the reality of crossing Jordan river.

Conclusion:

- 1) My beloved student did you cross the red sea”? ad also did you cross the Jordan river in your lies? As the Israelite looked at the ark of covenant and followed the moving, they shall walk into the water as the dry land. We can overcome the sinful desire by follow the word of God in our actual life.
- 2) In our school life we have to focus this thing in our studying activities.

Cross Your Jordan River! (Joshua 3:1-17) 2/15/2014

Introduction:

1) At the other day, I had explained that the reality of crossing of Jordan river is the self-denial and cross bearing in our lives. So, we have to caution ourselves for sinful desire. In this time, we treat the reality of Jordan river in the redemptive symbolism, crossing of Jordan river. What do you think of it? I think that the Jordan river means the symbols of devil, death and sin in the light of redemptive history, the stream of our salvation. When we meditate this event, we should see the reality of the symbolism for the abundant grace of our salvation that God provide in Christ.

First, we had crossed the stream of sins, evil and conviction, the main cause of our condemnation.

It means that our every sin had been cleaned by the merit of Christ, our savior. So, we claim wonderful promise as Apostle Paul did in Roman chapter 8: 31-37 says “[31](#)What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be ⁱ against us? [32](#)He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [33](#)Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. [34](#)Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us .^j [35](#)Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? [36](#)As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as

sheep to be slaughtered.” [37](#)No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Rom 3: 21-22 says “[21](#)But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22](#)the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. “If we confessed that I believe in the fact (Christ’s merit) and confess that Jesus, my Lord, already we are saved out of miserable sin, evil and conviction. (IJohn1:9) Just like Israel crossed the Jordan river, we had crossed the stream of our sins by faith. We have the eternal life, we had been moved to the life out of the dead and also, we shall not be condemned. (Jn5:24)

Ex: Buddhism teach that the sins is like the full river stream, the big mount and the much sand mount. But they claim that the good behavior of a man can crosses across the sin stream. So, they exhort that the salvation shall come out of the merit of human. What do you think of it? Actually, the teaching reveals in any religions, Confucius, Hinduism, Moslem and Natural Spiritism except the Scripture. However, the Scripture reveals that any merit of the man cannot clean, at least, only one sin in his heart, in other word, he cannot calm down the still small voice of conscience. Actually, do we clean up our sin in our lives by our merit? Absolutely we can do that. After the king David committed the sever adultery and murder in his life, he confessed that he was struggled by his sin in his awakening soul. “[3](#)For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. [4](#)Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.[5](#)Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. [6](#)Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. (Ps 51:3-6) He found the root of sins, and the depth of the sin and the power of the sin. Through the process he could find the only method of cleaning his sin. What is this? It is only the hyssop that points the merit of Christ, the tool to apply his merit to the heart. It means the merit of Christ. [7](#)Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

(Ps51:7)

Do you believe in it?

One day, David confessed that “blessed is the man who was covered his sin by the merit of Christ.”(Rom4:7-8) **7**“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; **8**blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

True repentance makes us to approach at the place. Did you cross the stream of sin in your life? Did you repent your sins before God? When did you confess your sins recently? Again, we have to cross the Jordan river of sins by faith, “if we confess our sins we...” through the process we shall be changed into the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

Actually, we receive the wonderful grace of Holy Spirit from the heaven as the Elisha did in the Jordan River. He needed the process in his calling. He passionately seeks the grace of the double inspiration of Elijah’s spirit. “What do you want? he confessed the double of the Spirit (the power of Holy Spirit). It is very difficult to take in his life. Before his teacher was passed away he cannot receive it. But he did not give up his demand to God. the scripture did not mention to him about the fact that he received the double gift. It is in science. But the revelation used the symbolism to make us understood it. He crossed Jordan river by dividing the stream by hitting with the garment of his teacher. Then before his action he broke out his clothes. Their friends saw that action and understood that Elisha received the double spirit in his life. This is our ministry. We have to cross the stream of our sins stream by faith moment by moment.

Our school is a seminary. The seminary is the garden of prophets that the man of God who have God’s calling should be broken their external sinful cloth by repentance and faith. In other words, we have to change our life in the process of our training course. We are very shameful to listen to treat the miserable issue, the relationship between the male and the female. We have to cross the Jordan river. Jesus died on the cross to give the wonderful cleaning to us.

Second, we have to cross the dead stream of Jordan river. Jordan river points the physical death and spiritual death and the eternal death.

It is very wonderful thing to die us on the cross in order to solve this death. Look at the man of God, Paul. He proclaimed” where is the poison of death?” The death can overcome our Christian life in the earth. So, we are the strongest person in the earth. This is our privilege. Already we crossed over the Jordan river by faith.

Actually, we meet many deaths in our situation in heart, in family in relationship and in the ministry. Then we have to apply the power to them.

As the Lord commanded to the Nazaro “come out of there!” we should command to the dead things in order to establish the Word of God. Although we meet the dead situation we challenge to them because God prepared everything for us. So Christian can live activating life in his life. We have to assure that we crossed the Jordan river by resurrection of Christ out of death, because we were died with Christ and resurrected with Christ. And also, we have living hope in Christ Jesus because the living stream came out of our heart by the works of Holy Spirit.

Ex: Ezekiel 37: reveals the flowing stream in the church. Where does it flow out of to the temple? The living water came out of the bottom of flow of the temple. And flow to the outside of temple and the sea of the death. Then the event of the life happened in the dead body, the dry tree had the renewal in Christ Jesus.

When we serve the church humbly, we can find wonderful life in our heart. The Acts reveals the revival that the work of revival was happened out of the dead situation, suffering, trouble, persecution and struggles in the church. The work was depended on the resurrected power of Jesus Christ. although the primitive church falls down into the miserable state the work of resurrected grace was happened in the world. This is the reality of crossing the Jordan river. At our last day before God we have to cross the Jordan river boldly to enter to the heaven. Then we should walk across on the water by faith because our Joshua, Jesus Christ, opened in the water of absolute death to make us resurrected into the eternal life.

We believe in it.

Third, we overcome the power of Satan and the authority of hades.

1) Another meaning of crossing of Jordan river is to conquer Satan and his power. It is a very wonderful thing to reveal the important truth by using the Symbolism mode. Crossing Jordan river reveals to clean all sins and to overcome all temptation, lastly it means to overcome the power of Satan and authority of Hades.

What does the Red Sea mean? Although the Red Sea is real, we can understand the reality in the light of the Apostolic interpretation. According to I Corinthians 10: 1-2 the Red Sea points to devil, death and sin, as the deep state in the first vision of Zechariah. (1:8) So we should observe the crossing of Red Sea in Israel's history in order to understand the wonderful redemption. So, we claim that it teaches the one side meaning of our salvation, that is, the state before the salvation, curse and sins. From where were we saved? It was the most wicked state. In the most miserable state we are saved.

So, when we fall down into a miserable state we can have the wonderful hope because already we were saved out of absolute curse. What is your destruction state in your life? Although your mind claims that I cannot do all things, you should see the original revelation. The cross of Jesus Christ can do that. Actually, the crossing event of Red Sea and Jordan River teaches wonderful salvation. Do you believe in it?

Ex. Look at a paralyzed person who was fallen into the very miserable state. It is like the state of darkness, Satan, curse, punishment, sin and hell. When they approached to the Lord with passion and humility. Their Jordan River, their struggling things disappeared by the Christ's proclamation of remission. Immediately he was healed by the grace of God.

When we meet some struggles about our present lives, we should remember his victory that removed all sins by his merit and also applied it to that issue.

By faith our present troubles have been disappeared as we accept it to our present life. Do you believe in it?

In the school life we have to learn the many subjects, but a more important thing is to learn crossing of Jordan River by true repentance and true faith in front of God. Assure that you already overcome every sin, every absolute death and also every temptation of Satan.

Among them we stress to overcome the temptation that loses the holiness and purity. So, Paul exhorted Timothy, "escape the desire of youth season." "I

order to overcome the stimulated sins we have to devote ourselves to the studying the Word of God. How can we overcome the several desire? It is to enjoy the truth word of God.

Conclusion:

I saw that many Cambodian enjoy the gamble in the village. I understood such pleasure of their situation. Continually if they enjoy such thing finally they shall be perishable. They should cross the cross the Jordan river of pleasure in his life. If they return to Christ Jesus the Bible they can overcome the pleasure to taste the wonderful rejoices in his heart. It is the joy that the world cannot provide to them it is the unspeakable joy. If they experienced the grace he can live living hope, spiritual richness and also the resurrected power in Christ Jesus.

May the power of grace be with you all to cross the Jordan river of sin, death and Satan.

Let's pray.

The Memorial Stone of Victory (Joshua 4:1-24) 2014,2.16

1When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, **2**“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, **3**and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

4So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, **5**and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, **6**to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ **7**tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

8So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. **9**Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been ^a in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

10Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the Lord had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over, **11**and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the Lord and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. **12**The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, ready for battle, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. **13**About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for war.

14That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

15Then the Lord said to Joshua, **16**“Command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant law to come up out of the Jordan.”

17So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.”

18And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

19On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. **20**And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. **21**He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ **22**tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ **23**For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea ^b when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. **24**He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.”

Introduction:

1)God pleased that the children of Israel keep the command of the Lord by establishing the memorial stone at Gilgal. Verses 5-7 say “and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, **6**to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when

your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

2)What should they hand down to their children?

First, they should teach that the victory comes out of only following God’s guide.

1)Verse 7 says “tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” Crossing of the Red Sea means the salvation out of sins and the justification but crossing of Jordan river means sanctification that is, the growth towards the salvation. As they crossed over the river Jordan, they needed to deny the self and to bear their cross. Now God command that they build the memorial stones in order to teach that the victory way is to follow the guidance of the Lord.

In the Christian life to obey the word of God is the essential of all victories. What is the victory? it is the accomplishment of God’s will, God’s purpose and God’s plan. Through remembering the great picture of crossing the Jordan river God reveals the methodology of spiritual victory in the earth. The victory comes out of the almighty God and the obedience is the channel of God’s victory.

It is very simple to obey the word of God but it is the only way to get the glorious victory.

Ex: In the event of crossing red sea, what is the method of salvation for Israel? It must be the obedience. Then God commanded that they should walk toward the dry land in the sea. They could walk in the water on the way God provided for them. But in the text God commanded that as they walked on the water the way was made automatically. When the ark of covenant will be approached on the water, the Jordan river was cut off. When we follow the word of God we can meet to cut off the problems as Israel did at the Jordan river. What did they do? It was to follow the Ark of covenant. To follow the ark points the obedience of

the Word of God.

As we know, when we serve the Lord in our ministry, it is very important to obey his words in our lives. The king Saul was failed because of his small obedience in his life. One day the Lord commanded him to kill every enemies before God. But he hated to obey them completely. He left many cattle and few leaders for his covet. Then Samuel rebuked him to teach that the obedience is better than the offering. Only the obedience is able to sustain the continuous victory in the ministry.

Such thing reveals in the ministry of the Lord repeatedly. The obedience is the channel of the miracle. In Jn 2:1-10 we can find that the obedience of the servants made the wonderful thing in the event. They who obeyed the command of the Lord, can know the wonderful sign in his ministry.

Such fact reveals in our daily lives. What is the normal Christian life? The obedience is the main point of Christian life that was based on the authority of the word of God.

How can we obey the Word of God in our lives? We can get the answers out of the Scripture. We must admit the authority of the Word. We have to understand it. We should endure to keep the Word of God. What is the main cause of disobedience? It is the pleasure. According to Mt 13: , the good soil is to receive the word of God and to keep it and endure to product the fruit.

Second, they should teach to believe on Almighty God.

1) Opening the water and closing the water was executed by God not by their craft skill, only they should obey the command of God. (18) “And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.”

2) According to moving of the ark of covenant the miraculous stream was flown in the situation. It means that the Almighty God could do that. Who is the Lord of Israel? He is the creator, the provider and the redeemer for his people. Above of all, they and their children need to learn the knowledge of

God fully. This is the foundation of their lives and their ministry. Actually, the true knowledge of God must be the character of eternal life. (Jn17:3) In fact, we grow up in knowing God, in the knowledge of the abundant life. So, if anybody abide in grace, he shall understand living God deeply. He shall enjoy his love, his faithfulness, his mercy and his righteousness in his heart.

When we started our regeneration, as Peter confessed that you are Christ as well as the son of living God, we know God progressively in the illumination of Holy Spirit. So, Paul asked for Ephesian church “give them the spirit of revelation to know God.” The knowledge of God is the purpose of our salvation.

In our Christian life we have to pursue to know God. Why? Because it is the way to enjoy the eternal life and to imitate the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

In fact, we find that every pictorial revelation appeared by the mode of event focuses on the knowledge of God. For example, what is the focus(purpose) of the event that changed the water into the wine? John 2:11 says “This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. “What does it mean? It means that it reveals to know Christ as son of God. Then his disciples believe on him.

As the same stream the text focused on not the salvation or, some special event but on the knowledge of God.

So Exodus 15 :1-3 says “[1](#)Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider^a he has thrown into the sea. [2](#)The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. [3](#)The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.”

The passage points to the importance of God’s knowledge. The event, crossing the red sea proves that the Lord is almighty God. As we know, Joshua proclaimed that I and my family shall serve Jehovah continuously. And he compelled that you have to choose your worshipping object.

In Cambodia we have to know our worshipping object, almighty God very well by accepting the revelation of Scripture and should hand down the knowledge to the children to glorify God. Do you believe in it?

Third, they should keep the fear of the Lord eternally.

It is important to know God's lead and His omnipotence but it is more important to take the fear of the Lord. (24) "He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God."

To have the fear of the Lord is the purpose of our work.(Philiph2:12-13) "[12](#)Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13](#)for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. "This is the core of our knowledge, our wisdom, our activities and our all thinking. Proverb 1:7 says "the fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom, knowledge and insight." Actually, it is the meaning of the faith in the New Testament. The belief should reveal the fear of the Lord. Of course, the fear is compounded by the affection and trembling. If we have the fear in our heart, it proves the eternal life in our heart. So, we are not devouring greedy people but sincere people in our live that completed our salvation with the fear and the trembling. This is the way of the eternal life. The false way despises the spiritual tension. According to II Corinthian 7:9-13 says "[9](#)As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. [10](#)For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. [11](#)For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. Here are two kinds of anxiety. The First is worldly anxiety, and the second is the spiritual anxiety. How can we discern the fact? The criteria are the true fear. spiritual tension. What is the purpose of the children education? It is to make them to live the righteousness and justice.

What is the Christian education? It aims on the fear of God. that consisted of righteousness and justice as Abraham did in Genesis. (Gen 18:19).

Why do we teach the word of God, the Scripture? Only the Scripture reveal the God and the character, rigorousness, justice and love to us. In fact, the Scripture is the method of grace and the purpose of grace. Why did the Lord stress the self-denial and cross bearing in Christian life? through these things we can get the grace of righteousness and justice.

Conclusion:

(1) In Cambodian Christian ministry, we should think of three elements of the Christian education. We have to learn the obedience; the knowledge of God and we have to have the fear of God and transfer these things to our children as Timothy did it. II Timothy 1:4-5 says “As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. [5](#) I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. [6](#) “ one grand mom had true faith and was transferred to his daughter, later it was handed down to Timothy. Our contemporary church needs to hand out such stream to our children.

(2) May the grace of God be with you all.

The Warfare that builds the holiness (Joshua 5:1-15)

Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the Lord had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they ^a had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

2At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” **3**So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.^b

4Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. **5**All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. **6**The Israelites had moved

about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. [7](#)So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. [8](#)And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.

[9](#)Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal^c to this day.

[10](#)On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. [11](#)The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. [12](#)The manna stopped the day after ^d they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

[13](#)Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

[14](#)“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord^e have for his servant?”

[15](#)The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Introduction:

1) After Israel walked across the Jordan River, they needed the holiness before God. Why? Because the power that overcome the kings of Canaan in the center of the city, Jericho should be depended upon the holiness. To both Moses and Joshua, the Lord required the holiness before God and on the holy land. So, they should take off their sandals at the holy land. After Joshua and his people crossed the Jordan River, they themselves should be prepared by holiness for the future warfare.

2) How could they become holy?

First, by receiving the circumcision, as the mark of the first covenant, they become holy.

1) Holiness is not to add some things but to keep the essential relationship of salvation faithfully.

2) Holiness begins with foundation of God's grace. Without holiness no grace, because holiness belongs to only God. So, the word of God teaches that you must be holy as God is holy. This word includes the promise that only God can make them to be holy. God is the purpose of holiness as well as the means of holiness. So, God needed their holiness in their whole lives for his holy warfare, holy land, holy system and holy purpose. So, God commanded to Israel to take circumcision before they started to fight with the Canaanite tribes.

What is the circumcision? It is the sign of covenant of God's people. Also, it is a symbolism that points holiness in Christ. It reveals the meaning of the baptism in the new covenant. Of course, the baptism points to the baptism of Holy Spirit that is expressed on the baptism of the water. When we read the passage of baptism in Matthew 28:18-20, I Corinthian 12:14 and Rom 6:6, first of all we have to understand the meaning of the baptism of Holy Spirit. Without the baptism of Holy Spirit any symbolism shall not take any meaningfulness. Actually, the circumcision was very important in Israel, the church of the wilderness or, the church of Canaan in order to be holy.

3) In our ministry to keep holy is foundation for our complete salvation, So Paul stressed that offer your body (the whole life) to the God as living sacrifice. And Rome 6:6 commands, Offer yourself to the Lord as the weapon of righteousness."

Why? Because now we serve holy ministry, holy works, holy mission field and holy war and holy method, we have to live holily. How about our school life? Is this the secular work? No, it is the holy work. So, we should devote ourselves to it as living sacrifice. Unless we offer our whole things to this thing we cannot know the truth and he may fall down into the more serious seat. So, our school emphasizes the godly

life in studying and ministry.

My beloved student, did you have the stigma of circumcision in your life? What is your proof? It is the total devotion to the Lord. Then we can overcome against all enemies and build the kingdom of God in the world. This is the reality to enjoy the millennium grace in the world.

Concentrate on the godly time in your personal life. in our life many stumbling block attacks to us. However, we have to sustain to keep devotional time. Then we are powerful in the world as a lion.

Second, by eating the fruit of victory, they become holy.

1)Verse 12 says “[12](#)The manna stopped the day after ^d they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.”

The descending manna was stopped as they ate the fruit of victory through their spiritual war. After they entered into Canaan, they did not need manna and trail eggs. Because they tasted reality of Canaan’s blessing. What is it? It is the presence of God in the actual life. Although they did not the supernatural foods they ate the food in Canaan. In fact, it is the best miraculous food in our lives.

What is the victorious fruit in Canaan? We have to escape out of symbolism into the reality. In a word, it is the presence of God. Immanuel.

- In the New Testament we know the grace that God provided to us. Those are, forgiveness, power, purpose and peace. This is the real honey and real milk in Christ. Now we enjoy the wonderful grace in Christ. We have to stand firm on the foundation and should enjoy the real grace in our lives, the grace of gospel, the unspeakable joy. This is the gospel of Christ.

- So, our Lord Jesus Christ exhorts us “Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.” (Mt 9:17) “Do you know this meaning in your life? The new age needs new means and new styles. It is the reality of

Canaan.

- Then we can be holy. We can prepare to fight to our enemies.
- 1) We should get the renewal power through the present victory of their situation. Moment victory.

Third, when we pursue the chief of military, Christ, we can get the victory of holiness.

1) Occupying Canaan was accomplished by pursuing the Lord because Christ is the holiness of our lives. I Corinthians 1:30 says “And because of him ^e you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption. At the other time I had thought that the commander of military points the pre-incarnated Christ. Today we live in his dominion. When he ruled over us it is holiness. What is our works in Him in order to be holy? Only we should abide in him. It means to live in him by intimacy with him by praying and obeying the word of God.

2) How could we do to be holy in our lives? In a word, we have to offer our body to the Lord as living sacrifice. (Rom 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers ^a by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship ² Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfected)

It points to offer our whole things, those are; emotion, intellect, and volition and also our all character, all power and all talent as an animal slayed by a priest. Then our Lord can receive the burnt offering actually as a spiritual aroma. Then the Lord works in us for his glory. Before we offered our whole things to him, nothing shall be accomplished for his holiness.

Conclusion:

1) Circumcision, Eating Canaanite foods, and following the commander, Jesus Christ shall make us to become holy life in our lives. Already we abide

in the real meaning of circumcision and enjoy the real abundant food and to obey our Lord Jesus in our daily life.

2) My Beloved Student, In our school life, we have to try to be holy, godly life by offering my whole body as living sacrifice to the Lord. May the grace of the Lord be with you all today.

The Principles of Spiritual Victory (Joshua 6:1-21)

1Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

2Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

6So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.”

7And he ordered the army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.”

8When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord’s covenant followed them. **9**The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. **10**But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!” **11**So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.

12Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. **13**The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding. **14**So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

15On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. **16**The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! **17**The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. **18**But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. **19**All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury.”

20 When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. **21**They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

Introduction:

- 1) The Jericho warfare reveals the principles of spiritual victory to us. Jericho points to the world just like the Ziggurat of Babel tower. So, the warfare means the spiritual warfare in Christian life. When we follow to the principles that the text suggests, we can overcome our struggling warfare.
- 2) What are the principles of victory?

First principle, it is to trust the promise of God wholeheartedly.

1) Verse 20 says “when the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so, everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.” Israel occupied their enemy by depending on the promise of God that God Himself shall attach their enemies to their hand, even if they had no any weapons and did not take the defending strategy but the attacking strategy.

2) The promise is the covenant of God. it is the one side promise of God to his people. Such principle, “If you do it, I shall fulfill my will through you” is revealed in the covenant of God repeatedly, as Genesis 3:15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring ^e and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” . In John 3:16 “For God so loved the world ,ⁱ that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” we can find the same principle.

3) What is the victorious life of the Christian? it is to trust the promise of the Scripture faithfully. This is true faith that Holy Spirit provides to us. Hebrew 11:6 says “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” Biblical faith is to depend the promise unconditionally. The promise has the same authority of God. The promise is the Scripture. When we listen to the Word of God, we have to accept it unconditionally in our heart. Actually, this faith comes out of Holy Spirit to us. Why did Jesus commend Mary more than

Martha? “she chose better thing than you “because she knew the method to listen to the word of God. She received the Word of God unconditionally and also, she enjoyed it in her heart. This is the meaning of trust.

4) Our spiritual life is very simple. It is to listen to the Word of God that is the Scripture, the text as the living word of God. Then we can understand the real meaning in our heart.

As we know look at the response of the Lord. Jn 6: reveals the wonderful; event that five bread and two fish feed above 5000 people. Then the people concentrated on the miracle phenomena, but our lord pointed the Scripture. “So, Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” [68](#)Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, [69](#)and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” Then although the disciples did not understand the meaning fully, their heart was wandering and anybody departed from him. Then the Lord “Do you leave from me? Peter told the Lord “[68](#)Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, “Here, we can find that to believe is first than understanding. [69](#)and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” When we believe unconditionally, we can understand it automatically. Why? The unconditional faith is the present of Holy Spirit to us. This is true faith.

A certain claim that I believe the word after I prove it. It is wrong. It is the main point of classical apologetic as the Clement of Alexandria claimed. But we first of all, to believe first makes us known it as Tertullian claimed in his apologetic. The scripture stressed that to trust unconditionally is primary thing in our lives.

Now if we believe in the Word of God, it is the wonderful grace that Holy Spirit provide us. “We admit the order, that is, to believe makes us to know. This principle is very important to overcome our present issues in our lives. So, we have to cast ourselves to the Word of God unconditionally. Although we cannot understand it, we believe in it, because God commanded to me.

Second principle, it is to obey the command of God.

1) Verse 3 reveals that as they turn around the city one time per day and seven times at the seventh day and shout out, then the city was destroyed. (16-19) And accordingly they executed their ministry in the city according to the direction of God. (17-19) Both the destruction and the arrangement were executed by obeying of God's order. The command of God is the main center in all things. At the any situation it is important to proclaim the word of God. If the word of God stays at the place, it works absolutely. But it does not work in it, it is nothing. So James confessed that "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— [14](#)yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. [15](#)Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." (4:13-15) "This is the wisdom. This is the way of solution of any problems. The power of spiritual life come s to us out of the obedience of the word of God. So, the most insightful person is the man of obedience.

2) What do you think of Samuel's claim, "the obedience is better than the offering." It is not the word that despises the worship. It means that the obedience is the foundation of worship. Without having the obeying heart, our worship shall lose the meaning in our action as Cain did in Genesis 4. Cain offered his crop to the Lord. But he did not offer himself to God because he had no the obeying heart. Disobedience of the Word of God makes us to rebel the God's authority. Actually, his external offering has no any problems because we can admit that his offering is the life of grain, just like the blood of the lamb. What was his problem? It is the false faith. Hebrew 11:6 says "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. "Where does the faith stay? It depends on the obeying heart. So, the obedience is the life of whole life of Christian life. So Obeying heart makes us to

offer our body as living sacrifice in our lives. If our God commands something to us, obey it with our heart, with our life, with our wisdom and with our power. Then you can find you have the power of God in your life. We cannot deceive our living God. and also, we cannot deceive our neighbors finally. Their false attitude, their unfaithful character surely should be appeared obviously because God reveals in the world. [26](#)“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. [27](#)What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. “(Mt10:26-29) This word is very horrible Word and very trembling word. The text points that Israelite obedience is the main secret of spiritual overcome in the warfare. The same stream should be continued.

Third principle is to surrender to God.

1) What is the principle of victory? The unconditional trust and the voluntary obedience are the way of the spiritual victory. (Joshua 1:8) So God stressed the first command to Joshua. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on its day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” It is surrender to God. Destroying the city is not the ultimate goal of God. The miracle affair is not the purpose of God’s work. After these things the surrendering attitude is very important. Why? Did God want that they destroyed all enemies in the city, the Canaanite people, goods, gold, silver and garments made by synar. Why did God stress them? Because all goods in the city is the property of God, God’s possession. It means we have to teach that surrendering is the key of spiritual warfare. What are the most serious sins in our lives it must be boasting, pride, arrogance. After they occupied the city they could fall down into the corrupted pot, those are; pride, arrogance and boasting, then surrendering attitude is to overcome the inner Jericho, the sinful desire. So, when we praise hymn 338, “Father I stretch my hands to thee” we enjoy the peaceful state in our heart.

2) After the wonderful victory, if they do not learn the surrendering attitude, he shall easily incline into the corrupted state as pure food without being preserved. So, we should love to follow surrendering heart to everything in our lives.

3) In our school life we have to be trained by trust unconditionally and obeying the Word of God and surrendering attitude in our lives.

Actually, I feel some darkness of our school our students because some students are wondering in the school life. Moreover, I saw that Dr. Ezra felt strongly deeply for his students go astray in their ministry. I could feel his love to his students. One day, I had observed our students' state in our school. What are their problems? Food? Money? Clothe? Book? lecture? No. their problem is to stay in inner false attitude before God. there is the trust, the obedience and the surrender issues.

Do not you think so? Now I challenge to you. Do you overcome your spiritual enemy in your life? if you learn this principle and apply now, you can find the wonderful world.

Conclusion:

Cambodia churches met lots of temptation. Among them the momonism is working in the church. If our school is pursuing it, our school shall be destroyed absolutely. If anybody loses his privilege, he gets nothing in his life. When we study the word of God, we have to keep the trembling and the fear before God. So, we have to follow this principle today too.

Who is the commander of Israelite military? (Joshua 5:13-15)

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"¹⁴"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell face down to the ground in reverence, and asked him,

“What message does my Lord^e have for his servant?”¹⁵The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Introduction:

1) The Scripture focuses on Christ, who is the Lord of redemption of his own people. Furthermore, the Old Testament points on Christ, as the creator of all redemption, the source of our salvation. Through studying O.T. we find lots of symbolism and types of Christ, Christ executed to accomplish the economy of God, which established with beginning. Among them the chief of the military of Israel in Joshua. Who was the chief of the military? We can observe that following questions can provide these important answers to us.

First, what prove the fact to be Christ?

1) The passage reveals the fact, as the incarnated Christ.

(1) He led Joshua, who took charge to occupy Canaan by standing before him and commanding how to occupy them. Only the Lord can lead his servants in order to accomplish the economy of God. Joshua should obey his command because he was the pre-incarnated Christ.

(2) He was worshiped by Joshua, because he was the Christ, who took the same authority of Jehovah. Then Joshua bowed down him because he was God as the angel of the Lord.

- The context proves the reason, as soon as the word of the chief of military revealed at once. The Lord revealed towards the warfare of Jehovah. Why the commander changes into the Lord? Two terms are interchangeable identification. In a word, the commander must be the Lord.

(Joshua 6:1-4) Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ²And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³You shall march around the city, all the men

of war going around the city once. Thus, shall you do for six days. [4](#)Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Who is our commander? Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose out. He commands us “go to all nation to make disciple and teach his word and make them to keep the word in the world.” of death. Is our commanded r. Mt 28: 18 says “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19](#)Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in ^b the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20](#)teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” “We are his company his military why should follow his command in the world. So, we today obey his command faithfully. In studying bible English and ministry relationship. This is our privilege.

Second, what did the chief command to Joshua exists?

As the authority of Moses, Joshua should take off his shoes on the earth, the promised holy land, Canaan, which points the heaven or, the state of fulness of Holy Spirit. The holy thing should be accomplished by the holy persons who was saved out of his sins. Joshua is the type of Christ.

Verse 15 said “The commander of the Lord's army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” In a word the commander made Joshua be holy. Holiness of the land was the purpose of his activities. When the leader was holy, he could accomplish the purpose of God towards His own people, Israel. Now our Lord, our Joshua, Jesus Christ works in his people's holiness by the work of Holy Spirit. Repentance and faith to the word of the God is primary ministry of Holy Spirit in us for holiness shall be stage of God's redemptive ministry.

In our school life is like a sever spiritual warfare. The primary mission that we have to keep is to keep ourselves to be holy. What does it mean?

Holiness means to live the separated life out of the worldly thinking, mind, attitude, direction and methodology. Do you keep the holiness in your actual life? Do not you know struggle to the real life in your school life? Especially we have to keep himself in the world. “ ” We have to caution to the stimulated sins in the youth day. Basically, the Scripture respect the godly relationship between the male and the female. (godly marriage life godly intimacy) but Satan tempt us in the aspect of the beautiful life toward the secular seat. Although any temptation attack to us any time any place we should keep ourselves by God’s wisdom as Joseph did. Genesis says “ ”. How could Joseph overcome the temptation? Because he knows the positive method to escape the place. In this time if you concentrate to the reading the Word of God, and praying to God to get some grace, you can get the power to overcome the temptation. Keep your holiness because Jesus Christ made us to be holy. (I Corinthian 3:16) we are a temple.

Third, what is the role of the commander to occupy Canaan?

Its role was to encourage his people, to keep the fear of the Lord after occupying the city. The pre-incarnated Christ was appeared among the Israelite. It means that his appearance accompanied the presence of God's glory. His action suggests the military of God's people. It is the type of Christ. Jesus as the only mediator between God and his people died on the cross in the replace of his people to lift up to the heavenly state. So, we believe that His death is my death. His resurrection my resurrection and his ascendance my ascendance. (Ephesian 2:4-7) But ^b God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Paul confessed that “I was crucified with Christ. “(Gal2:20) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,

who loved me and gave himself for me.

1) Their wonderful position of the revelation was drawn in the text, that is, the event to occupy the city, Jericho. How did the revelation reveal to us? There are elements.

(1) His work is very simple. Whenever obey his command can occupy the city. Their positive action was obedience, as a child followed his parent's command. So, Jesus evangelized that only the person who was like a child with obeying heart and humble heart can enter into the heaven. To prick cannot be accepted by God. Israel obeyed and followed according to Joshua's direction.

Today we should follow Jesus direction in any situation, by the teaching of the Scripture.

(2) His work was centered of the word of the Lord, which the ark of covenant points. When they turned arrived at Jericho, they should follow the Ark, which means the presence of God and the Word of God.

2) One day one time they should turn around the city Jericho. Seventh day seven times they should turn around Jericho. And they should shout out with one voice "shout! For the Lord has given you the city!" However, this is the attitude of their faith to the covenant, because God gives the city to them, they could claim that this is our property, God's property.

(3) They should follow the direction of God. To keep, to think, to work the promised land and the arranged property. They should accept that the city and Its possession was offered to God. So, Israel should not use the military possession by themselves. The commander focuses to destroy the city Jericho the first city of Canaan as well as to keep to thank in the life of the people. Jesus Christ, our only gracious mediator accomplished these two missions as the economy of God. Joshua, the type of Jesus accomplished his command incompletely. As such events, the redemptive work of Jesus was revealed the wonderful theme repeatedly to us.

In our school life we follow to the Lord Jesus Christ. How? By faith we can follow him. It means that we have to accept his merit in our lives and to claim that by faith and repentance. We assure that Our Joshua accomplish the salvation for us 2010 years ago. Do you believe it?

Conclusion:

The commander of military was the pre-incarnated Christ. He revealed before Joshua, as type of Christ revealed the redemptive execution of the economy of God and also, He revealed obviously the ride, the attitude and the methodology of redemption to his people. We, as one of the predestination people, should learn the methodology and the goal and serve him in the world.

The Reality of Occupying Canaan (Joshua 14:6-15)

[6](#)Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses

the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. [7](#)I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. [8](#)But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. [9](#)And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’ [10](#)And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. [11](#)I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. [12](#)So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.”

[13](#)Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. [14](#)Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel. [15](#)Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba.^a (Arba^b was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Introduction:

1) We think some truth that relates between the occupying Canaan and the birth of Christ or, the presence of Christ. The reason that I compare two each other is to understand the reality of occupying Canaan. What do you think of it?

In fact, the occupying Canaan was accomplished by the purpose of Christ’s coming. (Matthew 1:21), the salvation of his own people in the view of redemptive history.

2) The occupying Canaan points the reality of redemption, the forgiveness of sins, Immanuel and the assurance of mission. In such

meaning we enjoy the reality of Canaan in the Christian life. And also, we have to expect to experience the wonderful grace in our present life. Actually, it is the experimental of Roman 8: Theat Paul tasted in his life. “I am more than conquers” or, the abundant life of God’s love. Do you enjoy this grace on your life?

I. It is to have the assurance of forgiveness of Sins. (10)

1) Verse says “ ” What do you find in the event of Canaan’s warfare? Why did God want to kill the all tribes of Canaan? I our God, Jehovah so cruel without giving some mercy to poor man? It is like the conquer as the cruel dictator, Jingshan who was a leader of Mongolian country. His occupying method is to demolish his enemies and his family completely. The method was used by Assyria in history. God’s command was worse than the dictator’s one. Israel should demolish the all Canaan tribes. What does it mean? We need the right interpretation of that event. It means that God treat the sins. “the debt of sins is the death.” The event reveals the true reality to his people. So, we can understand one of the realities of occupying Canaan, that is the forgiveness of sins.

2) Actually, we can enjoy the assurance of forgiveness of sins by confessing our actual conviction. I Jn 1:9 says “ ” 1:7 “ ” according to these passages John had enjoyed the abundant grace of the forgiveness of sins. This is the one of the Canaan’s reality. What is your worst trouble in your life? It is the sins issue. We have to occupy the issue by the power of God. Although the sin is very strong very miserable in our lives we believe that Jesus Christ solved the issue by his death. We got the freedom out of every sin. So, we can enjoy his permanent forgiveness in our lives.

3) Ex: How can the adultery woman got the forgiveness of his shameful sins in her life? “I am not condemning you. Do not commit sins.” How could Jesus say such things? because he can do solve every sin that is the essence of the man’s problems. And also, because he accomplished every sins of his own people as his death of cross. Now our Lord proclaims to us, “I do not condemn you because I am the absolute offering of atonement for you. Already God accepted the price

of his death as precious blood. We believe in it.

4) Example: Today many people struggle their guilty feeling in their lives. Once in the inner part. The guilty makes us to be worse in our lives. Although we tried to repay the burden of conscience by our good behavior and our good things, we cannot calm down the little small voice. Then we should trust on the absolute merit to clean up our sins. Why? Only the merit of Christ can clean up our sins because God accepted his death as absolute substitutive offering for us. So, we can believe that after we confessed our sins to God by faith we can say, "Thank God for your merit of Christ. We can praise the Lord because of the merit power of Christ death. This is the reality of occupying Canaan.

II. It is to have the assurance of Immanuel. (12)

1) Second reality of Canaan occupying is must be the experience of Immanuel. Actually, Immanuel means the reality of fullness of Holy Spirit and the presence of living God.

2) When we think of the event of Canaan battle we can find the main cause of victory in it. What is it? It is the Immanuel. Actually, Immanuel our redemption. What is your ultimate goal in your life? to glorify God and to enjoy God is the purpose of our redemption as well as the means of the redemption. The ultimate goal of our ministry shall be Immanuel that means to be with God, the union state with the Lord.

3) To eat the milk and the honey is important to us, but more important to enjoy Immanuel, the reality of Canaan by the obeying the Word of God and praising the Lord in our Christian life.

4) It is very easy to tends to accomplish some things in the ambidia ministry rapidly. But we have to concentrate on sustain the state of Immanuel in our ministry in order to build the will of God.

III. It is to have the assurance of the mission.

1) The last reality of Canaan conquering is the assurance of mission. Basically, Canaan was the destruction land by the serious sins of 7 tribes, idolatry and adultery. Then God drove them out the outside, bestowed them to his own people as the blessing land that points the

sanctuary to fellowship between God and his people, that is the main climax state of covenant. In the new testament it is the state in Christ. What is the real Canaan? It is the state in Christ. And also, what is the reality of Canaan? It is to obey the great command of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

2) Mt28:18-19 says “ ” and also 1Tim2:2 says” “

From two passages we can summarize two kinds, evangelism and education to make disciples in all nations. This is the purpose of church in the world. When the church concentrates on this one he can enjoy the reality of Canaan in the Christian life. In Cambodia we can enjoy the reality of Canaan, although we meet much suffering in our lives.

Do you enjoy conquering Canaan in your life? How do you enjoy the real Canaan in your life? When we live in Cambodia Personally I enjoy the natural situation in Cambodia in my trip I love that But I love the real Canaan in Christ. If I do not know this thing my life shall be empty.

Do not you think so?

Conclusion:

In history Israel did not enjoy the reality of Canaan in their times. They did not understand the reality of Canaan until Christ came on the earth. Today we stay in the same case. O we should concentrate on the reality of Canaan in our school life. What are they? The reality of Canaan are remission, Immanuel and mission.

Let us enjoy the abundant grace in our lives.

Clean up the promised Land! (Joshua 17:14-18) 2014/2/24

The people of Joseph said to Joshua, “Why have you given us only one allotment and one portion for an inheritance? We are a numerous people, and the LORD has blessed us abundantly.” **15**“If you are so numerous,” Joshua answered, “and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites.” **16**The people of Joseph replied, “The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain have chariots fitted with iron, both those in Beth Shan and its settlements and those in the Valley of Jezreel.” **17**But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—“You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment **18**but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have chariots fitted with iron and though they are strong, you can drive them out.”

Introduction:

1) It is not easy to occupy the land and to give them to 12 tribes. Although God promised to provide the land taken by fighting with the Canaanites, if they do not try to do the voluntary challenge and the absolute obedience and to keep the holiness after occupying the land, it shall be a bread on a picture. So, above of all, the settlement of Canaan needed to have the spirit of the pioneer. Actually, to manage the allotted land to make it as a residence demanded to have the strong frontier spirit and the obvious decision.

2) The text shows us the principles of conquer by understanding the divine spirit of Joshua. As such Israel, the Christian is a pilgrim and a pioneer in his life. How did they clear up the land?

First, they should stand up firmly in front of the forest (17-18).

1) According to verses 17-18 Joshua commanded to stand firm

before the great mountain to the descendants of Joseph. “**17**But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh— “You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment **18**but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours;”

2) First of all, Joshua show that they should stand up before the forest that they might clear it. This is the expression of their faith before God. Whenever we meet any problems, we have to challenge against that issue. Just like the people of great faith had done in their lives in the Scripture.

Ex: Zurubbabel stood up firm before the great mountain. Zechariah 4:6-7 says “Then 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 of hosts. **7**Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

Ex: Peter concentrated on the lame who was sat on the place of the temple. (Acts3:4-6) **4**And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” **5**And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. **6**But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” Peter stood up before the problem.

Ex: Joshua looked up the city Jericho to destroy it by the power of God. **13**When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” (Joshua 3:13) Joshua looked up the Canaan before he entered into the land.

2) In the chapter five of Ephesian, we can find the same experience. The Christian who abide in Christ should stand firm up in Christ. (Ephesian 6:13-14) “**13**Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. **14**Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,” One who settles in Christ can stand

firm up in Him and then he can walk toward another place. To stand before the problem clearly is very important. Although we meet impossible problems we have to stand firm in front of the problems. This is the faith.

3) Our God permits some problems as such forest for us in order to make us grown toward imitate Christ's image, those are, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Psalms 23:4 says "deep valley of death, "the chaos of our enemy." "[4](#) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ^cI will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

And also, we find the same experience in our personal life, in our school life and in our ministry.

4) What is the motive to occupy the mountain of Perith and Rbaim? It was two problems before them.

(1) First motive is that they had small heritage. We should believe that our Lord works in the small thing and in a difficult issue. Isaiah 57:14

Says [15](#)For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,

who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

"I dwell in the high and holy place,

and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

to revive the spirit of the lowly,

and to revive the heart of the contrite. " "

Paul says "[12](#)I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13](#)I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:12-13) This is the principle of his success.

If you have any worse situation and any weak points, do not worry about that. God prepared everything for you. At that time, you can stand up firm before your problems.

(2) Moreover, the second motive is our enemy's strong attack. Two primitive Canaanite tribes were very strong because they had iron chariot in that day. Historically their forefathers were the giant people. Ok of Basan was belonged to them. Their residence was the wide plain and the deep valley as a natural fortress. Then Joshua commanded that

they themselves must attack the tribes. Although anybody took afraid the situation and fall down into frustration, they stand firm up before them with assurance. Strong attack made them to be more conviction.

- David took the wonderful victory against Goliath, a giant of the Palestine by trusting the almighty Lord. “ “

- Ex. As we know, look at the first vision of Zechariah that reveals the deep dark state. Zechariah saw the rider on the red horse in the myrtle tree forest in the deep valley. (1:8) What does it mean? The salvation of God comes out of depth, chaos, valley and the darkness. (it means sins conviction and destruction) So the one who are saved by God's grace should understand both sides of valley and plain, darkness and light.

May the boldness of God be with you consistently in your heart!

Second, we need to have not the passive attitude, but the active attitude

1) Verses 16 and 18 say “clear the land by themselves.” It means the stress of independence. Actually, Adam lost true independent attitude after his committing sin before God. His automus destroyed him totally. But The second Adam, Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross and restored us out of the sin, the automus beings into the new men by believing his merit. As we depend on Christ, finally we can independent truly in Christ. It means that we need active attitude to the work of God.

2) We have to take careful passive attitude to the work of the Lord. For example, “after 5 years I shall be a great believer.” “Although I am poor surely I shall become a rich man after 5 years.” etc. Satan love to put this thought to us. Although all positive thinking is not true faith, generally true faith shall be revealed as strong positive thought and faithful active attitude because God is their background in everything.

Do you have such active attitude in your school life and in your ministry?

Third, We have to take the proper insight (wisdom) to overcome the suffering.

1) Verses 16-18 says “But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to

Ephraim and Manasseh— “You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment ¹⁸but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have chariots fitted with iron and though they are strong, you can drive them out.”

2) They have real wisdom that overcome the present suffering. This is the faith. Joshua exhorted them that they can overcome their enemies for themselves. Of course, God shall help them until occupying the land.

True faith products in the present problem, present suffering and present troubles by standing firm before God. We learn the truth about true faith to relate to the suffering.

1) First of all, the true faith comes out of knowing the object of faith, God. The knowledge is depended on the Scripture. So, we always search for the criteria of the Scripture, whenever we read the Scripture and meditate it in our heart.

2) True faith was made of much examination through trial. So, James teaches that as we meet several temptations in our lives, rejoice in Christ. James 1:3-4 says “Count it all joy, my brothers,^b when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. Why? Suffering makes training and perseverance and endurance in our lives. Finally, we shall be changed into the image of God. We believe in it.

Conclusion:

1) As we know, the symbolism of cleaning Canaanite land points the manage our heart in our Christian life. It means we have to grow up in the grace of Christ. As soon as their occupying work had finished they continuously manage the land to establish the will of God, the theocracy, the kingdom of God. Although they failed to erect it in Canaan, the eternal will of God could not be changed, rather, through the process of their failure the original purpose was appeared obviously in history. Finally, the kingdom of God was fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

2) So, all Christians should stand up before the forest of his problem and have the active attitude and the proper wisdom in his heart. In our Christian life we devote ourselves to clear our redemptive grace to glorify God, then we can be changed into the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

The Assurance of Paul (Eph 1:15-23) 1/31/2014

15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love ^f toward all the saints, **16**I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17**that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18**having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19**and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might **20**that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21**far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in, the one to come. **22**And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, **23**which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful love to us. Clean out dirty heart, unbelief, ungodliness, unrighteousness and unfaithfulness with the precious blood of Christ Jesus. Open our eyes to know and your truth. Especially Establish on the sound doctrine reformed theology and biblical teaching to glorify you and to enjoy you and your truth in our ministries. Lead us to the world of grace through this Word of God. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Introduction:

1) First of all, we are thinking the assurance of the Apostle, Paul about his normal Christian life through his prayer for Ephesian church. As we know his prayer contents is the assurance of his proclaim and his theology and

his faith for the church. Just like as Jesus prayed 6 titles to God the father in the John chapter 17, actually it reflected the ministry of Jesus, the redemption of Christ. His prayer is his purpose of his works. So, we can assure that the prayer of Apostle is his assurance and his purpose of proclamation for the church. Basically, we can find the wonderful assurance out of his prayer.

2) We thank God for his guide of our presbytery, CBPCP for his glory and his eternal economy. Especially we thank our presbytery members for follow the regulation of presbytery humbly. I want to exhort the assurance of Paul to CBPCP.

I. We need to assure the hope of God's calling.

1) Verse 18 says, " [18](#) having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, "

What is the hope of God's calling? It is what God give us for blessed lives in the present and future ages. God called for us in order to provide the wonderful purpose, heavenly blessing, redemption and the detailed wonderful things for us, at the least, forgiveness, purpose, power and peace. In a short word God prepared everything in our lives. So the Christian always claim the eternal hope, living hope as Peter said, " " What it is important is to get the wonderful hope in the time of God's calling personally. So we are Christians, we have to assure our treasure, the hope of God's calling. If you are God's calling already you have the eternal hope. Do you believe in it?

But many Christian ignore this hope in his actual life. Just like a dead person they despise his precious life, I cannot any things, I do not have any things. It is impossible. Always complain for his present situation. Especially we meet some sever suffering in our ministry; We have to assure this hope in it. Then God shall work in the situation through our faith. As Paul did in his assurance we have to make sure that in our heart.

In my case I am wondering in my life for my daughter's depression for 2 years. Then I complain to God for this thing. In the last year I came back to my home in USA. During two days I observed my draught in hospital. She stayed in the similar state in the hospital although my wife and two daughters helped

her very sacrificially. I was frustrated of that. I thought that God does not want to go to Cambodia. I kept in silent. However, at the third day she was changed obviously into good condition, she had good repose of my question. She has some peace. I realized that she got the big event in her thought. So last Christmas day my daughter can stay in the house two day with us. Our God sometimes works as the speed 10 miles per hours although he works his ministry as 100 miles per hour. I praise in God who have worked in his eternal plan. We need to assure of the hope of his calling.

II. We need that assurance of abundant inheritance in Christ.

1) In the verse 18 the Apostle prays “ [18](#)having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, “ He wanted that the church should take the assurance of inheritance, present blessing and eternal rewards , all your hopeful things shall be included in it. You have all resource in your life for God gave us the Holy Spirit to us. Actually, the grace of Holy Spirit is the Abraham’s real blessing. Galatian 3:14 says, “so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit ^e through faith”.

2) When we served our churches, we need many hangs for our successful ministry. But actually, our present situation is very poor or miserable. Then we have to think that we have wonderful resource in our lives in Christ. Because we have received abundant resource in Christ.

In order to we get this resource in our lives we have to ask to od, seek to od and knock the door in the name of Jesus. In this time our presbytery should concentrate on the prayer and studying the Scripture. It is our mission in our presbytery.

III. Finally, we need to assure have the immeasurable power in us.

Paul prayed assurance of hope, assurance of inheriting and also, he added to ask to know the power in Christ, the resurrected power, It means that he has use his power for establish his kingdom in the miserable wilderness. So verse 19 says “[19](#)and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20](#)that he worked in

Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, “

We have to give caution to this prayer. He did not too get three now but to make them known three things in the illumination of Holy Spirit.

Do you know that things in your heart? Already you got it. So, you have to claim that things in Christ in your ministry. If our presbytery members can claim this thing you can get wonderful miracle in your present situation. I believe in it. Why do we claim that hangs in our poor situation? Because God provided these things to the church be the merit of Christ.

Conclusion:

Our presbytery was established at Cambodia where is the center of East-South Asia in culture and geography, but have called for the one of killing field. Our presbytery has wonderful resource in Christ. In order to establish the kingdom of God in them. Our concern must be in the spiritual site of Cambodia church and people. Although the country was covered by green colors actually their inner stat is the gray or, black because they fall down into the mixture religious stream. So, we need to establish the assurance of the Apostle. We have the hop of God’s calling, the abundant in heritage and the immeasurably power in our heat.

My beloved presbytery pastors,

Do you have this assurance in your heart in your ministry? If the prayer of Apostle is the truth exactly we should assure that fact in our lives.

Let’s pray,

Lord we thank you for your wonderful grace make us assured three things, the hope of God’s calling, the abundant inheritance and immeasurable power. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Abide in Jesus Christ (John15:5) 1/31/2014

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Introduction:

1) Although anybody is a Christian, if he no God's calling he shall not become a pastor. The pastors should have the proof of God's calling in his heart. What is the proof of God's calling? Shortly we can say that as our desiring to proclaim the Word of God to the church. In other words, he should love the Scripture and preach the word of God to the church members. So, Paul emphasized the you preach the word of God any seasons. If you have any desire to preach and teach the Word of God you have the calling of God.

2) Our presbytery consisted of the men of God who God called for preaching. So, they have equipped by godly characters, righteousness, godliness, faith love patience and humility in him. So, if any pastor wants to improve his ministry, first of all he should abide in Christ. Paul also emphasized the teaching in his ministry. En-chritos (in Christ) is very important term to understand the Paul's theology and his faith, Biblical faith.

For example,

How will we abide in Christ?

I. We do not have to accept Christ again.

1) Why? Already we live in Christ. It means to be ruled by the Lord by the grace of Holy Spirit. Because we stay in Christ we cannot enter into the Christ. We should assure that I live in the Lord Christ Jesus.

2) Ex: A certain sister confessed that she invited Jesus one time every day in her heart. It alright? But she always is afraid of it. She had no true

peace in her heart. Why? She has no assurance that depends on the Word of God. After she accept Jesus as her savior. One time eternally. She could enjoy her salvation in her heart.

3) Where do you stay presently? Make sure that if we do not stay in Christ now accept

Jesus Christ as your savior.

II. We have to devote ourselves to unite with Christ and His word.

1) Jn 15:8 says “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

To abide in Christ means to abide in the Word of God or to be aided by the Word of God. it means to meditate the word of God in our heart. We should try to meditate it in our lives.

2) Just like the psalmist of chapter 1 assure in his lives. We should be unnoted with the Word of God. then we can know that the wonderful communication, amazing koinonia in our lives through the work of Holy Spirit. So, we need to strong desire to read the Bible regularly.

3) Just like Ezra did in the difficult age among chaos, we have to decide to read the word of God keep it and teach it to our church. Do you have such decision in your ministry? Then we can enjoy our ministry really among the tough field.

III. We have to devote to ourselves to unite with His love.

1) Already we reviewed the meaning of in Christ and in the Word of God, lastly, we think of to abide in the love of God. For God is love if we accept God by believing Christ., we exactly stay in the God’s love, basically it means the experience of fullness of Holy Spirit. When we enjoy the love, we can love our neighbors. So, in our ministry we have to check up our heart with his love. To abide in God’s love is our beginning of every day every ministry any time any place.

2) My presbytery should enjoy God’s love in their ministry. Let’s go to that place.

Conclusion:

1) Our presbytery concentrates to abide in Christ, the Word of God, the Love of God in order to product much fruit.

2) May the grace be with you through abiding in Christ every day.
Let's pray:

The Assurance of Paul (Eph 1:15-23) (2/9/2014)

15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love ^f toward all the saints, **16**I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17**that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18**having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19**and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might **20**that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21**far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in, the one to come. **22**And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, **23**which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Greeting: I am glad to meet you again. May the grace of God be with you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful love to us. Clean out dirty heart, unbelief, ungodliness, unrighteousness and unfaithfulness with the precious blood of Christ Jesus. Open our eyes to know and your truth. Especially Establish on the sound doctrine to glorify you and to enjoy you and your truth in our ministries. Lead us to the world of grace through this Word of God. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Introduction:

3) First of all, we are thinking the assurance of the Apostle, Paul about his normal Christian life through his prayer for Ephesian church. As we know his prayer contents is the assurance of his proclaim and his theology and his faith for the church. Just like as Jesus prayed 6 titles to God the father in the John chapter 17, actually it reflected the ministry of Jesus, the redemption of Christ. His prayer is his purpose of his works. So, we can assure that the prayer of Apostle is his assurance and his purpose of proclamation for the church. Basically, we can find the wonderful assurance out of his prayer.

4) Do you have assurance the three things in your life? What assurance did he take? The text reveal three concepts to us in the church.

First, we need to assure the hope of God's calling.

1) Verse 18 says ,” [18](#)having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, “

What is the hope of God's calling? It is what God give us for blessed lives in the present and future ages. God called for us in order to provide the wonderful purpose, heavenly blessing, redemption and the detailed wonderful things for us, at the least, forgiveness, purpose, power and peace. In a short word God prepared everything in our lives. So the Christian always claim the eternal hope, living hope as Peter said, “ ” What it is important is to get the wonderful hope in the time of God's calling personally. So, we are Christians, we have to assure our treasure, the hope of God's calling. If you are God's calling already you have the eternal hope. Do you believe in it?

But many Christian ignore this hope in his actual life. Just like a dead person they despise his precious life, I cannot any things, I do not have any things. It is impossible. Always complain for his present situation. Especially we meet some sever suffering in our ministry; We have to assure this hope in it. Then God shall work in the situation through our faith. As Paul did in his assurance we have to make sure that in our heart.

In my case I am wondering in my life for my daughter's depression for 2 years. Then I complain to God for this thing. In the last year I came back to my home in USA. During two days I observed my daughter in hospital. She stayed in the similar state in the hospital although my wife and two daughters

helped her very sacrificially. I was frustrated of that. I thought that God does not want to go to Cambodia. I kept in silent. However, at the third day she was changed obviously into good condition, she had good repose of my question. She has some peace. I realized that she got the big event in her thought. So last Christmas day my daughter can stay in the house two day with us. Our God sometimes works as the speed 10 miles per hours although he works his ministry as 100 miles per hour. I praise in God who have worked in his eternal plan. We need to assure of the hope of his calling.

Second, we need that assurance of abundant inheritance in Christ.

1) In the verse 18 the Apostle prays “ [18](#)having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, “ He wanted that the church should take the assurance of inheritance, present blessing and eternal rewards , all your hopeful things shall be included in it. You have all resource in your life for God gave us the Holy Spirit to us. Actually, the grace of Holy Spirit is the Abraham’s real blessing. Galatian 3:14 says, “so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith “.

2) When we served our churches, we need many hangs for our successful ministry. But actually, our present situation is very poor or miserable. Then we have to think that we have wonderful resource in our lives in Christ. Because we have received abundant resource in Christ.

In order to we get this resource in our lives we have to ask to God, seek to od and knock the door in the name of Jesus. In this time our presbytery should concentrate on the prayer and studying the Scripture. It is our mission in our presbytery.

Finally, we need to assure have the immeasurable power in us.

(1) Paul prayed assurance of hope, assurance of in heritage and also, he added to ask to know the power in Christ, the resurrected power, it means that he has use his power for establish his kingdom in the miserable wilderness. So verse 19 says “[19](#)and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20](#)that he worked

in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, “

We have to give caution to this prayer. He did not too get three now but to make them known three things in the illumination of Holy Spirit.

Do you know that things in your heart? Already you got it. So, you have to claim that things in Christ in your ministry. If our presbytery members can claim this thing you can get wonderful miracle in your present situation. I believe in it. Why do we claim that hangs in our poor situation? Because God provided these things to the church be the merit of Christ.

Conclusion:

Our church was established at Cambodia where is the center of East- South Asia in culture and geography, but have called for the one of killing field. Our church has wonderful resource in Christ. In order to establish the kingdom of God in them. Our concern must be in the spiritual state of Cambodia church and people. Although the country was covered by green colors actually their inner stat is this gray or, black because they fall down into the mixture religious stream. So, we need to establish the assurance of the Apostle. We have the hope of God’s calling, the abundant in heritage and the immeasurably power in our heat.

My beloved presbytery pastors,

Do you have this assurance in your heart in your ministry? If the prayer of Apostle is the truth exactly we should assure that fact in our lives.

Let’s pray,

Lord we thank you for your wonderful grace make us assured three things, the hope of God’s calling, the abundant inheritance and immeasurable power. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Old Church gathered at Rahah's House (Joshua 2:15-24)

2/23/2014

[5](#)So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. [16](#)She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

[17](#)Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us [18](#)unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. [19](#)If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. [20](#)But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

[21](#)“Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

[22](#)When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them.

[23](#)Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. [24](#)They said to Joshua, “The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

Introduction:

According to the sermon of Stephen, the family of Rahab should be the church.

"He was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he received living words to pass on to us. "(Act 7:38) Why? Because they have some proofs that the church should possess, we can call for the church of the Lord in the Old Testament.

What are the proofs of true church?

First, they have the fear of God.

Verse 18 says "unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house." Do you know the fear of God in the passage? Through Rahab their family were gathered at her house with the fear of the Lord, Jehovah. Why did they gather in the one house? Because they wanted to be saved out of the judgment of God at Jericho., although they did not experience the grace of Lord's power but by believing the promise of spies her house members believe on the Jehovah in the Old Testament. They had the fear of the Word of God and affection of the Lord of Israel. Just this is the church that the power of hades cannot overcome any miserable situation.

True church should have the assurance of the fear of the Lord and affection of the Lord. Ps chapter 2:11-12 points that two element, fear and love, trembling and kissing are united in his heart. Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son,

lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

This is the faith, Although the Rehab's family lived in the Old Testament day before Christ's first coming, they possessed the life through accepting the Word of God unconditionally in their heart. This

was the work of Holy Spirit. This work has been happened continuously in the world.

So whenever, wherever we go and stay in Cambodia, we can build the church by proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. Moreover, we can help to grow up in the sound doctrine by praying and preaching the Scripture faithfully. Please do not follow the emotion phenomena, but the truth. That important thing comes out of the fear of God.

Especially the Cambodian church should learn the true trembling in their life before living God. Who is God of the Scripture? When we devote ourselves to him, we can take living hope in the family, in the country and in our future.

Second, they hold the promise of salvation.

1) Verse 18 says the Lord proposed a important mark, secret cord on the wall. [18](#)Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. A certain man claimed it is the blood of Jesus Christ because it is secret color. Can you accept the interpretation? Actually, we cannot find any Scripture. But the bronze snake in the wilderness is the Jesus Christ for Jesus interpreted it "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15](#)that whoever believes in him may have eternal life "(Jn3:14-15) Although we cannot say it is the death of Christ, obviously the family of Rahab hanged their neck on this mark. So, we can apply to the promise of salvation that the Lord commands. It is a mark of their salvation. The promise is very important.

Rahab's family was not saved automatically but they should possess the fear of God. If they had no the fear of God, they shall not determine their refuse against the king of Jericho. And also, they devoted themselves to the promise.

This is the same line of our salvation. Do you assure the salvation in your heart? How? Can you reveal your eternal life to the people? How? Our answer shall be believing in the promise of the Scripture. Jn 5:24

says “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” Because we believe the promise we assure that we are saved out of all miserable sin and curse. This is Rahab and her family ‘s salvation

So, I claim that before we believe unconditional commitment to the promise we cannot know the eternal life in our life. So, we should believe the Word of God unconditionally. This is the reformed faith. Do you believe in it? When we believe in it, we can know. If we can know it, we did not believe in the promise.

Third, they obeyed wholeheartedly in the miserable condition.

1) Think of the situation. Suddenly the city was destroyed by the power of God. The situation is very demolished state. Then they did not go out, only they stayed in the house as trusting the promise of God. it is the church. So only the church has the eternal life, the forgiveness and the power of peace.

Conclusion:

Today, remember that we are the church that living God is working. Today we should learn the fear of God. And also, we have to follow the lead of our king. So, we believe that the authority of hades cannot overcome our ministry and our passion for Christ. Lift up your goal to the higher goal. And try to challenge to arrive on it. God prepared everything in us.

Abide in Jesus Christ (John15:5) 3/1/2014

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Introduction:

1) Although a man is a Christian, if he has no God's calling, he shall not become a Christian. The Christians should have the proof of God's calling in his heart. What is the proof of God's calling? Shortly we can say that as our desiring to love the Word of God and obey it in their heart. In other words, he should love the Scripture and proclaim it to the neighbors. So, Paul emphasized that you preach the word of God in any seasons. If you have any desire to love the Word of God, you have the calling of God.

2) Jesus Christ teaches that the normal Christian life must be to abide in Christ. Abide in me. Dwell in Christ.

How do we abide in Christ?

I. We do not have to accept Christ again.

1)Why? Already we live in Christ. It means to be ruled by the Lord by the grace of Holy Spirit. Because we stay in Christ we cannot enter into the Christ. We should assure that I live in the Lord Christ Jesus.

2)Ex: A certain sister confessed that she invited Jesus one time every day in her heart. Is it alright? But she always was afraid of it. She had no true peace in her heart. Why? She has no assurance that depends on the Word of God. After she accept Jesus as her savior one time eternally, she could enjoy her salvation in her heart.

2)Where do you stay presently? Make sure that if we do not stay in Christ now accept Jesus Christ as your savior.

II. We have to devote ourselves to unite with Christ and His word.

4) Jn 15:8 says “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. “

To abide in Christ means to abide in the Word of God or to be abided by the Word of God. it means to meditate the word of God in our heart. We should try to meditate it in our lives.

5) Just like the psalmist of chapter 1 assure in his lives. We should be unnoted with the Word of God. then we can know that the wonderful communion, amazing koinonia in our lives through the work of Holy Spirit. So, we need to strong desire to read the Bible regularly.

6) Just like Ezra did in the difficult age among chaos, we have to decide to read the word of God keep it and teach it to our church. Do you have such decision in your ministry? Then we can enjoy our ministry really among the tough field.

III. We have to devote to ourselves to unite with His love.

1)Already we reviewed the meaning “abiding in Christ and in the Word of God”, lastly, we think of to abide in the love of God. For God is love if we accept God by believing Christ., we exactly stay in the God’s love, basically it means the experience of fullness of Holy Spirit. When we enjoy the love, we can love our neighbors. So, in our ministry we have to check up our heart with his love. To abide in God’s love is our beginning of every day, every ministry, any time and any place.

3) This church should enjoy God’s love in their lives. Let’s go to that place.

Conclusion:

Our church concentrates to abide in Christ, the Word of God, the Love of God in order to product much fruit. I assure that you have to abide in the Lord.

3) May the grace be with you through abiding in Christ every day.

Let's pray:

The Servant of Suffering (Ish.52:13- 53:1)

2014.3.30 Lord's day chapel by Rev. White Young Jeon

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; ^b
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

14As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

15so shall he sprinkle ^c many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us? ^a
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

* Telos: You can follow the way of cross by understanding the redemption accomplished by the suffering of Christ.

Introduction:

1) The gospel of Luke 7:29 is the important passage we should check up in our daily life. “ ” After we saved out of miserable corruption in our lives, our next step the passage of 52:13-53:12te the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord stressed to his disciples. Especially although we live in the very hot season, we do not give up to follow Jesus Christ. At the other time I had exhorted you

with the example of Hannah's prayer and also, we think of the redemption of the servant of suffering according to the famous passage.

Generally, Isaiah 52: -53: have been called for the chapter of the servant of suffering in the church.

The text is summarized as "the suffering and the glory of the servant". In the text we find his appearance, his ministry and his prophecy about his suffering that is connected with his glory. Although he was suffered severely, finally he accomplished the redemption of his own people once of all "Even though the text uses a metaphor, we can find true meaning under the light of Christ's salvation of the New Testament obviously and easily.

As Peter apostle quoted Christ's death as the death of the lamb, the servant of suffering, the servant must be Jesus Christ, our Lord. " "

2) What effective did the servant bring? The text tells us four responses as followings;

Verse 13 says to the prosperity and honor of the servant

Verse 14 says to the misunderstanding of the people to the miserable state of the servant.

Verse 15 says the wonderful redemption of the servant and the surprising of the people who look at the servant.

And also verse 53:1 reveals the suffering (sigh) of Isaiah towards the unbelief against the servant's work

I. What is the prosperity of the servant?

1) In a short word, the prosperity of the servant means the redemption accomplished by his death and his resurrection.

Verse 13 says "Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted." Here, the wise act of the servant is the suffering of servant and high and lifted up means resurrection of the servant. And what does verse 13 reveals about the prosperity of the servant?

(1) first, he executed his work in his own wisdom. The salvation of God could be fulfilled of God's wisdom and should be accomplished by God's power. After 700 years really, Christ's salvation had been fulfilled by the wisdom of Christ. As we know, Christ accomplished his purpose by the betray of

Judah and chose the way of cross at the garden of Gesemaneth and destroyed the temptation of Satan by his deep silence at the court of Pilate. And when he was condemned as the actual declaration, he accepted the shame wisely for us.

2) Second, He was lifted up by God. The authority of God was revealed by the death and the resurrection of Christ. God permitted for Christ to fall down into the lowly place and lifted up him into the highest by God's mercy. What is the highest place? It is the seat of absolute authority that every one might confess to him as "my Lord" (Phil2:). He has the power of the heaven and the earth. (Mt28:18)

3) Third, He sat down on the highest position. He is the creator, the provider, the savior and the judger (the consummator). Now he works at the highest place for us. Who is the servant of suffering? He is our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(2) Therefore, we enjoy in our lives anytime, anyplace.

1) What is the prosperity of Christian? It will be external success, well-being, richness, but we have to understand that the prosperity of Christian points the state to overcome our sinful desire (Salks), that is the factory of all our sins by the godly wisdom. In other word, the way of self-denial is the way of prosperity.

John Calvin stressed that the self-denial, the self-renovation is the sum of Christian life in his Institute vol2 chapter 7. What does it mean? It means that our main job should be self-denial anytime, anyplace. If we accept his titles of the chapter only, our heart shall be moved by the Holy Spirit. "We are not mine but we belong to God. Self-denial is devotion, self-denial is obedience. When we struggle to this theme in our lives we can enjoy the wonderful grace. Why? Because our servant Jesus opened the way by his suffering and his death for us. We assure that spiritual prosperity is actual prosperity.

And also, we have to remember that the grace that the Father gives us must be the best blessed position. So, the lowly position and the highly position of Christ must be the source of Christian's blessed lives.

I want that our students go towards the blessed place in Christ.

II. But the wonderful prosperity come to us through the harm of the servant.

1) Why were the people astonished at his appearance in verses 14-15?

1) Because his harmfulness was so severe, they were astonished.

“¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him^[e]— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness. Ps 22: describes ““Really his suffering was very miserable. Why? Because the righteous God demanded the lowness of the servant, for our salvation.

2) But we find another surprising in verse 15. “so shall he sprinkle ^e many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.”

Here, the blood of the servant sprinkled to all nations. It means the effective of Christ’s death to the chosen people in all nations. Then the kings shall shut their mouths because of him. Why? They found the fact that his miserable suffering and his harmful state was happened for them. “ “

Because they heard the wonderful news that did not has proclaim his people shall be astonished in their lives in the illumination of Holy Spirit.

Look at the conversion of Paul.

The case of Paul’s conversion, we can find such astonishment. Before he was a Pharisees against the good news and Jesus Christ. Why did he change at Damascus? Because he found the wonderful fact in the situation. “ ” His salvation came out of this surprising.

3) We had experienced this astonishment and this supersizing. Before we know Christ and his death we were astonished at his cross. We thought that the suffering was happened because of his sins. So, despised him ignored him and condemned him. But one day we realized the true reality of his suffering and true purpose of his death. Actually, he died for us, for me for the church, and for the chosen people in Cambodia So we want to proclaim the news in the world.

Third, what did Isaiah, who found the reality by the illumination of Holy Spirit, execute?

- 1) He repented and devoted himself to the servant of suffering and also, he proclaimed the good news to his people Israel Furthermore he proclaimed the eternal truth to us in Cambodia. “ ”
- 2) In Isaiah chapter 6 he saw the glory of the servant of glory but now he saw the servant of the suffering for his own people salvation. Through the revelation he found true gospel in his heart, he devoted himself to walk on the way of cross, self- denial. Just like this one Isaiah's gospel is Christ's gospel and also our gospel. So, we want to go to all nations with the impression of the wonderful salvation that was accomplished by the death of the servant, Jesus Christ.

Conclusion:

- 1) My beloved brothers and sisters. The redemption of Christ was revealed as the style of good news and as spreading the seed towards all the world. The redemption was accomplished by almighty power of Jehovah, proclaimed to the world by almighty power and was enjoyed by almighty power of the Lord. (Gen.3:15)
- 2) One day we accepted the gospel we repented and devoted to it. Now we want to proclaim the news to our neighbors. Our vacation shall become a good chance to proclaim to your family and your neighbors. Our Lord, the servant of the suffering and the servant of glory command to us, “ ”

Let's trust the promise and go to the vacation.

Let's pray.

Dear Lord. We thank you for your wonderful redemption. We thank you for making us to see the servant of suffering and the servant of glory. Make us to proclaim the Lord to our family and our neighbors in vacation time especially lead our school to glorify God. Provide your grace to our chancellor, chairman and all professors and all instructors and all spencer's. Lead Dr. Ezra in the visiting time with your right hand. I pray in the name of Jesus Amen.

The Resurrection of the Servant (Isa. 53:10-12)

Greeting: I appreciate you for your prayer and faithful serving our Lord Jesus Christ. I visited to China to teach the doctrine introduction to special students who care out of North Korea, communists. I had stayed in the mountain house for 13 days. I had special experience in my life. Probably I may visit to there one time yearly in the same time for them. Thank you very much.

Let's pray. Heavenly father we thank you for your wonderful grace to us. Open our eyes to know and your truth. Lead us to the world of the truth and the grace. Lord provide your illumination to know you and resurrection power in this time. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
3He was despised and rejected ^b by men;
a man of sorrows ^c and acquainted with ^d grief; ^e
and as one from whom men hide their faces ^f
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

8By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

9And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;^g
when his soul makes^h an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11Out of the anguish of his soul he shall seeⁱ and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,^j

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,^k
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Introduction:

The prophet, Isaiah prophesied the suffering, the death and the resurrection of Christ before about 700 year by the inspiration of Holy Spirit. After 700 years the evangelist, Philip interpreted the servant of Isaiah chapter 53 as Jesus Christ in Acts 8:32-35. “Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading was this; “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

It is a very wonderful passage because the text includes the resurrection and the ascend of Christ. Verse 10 says “Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; ^g when his soul makes ^h an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. “As a grain is died in the soil it shall bring up many grains, it means the resurrection, the new life as the effective of Christ death. To enjoy the resurrected life in our lives we have to understand rightly the meaning of Christ’s death and his resurrection.

I. First, what did the redemption of God include? (1-6)

(1) It was the God’s plan before the creation. 52:13 says “Behold, my servant shall act wisely he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. “and also 53:10 says “the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. “

It means that the trinity God planned the redemption before creation in the council of trinity. Zechariah 6:13 suggests the council of peace between the king and the priest to build the temple. "It is he who shall be build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of the peace shall be between them both. "So, the redemption of Genesis 3:15 must be come out of the council of trinity God before the creation. In other words, only God can accomplish the redemption by his wisdom and his power and the redemption shall be accomplished by destroying the Satan. And the only seed of the woman shall be able to accomplish the redemption concretely. In the high priestly prayer of Jesus in John 17:4 Christ praised that the council plan was accomplished by God. Verse 4 says "I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that I had with you before the world existed." And also, Paul who knows the fact very well was able to declare "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." (Rom 16:20)

(2) The plan is the wonderful fact that was revealed the above of all thinking. In the verses 14-15 there were two responses about the astonishing and surprising to the same event. The first astonishment come out of observing the extra suffering and also another suffering come out of understanding true meaning of the suffering. (3-4)

(3) And when he believes in it, the effective should be revealed. He was born as a weak bud, he was despised, suffered and taken much disease. (34) So, He was called for "the man of sorrow". Actually, as the servant was died on the cross although he accomplished to clean up all sins, if we do not believe in him as my grace, we cannot enjoy the wonderful forgiveness and the abundant grace in our lives. "So, the prophet cried out their unbelief of their rebellion. "who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been reveled? (1) "But as we accepted Him and his grace, we can get the wonderful effective in our lives now and eternally

= In this vocational time, I had seen a miserable result that the unbelief of God's word brought up to the earth. I had stayed at the mountain house for 13days to teach the doctrine introduction to seminary students. They are strong communist come out of north Korea, after 1years they will be ordained as a pastor and will sent to his country again to build the churches. Then I

have heard that 300 million people were killed because of some eating foods in the marching of suffering in the North Korea. I was very miserable, so sorrowful. I got very trouble in my heart. But I believe that only the redemption of Christ can solve the issue. We accepted that His redemption had solved already the serious issue. And only the gospel can solve it. Now, only the gospel can solve our problems in our situation by the faith. We believe that the redemption of Christ is very powerful in our lives. Do you believe that the death of Christ is very wonderful power to solve every problem?

II. Second, what character does it have? (6-9)

(1) It was the substitute suffering. (6-7) “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.” And verse 4 says “Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.” And also verse 8 says “By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?”

(2) And it was the suffering that endure all shame (7) “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.” As the lamb kept the silence before the cutter who cut the hair of the lamb, Jesus Christ kept the science before God for his people’s sin. As we know Jesus Christ keep the silence in his life. And as the lamb was pulled to the killing field by the owner, Jesus was obeyed before God as Isaac did on

the Moriah mount. Then we know a lamb was replaced Isaac. God prepared the only substitute lamb of God for us before creation.

= Actually, the lamb pointed Christ Jesus. So Jn 1:29 pointed the fact that Jesus Christ is the reality of the lamb. "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" If God prepared the lamb, Christ for us, how cannot he ignore another grace for us? We have to accept the wonderful grace in our heart.

III. Third, what effects did the suffering of servant bring to us? (10-12)

(1) It was sufficient to God.

Verses 10-11 says that He became the guilt offering to accomplish the will of Jehovah, although he came as the only offering of atonement through the several thousand by several manners and several means. What is the guilt offering? Why did the Holy Spirit use this offering as the result of the merit of Christ? Because the guilt feeling is the minimized unit of our heart, he used this term. It stresses to clean up every sin of our lives completely. Anyone has much feeling about guilt feeling in his life. It means that the death of Christ cleaned every sin in our lives. I John 1:7 says "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. "Do you believe in it?

In fact, this is an example of our normal Christian lives. What is the normal Christian life? He shall be assured that his guilt feeling was cleaned up in his life. We have to confess our small sin and our little guilt feeling to the Lord by faith. Then we can approach to the great grace seat just like David did. When we read the confession of David as he committed to the murder and the adultery in his life, we can find his example of confession in Psa. 51: He observed his guilt feeling as "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! [3](#)For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.[4](#)Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight," (Ps51:2-4)

The guilt feeling is the horrible trouble to the Christian life. Look at the Samaritan woman's guilt feeling! As she listened to the word about the everlast-

ing well in the heart, she accepted the promise as hers and abandoned her jar and proclaimed Jesus to the Samaritan people. What did she announce to them? She said “So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, [29](#)“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” (Jn4:28-29) Why did she point to them? Because she got the guilt feeling. She assured that her past sin, her present sin and her future sin had been cleaned up by the word of Jesus and His merit momentarily. More important thing must be that the father- God was contented by the merit of Jesus Christ on the cross eternally. Verse says “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall seeⁱ and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”

(2) And He justified his own people by his complete death Because his death cleaned up every sin of his own people, he is able to be justified by his merit. In other word, his death made the position of his own people lifted up the position of righteousness. Verse 11 says “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall seeⁱ and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, we can communicate with the righteous God eternally.

(3) And also, He provided the abundant grace to us. As the result their guilt feeling and every sin had been cleaned up and also, he had bestowed the peace of the healing. (5) verse 5 says “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” It means the healing of resurrection, the healing of the eternal life. We already have been participated into the wonderful resurrected grace in our actual lives , which Jesus claimed, “ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”^d Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26](#)and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (Jn11:25-26).

(4) I can find two fruit of the resurrection of the servant. What are they? One is the healing of his resurrection and another thing is the peace of the resurrection.

Verses 12 says” he saw his offspring’s who have the eternal life in them. Just they are his own people who have the new life in them They are the offspring

of the woman in Genesis 3:15. The servant of suffering, death, and miserable thing was changed into the servant of new life, light, and life-giving spirit. Now we abide in the life. Do you believe in it?

Conclusion:

1) The suffering of Christ was revealed by being betrayed of Judah Iscariot, by being denied by Peter, by being rebelled by his people, Israel, by being mocked by the people in the spiritual darkness. (Mt. 26:69-27:56) But As the father admitted the suffering and death of Christ as the only atonement offering, every sin, every guilt of his own people should be forgiven by God.

2) Therefore, anyone who believes in the merit of Christ can follow the narrow road in order to enjoy the abundant life, and also their corruption shall be transformed to the wonderful new life by the work of Holy Spirit. Above of all, we can enjoy the power of the resurrection, because his suffering makes our resurrected life in our lives. So, Paul could emphasize the fact that the resurrected power is working in heart. Now we need such resurrected power. Our frustrated heart was changed into the living hope, and also our killing field can be changed into the living field because of his death and his resurrection.

May such resurrected power be with you!

Let's pray

Dear Lord,

We thank you for your death and your resurrection for us. Make us applied the life in our lives to glory and your name. I pray in the name of Jess. Amen.

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

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2](#)And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, they went down to Bethel. [3](#)And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

[4](#)Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, they came to Jericho. [5](#)The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

6Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. **7**Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8**Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

9When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” **10**And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” **11**And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. **12**And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **13**And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. **14**Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Telos: You can receive the wonderful grace double portion of inspiration by seeking it and by sound faith by looking up only God.

Introduction:

1) Although the text belongs to the revelation of the Old Testament, we can learn the normal state of the Christian life and the idealistic self- image of the Christian ministry.

After we will finish the process of our study, finally we have to work in our personal calling place, each local church or, the school ministry or, mission field in the earth. What shall we do at that time? What do you think of the normal state of your ministry? Do you have your biblical image of your calling? I expect that our student assure that everybody shall be used by God just like Elisa did at his day.

2) I think that the event of Elisa reveals one of wonderful ministry of our actual life. Why? Because the pictorial revelation closes up the method of Elisa's beautiful work it is very marvelous event. The ministry that pointed to the baptism of power of Holy Spirit, which Lloyd Jones, who had served the contemporary church in the England several years ago, claimed that the reformed preachers need to experience the biblical teaching of the work of Holy Spirit. It is the doctrine of Holy Spirit of puritanism, the dynamic doctrine, the unique dynamical view of Holy Spirit. I agree with it for our Cambodia mission needs that trends actually. It is not strange ministry but the biblical ministry for know God and God's truth in the world. The text points this fact to us very well as an imaginal mode in our heart. In this time, we think that point for our benefits. In the demand of Elisa that seeks the double spirit of Elijah we have to concentrate on it. Why did Elisa seek it? What does it mean?

I. First, what does the double portion of inspiration mean?

1) It is the double portion of the inspiration of the Spirit. The double portion means the inheritance given to the first son. () Why did he demand it? Because he knew the value of the inspiration for his ministry and his calling. He could see that the inspiration of Holy Spirit who remained in Elijah's ministry is the best value and the best method to accomplish the will of God in his contemporary day. Although he lived in the Old Testament, he observed the wonderful gift of God, the Holy Spirit as our Lord focused on the Spirit as the best thing in his people. Lk 11:13 says “ ” When we compared this verse of Mt 7:7-9 we can understand that the best gift is the Holy Spirit. Actually, Elisa seek the kingdom of God and his blessing.

2) Today, we need this gift and this grace to us to accomplish our ministry and to be changed into the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. If our Lord ask “what do you want?” to us, we have to say “the Spirit” because we found the value of Holy Spirit. Without possessing the grace of Holy Spirit, we cannot follow His will. Finally, our lives became the tools of Satan as Israel did.

Why did Paul define pouring the love of God as the Holy Spirit? Rom 5:5 says “ ” because he found that only the Holy Spirit begins our salvation, leads it and accomplishes it in our lives. So, whenever we gathered every hour in our lives, we should seek the grace of Holy Spirit.

We who received the baptism of Holy Spirit should seek the grace of Holy Spirit as Elisa did. He asked three times. () This is the core of our ministry. Then we can overcome every attack in the confusion time.

II. Second, how can we get the grace?

1) We can learn the faith to get the spirit. Can you find it out of our text? How could Elisa get the grace? By only faith he could get it. What was the character of his faith? It was to seek it until the end. The reason that he can seek it until the end is to have true faith. True faith includes constant action, faithful passion and unchangeable endurance. Although his teacher exhorted to stop to follow him, he without pause did not leave the teacher.

2) What is the sound faith?

Ex:

- 1) The humble heart- the poor in Spirit. As the good soil.
- 2) The endurance – when he meets some problems he endured.
- 3) The fighting against our invisible enemies, anxiety, wealth, pleasure.

In case of Elisa, his faith reveals passion, endurance until he gets it.

III. Third, from where did he receive the grace?

1) From God. When we observe the process, we can find that God works to him. What are they? We can learn the moment that the power come on. The power of God comes to us when they do their best to follow God's promise passionately.

2) Although he has no any signs and no any miracles, when he hit on the water with the garment of his teacher, the water was divided soon. In the process of seeking the grace of God it had come on him already. The process of seeking was very important.

Conclusion:

1) My beloved brothers and sisters, let us seek the double inspiration of the Spirit promised in Christ. In Ephesian 5:18 the fullness of Holy Spirit must be this one. As Puritan pastors stressed "unspeakable joy", the double portion of the inspiration of Holy Spirit must be prepared for us.

2) Can you overcome this wicked day? How can we overcome it? The scripture provided the clear answer, the double portion of Holy Spirit. In our school life we have to attain that place in our personal godly life.

3) In your future I bless that God poured on you and your ministry.

Let's pray

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your prepared grace, the double portion of the spiritual inspiration. Pour on us from your abundant source to glorify you. Lead us to know you and your truth.

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

Have This Mind! (Philippian 2:5-11) 2014.4.25 chapel

(5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^a 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on

earth and under the earth, [11](#)and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Introduction:

1) In this vacation I reviewed the truths of Christian doctrines from the introduction to the eschatology in the intensive course in China. Then I had some chance to consider the states of Christ, those are, his low state and his high states in his life. As we know them, we assure that the states of Christ is the state of our present position in our Christian life. In other words, his low states, the incarnation, the servant ship and his death and his lifted position is resurrection and ascend, coming in Holy Spirit in the church and the second coming. It means that our position was changed into the low state and lifted state in Christ. So, we have to keep the humble mind in the earth in order to enjoy the wonderful grace in our lives. Paul emphasize that “[5](#)Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, “.

2) In this time, we think of the importance to possess the mind of Christ in order to enjoy the grace of the death and resurrection in our actual life.

Whenever we meet several problems in our different situation, we can overcome and endure in the darkness of our actual troubles by keeping the humble heart as our Lord Jesus Christ and the apostle did in their lives.

I. What is the humility?

1) Although the worldly humility is defined by the perspective of humanism as an ethical dimension, the biblical humility is to have the mind of Christ. Verse 5 says “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,”

2) What does it mean? To have the mind of Christ means first of all, to come out of being united with Christ. So, the text uses “in Christ.” When we are ruled by Christ in our lives we can know the state of humility and can en-

joy the abundant world. Actually, when we accept Jesus as my Lord, we know that the state of our present situation, that is the sinner through the illumination of Holy Spirit.

For example, in the case of Peter he found his reality as he got many fish in Galilee sea by obeying the word of Jesus. “and Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” what is his response to the Lord? He confessed “I am a sinner.” Why did he say such answer? Because he found the reality of his heart before the wonderful events, he knew the state of humility. How about the case of Paul? He was very arrogant in his life. He confessed his history in his life as I Timothy 1:12-15. “I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, [13](#) though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14](#) and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [15](#) The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.” But he considered them as dungeon because of knowing the highest precious position of Christ. He confessed that I am the chief of sinners in the world. How did he confess such thing? Because he sees himself in the light of the almighty God and holy God. as the psalmist confessed in the I see my light under your light.” Really this is very mysterious events in the Christian life. And also, the men of God in the Scripture we can find the same experience to know their reality in their lives.

Isaiah and Elijah and Moses tasted the same experience. What is the humility in the bible? It is the natural response to the light of Holy Spirit through the Word of God. So biblical humility is different to the human lowness. So, we want to stand up before the Scripture as the word of God honestly. Paul claimed that “he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, “(I Tim 6:4). Without standing up before the Lord and his Word, he can serve to God as a humble figure and as holy attitude. But these actions can not belong to the biblical humility. So, Paul warned that intensely worship to the Colossian Christian.

Actually, this humility come out of participate into the Christ's lowness., his incarnation, his servant ship and his death in his life. Without helping of Holy Spirit anyone can know the reality of humility. So, Paul emphasize to have the mind of Jesus. So, our Lord proclaimed that the blessed man is the poor in spirit. Why did he tell us? Because the humble heart can occupy the grace of God and sustain continuously before God. to the wonderful fact the Isaiah declared that "[15](#)For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

"I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite."(Isa. 57:17) Only the humble heart, contrite mind can accept the holy thing and spiritual things actually. This is the reality of the biblical humility.

So, we know Augustine's answer to a question of the best virtue of Christian life, he stressed that the first, the second and third is humility, Christ's mind. So, we understand that the basic blessing state is the poor heart in Spirit. (Mt 5:3) So we have to go to the state before God. Then we can possess the humility that is Christ's mind.

Why do we try to stand up before God in reading the Bible and in our personal prayer time? It is to get the humble heart.

In our student life we have to learn such mind, Christ's mind any place and anytime. This is the best blessing in the world and in my life. So, Christ was incarnated for us "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. "(John1:14)

II. What is the result of the humility?

Before, we thought that definition of the biblical humility now we are thinking what the result of the humility is. What is the result of the humility? It is the highest state, the best state and the most wonderful state in Christ's lifted states. Verses 9-11 says [9](#)Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed

on him the name that is above every name, [10](#)so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11](#)and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

1) God worked in that situation. Resurrection, ascendance and pouring out the Holy Spirit and second coming of Christ. Now if we believe in Jesus Christ already we abide in such position.

As a word, the result of humility is the victory, occupying and lifted state. But the world stress that after the suffering the sweet day shall come to us, although the patience is very bitterness but the fruit is very sweet. However, we say “the blessing state is the state that living God use me for his will and his plan. It means that God is power and I am his tool in his work.

2) So, we prefer to the passive state than the active state in the point as the channel of God.

Ex: In this time, I enjoy and thank God for he used me and my understanding to teach the truth to the students. When we serve Christ in our pastoral ministry we want to become a tool of the Lord. Why? We know that it must be blessing in our lives. Do you believe in it?

Therefor the Christians do not seek the void honor, empty success and hypocrites in our ministry because he pursues the biblical humility. As we know Paul revealed the example to the Ephesian church. Acts 20: 18-21 says “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, [19](#)serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; [20](#)how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, “

My beloved students, seek the real honor, trustful power and faithful life in your life. As like Joseph did, we have to seek the state that God permit for us in Christ. Let’s go toward that way.

III. How can we keep continuously the humble heart?

1) We have to learn the self-denial in our lives.

What is the self-denial? It is the accepting the Lordship in our lives. Verse 11 says “[11](#)and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” All people shall confess Jesus Christ as my Lord. Among all people we think that non-Christians belongs to. there are two kind confession. The first multitude confessed Jesus Christ as the judge with fear. But the other group confess him with affection and with thankful heart. This one Christian faith of the Lordship. As we know Mt7: 21-23 reveals that the first group result to us? “[21](#)“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. [22](#)On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ [23](#)And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

“although they call Jesus my Lord, my Lord to him, they could not enter into the kingdom Why? Jesus stressed “ “ he demand to follow the Lord’s will. The word of God. here we can think that humble heart to obey the will of God.

2) We have to admit the Lordship in our lives in Cambodia country. Who is your Lord? In your thought, your attitude who is your Lord? We have to ask for ourselves about this issue.

Already the consciousness of the people rules over all culture, at that time we have to challenge against the Satan and his culture. We have to transform such stream. How? First of all, we have to admit the lordship in our small state, as Gideon did before the Baal idols. Before he broke the idols, he was faithful to the God’s calling. In God’s calling he cannot follow God’s will and God’s Lordship.

In this time, we have to make sure our calling, our lordship and our mind. Why did Jesus die on the cross? Because he wanted to give the best blessing to us. Why did God call you in Cambodia because he wants to make you known real breath in Cambodia?

Conclusion:

We think that the true meaning of Christ's states in history. Although the event was happened before 2000 years, the event works in our lives in the contemporary. So, we have to have humble mind to accomplish his will in my life ad in our country.

Let's go to the blessing place in our school life.

Let's pray

The Meaning of Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:23-29) 2014.4.20

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24](#)and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for^e you. Do this in remembrance of me "^f[25](#)In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26](#)For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Introduction:

- 1) The Christian Sacrament consists of two kinds those are; baptism and communion as our Lord established in the upper room before being arrested by the enemies.
- 2) The baptism of the water is a mark that anybody received the regeneration that is the baptism of Holy Spirit. And the communion means that after he received the Holy Spirit he should keep the memorial ceremony as the marks of the Christian who was united with Jesus Christ. In other word it means to remember the death of the Lord in our lives in order to get some spiritual benefits out of the means of grace, the work of Holy Spirit.
- 3) The text reveals us the method of keeping faithfully the command. (25)

1. We have to know the meaning of communion.

- 1) The death of Christ is the foundation of all grace that the chosen people received out of the miserable state.
 - redemption
 - remission (atonement)
 - adoption
 - justification
 - sanctification
 - and glorification

So, we have to meditate the death of Christ as a living sacrifice of our sins deeply. We have to praise the Lord for his precious blood.

- 2) Only his blood can clean all our sins out of all miserable state. (1 Jn 1:7)
[7](#)But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If you meet some struggles against Satan's temptation return to the Scripture and claim the glorious promise. God will keep his promise faithfully. (1 Jn 1:9)

[9](#)If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. We have to examine our actual sins in our lives by following the criteria of good conscience.

1) We have already been forgiven our all sins but the actual sins remain in our lives for our weak. So, when we participate into the communion. We devote ourselves to repent our sins before God.

True repentance consisted of three things 1) intellectual 2) emotional and 3) volitional.

For example: Samaritan woman 1) she admits her miserable state have no honestly her husband. 2) She was sorrowful she felt shamefulness of her past things and 3) She seek the eternal fountain to the Lord. Repentance and faith happened at the same time in her heart.

She got salvation immediately.

3. We have to seek to get some spiritual gifts of executing the word of God through eating his flesh and drinking his blood in faith.

1) We believe in the spiritual presence of communion. It means that the Spirit work in our heart by believing the promise and obeying the command in good conscience. The result of the deed brings spiritual benefits just like abstaining our habitual sins and fullness of Holy Spirit and gifts of the Spirit.

If we join into this communion in ignoring the meaning of communion, our soul may fall down into spiritual sleep and death. (verse 30)

2) Right now, you can get more wonderful grace and spiritual power in Christ. May the blessing of God be with you all.

Let's pray

Practice:

1. Bread

and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5**But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2. Cup

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ^{f 25}In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Pray:

Heavenly father, we thank you for your wonderful grace from your death and your resurrection. Open our eyes to know you and your truth. Make us strengthen our heart to glorify you. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Meaning of Christ's Resurrection (I Corinthian 15:21-34)

[20](#)But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21](#)For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22](#)For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23](#)But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24](#)Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25](#)For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

[26](#)The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27](#)For “God ^e has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28](#)When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him that God may be all in all.

[29](#)Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? [30](#)Why are we in danger every hour? [31](#)I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! [32](#)What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” [33](#)Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”^d [34](#)Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Introduction:

1) Among Christ’s works in his public ministry, the resurrection is very unique event because his resurrection is the source (criteria) of all the Christian new life. It means that all forgiveness, all renewal and all power are rooted into this event deeply and closely. If we want the abundant life in our lives, we should know the meaning of the resurrection very well. Apostle Paul claims the cross –centric life as the normal Christian life in I Corinthians 2: At the same time, he claims the unique character of Christ’s resurrection. Ephesian 1: 22-23 stresses that. “ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20](#)that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, “ . Actually, without Christ’s death, no the resurrection, without resurrection the death is meaningless. The text reveals the united relationship to us.

2) What does Paul claim of the meaning of his resurrection?

First, he observed that Christ is the first fruit of the resurrection.

1) Verses 20-23 say “[20](#)but in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21](#)For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22](#)For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23](#)But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. “

2) Here, the term, the first fruit are revealed. What does the first fruit mean?

– It means that the resurrection of Christ is the source of all chosen people’s resurrection. Why? His resurrection was united with the resurrection of his own people. Ephesian 2: 4-7 says “But ^c God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5](#)even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— [6](#)and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7](#)so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” Christ’s death is my death, Christ’s resurrection is my resurrection and Christ’s descend is my descend; Christ’s ultimate victory is my ultimate victory. So, Paul confessed that he crucified with Christ on the cross. “Galatian 2:20 say” I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. “And also, he was resurrected with Christ. So, he claimed that he lives his actual life in Christ by faith. Actually, he had not been crucified with Christ in his life. But he claimed his dead and his resurrection. It was very strange. Why? Because he knows that the meaning of Christ’s death and Christ’s resurrection. He understood that he was united with Christ. If we believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord, we have to the same faith that is his resurrection is my resurrection Do you believe in it?

– Jesus says “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”^d Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26](#)and everyone who

lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (Jn11:25-26)
“So we united with the first fruit of the resurrection.

– Why did the apostle say the first fruit of resurrection? It means the sample, the original resurrection. Adam has the living soul to tastes the physical life in his life but the second Adam. Jesus Christ has the life-giving spirit. Although Adam shall be finished the limited life in his life but Jesus Christ give his life, the eternal life to his own people by being united with him. It is very wonderful news I the world. The gospel includes this fact in the world.

Already Jesus claims the truth in John, now we listened to his voice in the world.(Jh5:25-29) [25](#)“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. [26](#)For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. [27](#)And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. [28](#)Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice [29](#)and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

– So, we were resurrected out of our sin and our death. So, we are alive in Christ. His is Christian. We include in the first fruit of resurrection. Hen Jesus Christ com to the word secondly, we shall be transformed into his image and we shall be risen out of corrupted state as his image to confront him directly.

– In other words, it means that we are born again Christians in our lives.

– So, we can expect the second fruit, third fruit... in our lives by the power of resurrection.

– Ex: When we observe the mango tree we know that one tree products lots of mango. How did mango bring up the fruit? When the branch is attached to the tree automatically the mango shall be produced. When we abide in Christ’s resurrection, naturally we can produce the fruits of resurrection that is the new life.

– So, Paul claims that it means the restoration of God’s image. (Rom 8:29) “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. “

How wonderful secret it is in our lives!

3) What are you sourcing of power, wisdom, happiness, protection, abundance and freshness in your lives? Where is your fountain water, everlasting spring well and flowing stream of water and sufficient living swimming pool? It is the Christ’s resurrection. Do you believe in it?

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5) What is your second fruit, your third fruit your fourth fruit of your new life? We assure that our future shall be transformed into Jesus, those are, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness by the power of resurrection.

= Example: can you prohibit your chronicle habit or, corrupted character by yourself? Already we cannot handle that. So, we have to abide in Christ’s resurrection. So, we remember it, meditate it proclaim it and claim miserable situation by the word of God.

Second, he claims that his new life is rooted on the resurrection.

1) Verses 22-23 say “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23](#)But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.”

2) In the passages we can find the fruit of resurrection in our lives. We can seek our new life, the resurrected fruit, those, possibility thinking, positive attitude and living hope. Why? The passage promises us. “Christ the first fruits then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

– What is the church? It is the assembly of Christians and also the men belong to Christ. In Dutch Christian claim that the church kirk means Christ’s property.

Christ's resurrection is the church's resurrection. The fruit of Christ's resurrection is the fruit of Christian's resurrection. This is wonderful mysterious in the world. So, we can expect the wonderful new life fruit in our Christian life. Although we walk through the valley of the earth in the world, we can enjoy the resurrected first fruit in our lives.

We can experience the wonderful fruit anytime, anyplace. You can produce new life in your school life, in your ministry and in your preparation time.

So, we can claim that God prepare everything in our lives. Because of his historical resurrected event in the world.

So, Paul knows that meaning of suffering as the death in the Christian life. What did he say to the Corinthian church? (II Corinthian 1:9-10) “. [9](#)Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. [10](#)He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. “Because he understands the meaning of Christ's resurrection he can apply it to every miserable state, every frustrated situation. = What is your serious problem in your life? Financial, chronicle disease and trouble relationship in your life? Apply the power of Christ's resurrection to the detailed thing by faith. Then you shall be found wonderful event in your lives.

Have a wonderful dream, expect the great revival. And drew your beautiful vision in your heart canvas. Christ already has prepared every source. It is the wonderful gospel. Do not have a self-image to receive some things but have the self-image to provide yourself and yours to the world in the resurrection of Christ.

Third, he died every day in order to experience the resurrected life in his life.

Read verse 31-32.

[31](#)I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! [32](#)What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

Why did he declare his daily dead although he has resurrected power in his

heart? Why? It is the wonderful secret in the history, anytime, anyplace. Again, he stressed the self-denial that is the obedience, the humility, the lordship and fullness of Holy Spirit and cross bearing. Basically, John Cavin understood that cross bearing belongs to the self-denial in his Institute. Actually, we have to learn this truth in our whole lives. I mean right now we have to learn the self-denial cross-bearing. Tomorrow, future we have to do it. This is the goal; this is our mission and our ministry.

Sometimes I found that I have no the qualification to teach the Word of God because I found several problems in my thought, in my life. Why? Because I cannot deny myself in my ministry. Then I seek the grace of God habitually. Then my God provide the better thing to me to follow him. I believe that my Lord shall lead me to the goal to attain the resurrected fruit in my lives.

My beloved students,

We have to concentrate to the Paul's claim “ ”

We need the illumination of Holy Spirit to know the grace.

Paul's experience is Christ's's experience. We follow the direction of Christ.
“ ” How can we die every day? Apostle Paul clearly tells us.

- 1) We have to admit the Lordship of Christ in our lives.
- 2) We have to challenge to destroy our wicked character, carnal desire, those are;
- 3) We have to receive grace of God through personal godly life. Especially by using the Word of God and the prayer.
- 4) We have to endure some trouble and some suffering in our lives by accepting my cross in believing in God's providence.
- 5) Although I fall down into the spiritual miserable state, I want to follow the narrow way, the way of the resurrected life in my actual life. Until now I can say that my Lord have provided the better thing to me.

Conclusion:

My beloved students,

Although we remind every yearly ester day, we have to know the meaning of resurrection of Christ. If we accept that his declaration of “I am the resurrection”, Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”^d Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26](#)and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” We have to claim that we have the resurrected life in my heart. And also we have to apply the resurrected life to our actual life in order to enjoy the abundant life in our lives.

Let's pray

Lord, we thank you for your wonderful grace to us. We thank you for your resurrection and your resurrected life in our hearts. Make us followed the way of the cross and h ay of the new life I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Double Portion of Inspiration (II Kings 2:1-14)

1Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2**And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3**And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

4Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So, they came to Jericho. **5**The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

6Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. **7**Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8**Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

9When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." **10**And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." **11**And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. **12**And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. [13](#)And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. [14](#)Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Introduction:

1. If we are pursuing the powerful Christian life and the activating ministry in our chaos day, we need to understand the ministry of Elisa that the text close up to us. What do you think of it? Do you have such double portion of Spirit’s inspiration? Do you have this power in your ministry just like Elijah? Through the supplication of Elisa that seeks the double portion of Elijah’s inspiration of the Spirit as the inheritance of the elder son, what can we learn?

2. Personally, I assure that the event revealed the reality of the Pentecost grace in Acts2. In other words, it pointed the fullness of Holy Spirit, the baptism of the power of Holy Spirit. (I Peter1:8) It means the sign by the Holy Spirit. More important thing is his personal experience of the wonderful grace in his ministry.

How did he experience the marvelous grace in his life? Observing the text, we can find three things to enjoy the grace in our ministry.

First, he knew the value of the inspiration. He saw that the inspiration of Holy Spirit who had remained in Elijah is the best value. It is to seek the kingdom of God and the blessing. (Lk11:13)

Second, he knew the power of the faith. The reason that he can seek it until the end is the faith. Although his teacher exhorted his stopping to follow him he without pause did not leave the teacher.

Third, he knew the moment that the power come on. The power of God comes to us when we do own best to follow passionately. Although he has no any

signs and any miracles, when he hit on the water with the garment of his teacher, the water was divided. In processing of requesting faith the grace of God come on us already. Let us seek the double inspiration promised in Christ. (Ephesian 5:18)

The kings as well as the prophets that were appeared in the historical books of the Old Testament were Symbolism and types of Christ indirectly and directly. In this perspective Elisa was the type of Jesus Christ for three reasons as followings: 1) he received the inspiration of Holy Spirit at the Jordan. 2) He revealed the super power that divided as two parts hitting the river with his garment. And (3) he received the power of Holy Spirit when Elijah was ascended by the work of Holy Spirit. So, we can learn the Work of Holy Spirit in the ministry of Christian as well as in the ministry of Christian.

What features did Holy Spirit work in the ministry of Elisa?

First, it was revealed by receiving the double portion of Spirit's inspiration.

The double inspiration of Elisa that means the double portion of the inheritance of the elder points the power of Christ as the first son of the salvation. In other word it means the baptism of the power of Holy Spirit. (1 Peter 1:8 Rom 5:5, Eph 1:13-14) The Christian has to focus on the powerful ministry of the Spirit who descended on every Christian as the second counselor. Sometimes though we have some parables in understanding of the term, we have to observe the real power of Holy Spirit in our ministry and in our lives. The reason that the Scripture says the reality of Spirit's power in our ministry is that our salvation begins with the Spirit and finish with one. Therefore, we have to go to the spiritual the Jordan River in order to receive the power of Holy Spirit. (Eph 5:18) How could Elisa receive it? He had three elements, those are 1) Longness 2) believing and 3) enduring. We need three condition attitudes to the glorious promise.

Second, the power of Holy Spirit revealed in his ministry.

The double inspiration was out poured on him when the garment of Elijah was dropped on the ground out of heaven. Just like Moses' Rod worked on the

river Red sea. when Elisa hit on the Jordan river with the garment, the wonderful event was happened on that place. Even though Elisa did not know the power in him quickly, the grace was proved by His coworkers who watched him. in his regular ministry he experienced the superpower of Holy Spirit, for example, the dead son of the Shunammite woman was risen by his touch and He solved the problem of the wife of a passed prophet by the marvelous power ad he healed the Naaman's leprosy disease by his obedience of Elisa's command. Such things proved that his ministry deepened on the power of Holy Spirit that means the baptism of Spirit's power for helping the ministry of his workers. The power of Holy Spirit is same t the grace than every Christian received in his regeneration. In such meaning every Christian possessed the double portion of the Spirit's power. Therefore, the works of the Acts is the ministry of Christ as well as the Spirit because Jesus Christ is the complete Elisa

Third, the strong resurrected power was revealed by Holy Spirit in him.

1. Finally Elisa was died by the disease and buried in the cemetery. When an Israelite people cast the dead body into the tomb that Elisa's body was lied down was risen immediately by the power of Holy Spirit. However, his death brought more marvelous event in Holy Spirit

Jabez's Request (I Chronicle 4:8-10) 2014.5.9

Koz fathered Anub, Zobebah, and the clans of Aharhel, the son of Harum. [9](#)Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore him in pain.”^b [10](#)Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm^c so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.

Introduction:

1) Jabez's prayer have been interesting theme in last contemporary day in the Christianity world. Wilkerson who is a pastor in Chicago in USA wrote a small book, “The prayer of Jabez”and published it to the Christian world. The contents consisted of the pragmatism, the theory of prosperities and materialism. It means to make the Christians pursued to the external elements and the tendency of present, those are; the positive thinking, the possibility thinking ect. I remember that he applied his prayer titles (healing disease, making money, wealth, honor ect) as Jabez did every day, finally he had answered them by God. So, he claims that whoever follow the principle of Jabez's prayer shall be able to success, to be prosperous, and to have the wonderful health and the great wealth etc.

2) What do you think of it? Really does the Scripture teach that we tend to the physical health, the respectable honor and the best relationship. Does Jabez pursue to the pragmatism in his life? Never, Jabez's prayer belongs to God centric prayer just like, Jage's prayer (Proverb 30:7-) and Lord's prayer.

3) Basically, Jabez whose name means “pain”, was appeared only in I Chronicles 4:9-10. Especially the first of Chronicle describes briefly the historical events from Saul's monarchy to Israelite destruction those are, Saul,

David, Solomon and Jeroboam who divided Israel to two parts, the north Israel and the southern Judah. The writer wrote the profile of Jabez in the chapter 4 and revealed the feature of that early monarchy of David. Verses 8-9 reveal Jabez's profile and verse 10 is closed up a special event in his life in order that the readers might concentrate on the importance of the faith that possess the fear of God.

I. First, who was Jabez? (8-9)

1. Keil thought that he was honorable person because the name of a place in Judah (2:55) depended on his name and he explained that Jabez was one of Koth's sons (Anub, Hazzobebah and Aharrhel 4:8 "Koz fathered Anub, Zobebah, and the clans of Aharhel, the son of Harum.") His mother seemed not to be treated as a worthy honorable wife and might had lots of trouble in her life. Just as like the names of Simon and Levi were made of the expression of the trouble heart that Leah and Rachel pondered in relationship to Jacob. Here the honorable person means one who has the fear of God and the wisdom of God that he experienced in his temporary suffering. (Prov 3:8-9 It will be healing to your flesh^b and refreshment^c to your bones.⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce)

2. Here, we see an example of the fear- faith of God out of Jabez located in the sever suffering. Many people complain their present lives, their suffering, their family, their nation and God because of their present troubles. And they are frustrated by some settled issues, health, wealth, family and repeated struggle. In our Christian life we meet many kinds of troubles, then we can remember God's grace in Jabez who was a man of suffering. Although he stayed in the very miserable condition, his life was different than the other in good conditional state. What does it mean? As Paul emphasized to us we can do all things in Christ Jesus, in the poverty or, in the abundance. Do you believe in it? Especially when we meditate his life we think of the suffering of Jesus Christ, our Lord for us. Why? Jesus Christ came on the worst condition in the world but he accomplished the redemption for us by his death and resurrection. So, we should see Christ through the life of Jabez.

II. Second, what was his honorable blessing?

1. We can find three titles in his prayer.

““Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm^ε so that it might not bring me pain!”(10)

1) The first prayer title is the blessing that his property was enlarged “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, – He asked that his territory was enlarged by God. As like Joseph received the great territory that the vine goes over the wall, he wanted the successful and prosperous territory. Abraham’s blessing includes these things.

2) As we know that Abraham had the rich property, David had the kingship and Solomon had marvelous richness (wisdom, materials) Although Paul had no abundant wealth and health in his life, he claimed that he can do all things for Christ. What is his secret? It is to abide in Christ. So, we need to ask our present necessity to God in the will of God. We need to ask some wisdom, skill, money and health to glorify God. We have to apply the principle to our calling, the evangelization of our country, our family and our village by seeking God’s grace with wide mouth. Why? Holy Spirit works in our heart through holy desire. (Philip2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13](#)for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.)

3) What is your dream? What is your vision? What is your project for your ministry? Without having some vision for Christ, you shall be perished. We have to check up our vision, our spirit in my heart.

I exhort that you have following dream those are; wonderful wisdom to evangelize Cambodia, a idealistic godly example in our church and a evangelism method to break the religious pluralism in Cambodia.

2) The second prayer title is the blessing that was delivered out of his present suffering – “and that you would keep me from harm^ε so that it might not bring me pain!”

He might meet some painful tribulation of his health, his financial issue, his relationship issue and his children issue etc.

The says “if you have please things he shall praise the Lord but if you have trouble things he shall pray to God. “God shall answer the wonderful things to you.”

James 1: 5-6 says “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6](#)But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. “

= if we have present harm, present pain in our lives, we can ask it to the Lord, as Jabez did. Two years ago, I filled down in the trouble time. Then I remembered the suffering, harm pain in my heart and in my family. I was struggled for about 2 years. Obviously now I can confess that God granted his grace to me and my family. I assured that God answered our prayer surely and provided his wonderful grace to us at his due time.

If you have impossible issues in your present life, ask it, seek it and knock to the door. God prepared the wonderful grace to us. God shall be answer wonderful grace to us. Although you cannot see invisible thing and you cannot listen to the wonderful things, believe that God is waiting for your prayer.

2) The third prayer title is the blessing that enjoyed the peace in his soul- “and that your hand might be with me,” The core of every problem is the issue of our souls. We have to seek that our soul shall be very well. III John 1:2 says “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. [3](#)For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers “This passage stressed the well-being of our soul. What does it mean? What is the well-being of our soul? In a short word it is the fullness of Holy Spirit in our soul. When we will be filled with Holy Spirit, our souls is very well. (Eph5:18) “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, “It is the source of our blessing. So, we should be thirsty to that state any time, any place, in our preset life, as Eli-sa did in the Old Testaments.

3) Ex: According to II kings 2: why did Elisa seek the double portion of inspiration to Elijah? In a short word, in order to keep his sound doctrine in his trouble day, he asked the powerful grace in his life. Look at his passion and his endurance to receive the grace from God. “What do you want? He answered I need the double portion of your inspiration. “

I think that we have to understand three reasons to seek the fullness of Holy Spirit. We need the wisdom of Holy Spirit to sustain sound faith in our trouble time. And we need health through the common grace. And also, we have to devote ourselves to execute the calling of God.

= The man of the Word of God should be the man of prayer. Actually, the praying state in our soul is blessing. So, God evaluated Jabez as an honorable person because his soul reveals the beautiful image of God., righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

III. Third how could God answer to Jabez?

1.Holy Spirit says simply “And God granted what he asked. “. God of Israel permitted what he wanted. What he is so important is not become the man of culture, the man of mammon and the man of health but to become the man of prayer. He knows the world of the prayer very well. And he assured that the most important blessing was the living relationship to God in the eternal life. He pursued the example of Jacob’s prayer at Bethel. As Jacob was answered God’s blessing, Jabez also received wonderful grace, prosperity, the physical health and the well-being of the soul. This is the man who was filled with Holy spirit and the man who is filled with the Word of God and the man who is restored image of God in his present life.

Conclusion:

My beloved students in Christ, you need double portion of the inspiration, the fullness of Holy Spirit in school life. Anytime anyplace we can ask it to God. God shall provide it to you for his glory. What is your best prayer title? It must the double portion of Holy Spirit. Until receiving the grace we cannot give up my study, my ministry and my prayer.

Let us play:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful promised grace for us. We thank you for the double portion of the inspiration, the fullness of Holy Spirit. Now provide this grace to our students, our professors and our school students to know you and your truth.

Make us to proclaim the gospel to all Cambodian people. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Elijah's God is My God (I Kings 18:20-29) 2014.5.16 chapel

20So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. **21**And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. **22**Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. **23**Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. **24**And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." **25**Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." **26**And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. **27**And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." **28**And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. **29**And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

30Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. **31**Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," **32**and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord.

And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs^a of seed. [33](#)And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” [34](#)And he said, “Do it a second time.” And they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time.” And they did it a third time. [35](#)And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

[36](#)And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. [37](#)Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” [38](#)Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. [39](#)And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God.” [40](#)And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

Introduction:

1) Cambodia church has met one of the strongest enemies in Christian life. It is the issue of wrong knowledge of God. It influences on their lives, their thought and their attitude in the relationship life. Actually, the polygamy of marriage is resulted by the wrong knowledge of God. Especially we have to examine this point for making sound family in Cambodia by the sound doctrine. Without accepting the biblical teaching of God, we cannot expect the sound family, the sound marriage and sound personality because it is the foundation.

2) The Buddhism is teaching to serve the inventory god in their lives. Actually, the original Buddhism is not a religion but a philosophy because Buda did not teach that he himself is a god. When anybody believes in Buda as a god, he follows a transformed Buddhism. It emphasizes that you can become a

Buda by your much passion as examining himself and personal good deed. So, as we ask to them, “if you die tonight, can you go to heaven? “, they always answer that they do not know his future and they have to do much goodness to our neighbors. For ourselves we are not able to be saved out of miserable state.

3) The text points to solve the wrong issue of the knowledge of God obviously through Elijah’s proclamation. (Verse 39) As we know we are impressed by the event to know the knowledge of God when we meditate the text. The text stressed that issue, “What is God of Elijah?” Actually, his assurance should be our assurance in our lives. In the confusion day, we need to concentrate on the revelation. What is Elijah’s God?

I. First. He is the personal God who we are able to communicate.

1) He is the personal God. But Baal and Astherah, which were the gods of prosperity, were falsehood gods that cannot response to our request. However, we can enjoy the spiritual light in the darkness because we can communicate to Him personally.

2) As a relationship between a friend and a friend, husband and wife, parent and children, we can communicate to God. Among them we have to accept our God as our father by intimate communication. Whom did Elijah ask? Verses 36-37 says “[36](#)And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. [37](#)Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.”

Elijah simply asked to living God. What do you observe in the passage? Simply he asked for them to God. This is personal prayer in his life. Now he communicated to the personal God intellectually, emotionally and volitionally. He believed that Jehovah is living God who he could talk to him personally as a child asked to his father.

In our school life, we have to learn the personal relationship in all areas. Reformed theology and reformed faith stresses that the Lordship should be applied all areas. Our father is waiting for our personal prayer.

Although our students devoted him to other things, I see that they do not take some concern to the personal fellowship to God. Why did he ask to God about his important things? Because he did not believe the personal relationship in his heart. We should learn this personal prayer in our lives; Elijah did before God in personal meeting in face to face, person to person and Lord to servant.

If we enjoy the personal relationship with God in our actual life, we cannot proclaim the gospel to Cambodian. The way to overcome the strong idolatry should be to meet the personal God.

So, our Lord taught that our object of prayer is our father in heaven. “Our heavenly Father”. As John did it in his work, “[1](#)That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life (I Jn1:1) “, we should take personal fellowship to God. Through this familiar relationship we can overcome our present idolatry. The wrong belief of non-personal idols shall be broken by the personal relationship of living God. Elijah’s knowledge of God destroyed their wrong knowledge momentarily.

II. Second, He is God who can answer to our request.

1) This thing proved the spiritual authority of Elijah and the chance to solve the drought and also the wonderful event to proclaim that the Lord is only God in the entire world. Although the modern science and culture can solve many problems, still the essential solution is to meet the living God. We have to offer ourselves to Him as living sacrifice. Therefore, the Christians have the wonderful key to solve the contemporary chaos if we pray as Elijah did at the Mount Carmel.

2) Especially, God who he experienced was the Lord of almighty power.

How did the text reveal the power to us?

(1) God answered his request miraculously. What was his prayer title? Verse 37 says “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.” 1. Let them know that you are God in Israel. 2. Let them that I am your servant. 3. Let them know that I have done all these things at your word.

What did God answer to him? God answered his three titles exactly, miraculously and abundantly to him. As soon as he had finished his prayer, immediately God sent the fire. [24](#)And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” [38](#)Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”

God answered his request exactly, miraculously. He was the Lord of power who controls the invisible things and the visible things. He was the creator, the provider and the consummator. Anytime, anyplace he can happen the miraculous events in the world. He is almighty God. Matthew 7:8-9 says [7](#)“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [8](#)For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. “He is exact God to keep his promise faithfully.

(2) He answered his demand at the exact time. Verses 37-38 says [37](#)Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” [38](#)Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench “God sent his fire at the exact time to them. It was the supernatural real fire to consume all things on the altar. When did the fire come? It came at the proper time out of God. It was very interesting event. When we ask my money to my bank, I receive the answer immediately. It is the character of our prayer for our God is alive. The fire should be come at this time in order to know that Israel’s God is alive.

God is not very personal being. When we request something to the Lord, He answered it right now.

Ex. I remember that issue influenced my assurance of my salvation. Then I doubted my salvation. What is the evidence of my salvation? Then I was wandering, and then I read Rom10:9-10. If I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and confessed that he is my Lord in my mouth, already I had had salvation? When? Right now. Then I am very peaceful in my heart. When we ask something to the Lord, our Lord answered it right now. We believe in that. So, the Scripture stresses that every prayer shall be answered immediately. If we have no something, now we need to ask something to God. If we need money, wisdom, computer, our future ministry, we can ask it to God directly with faith, then he give them exactly now to me. Our God is almighty God.

(3) He used his supplication for reveal God Himself to the world.

Almighty God surely accomplished the supplication of Elijah. What was his purpose of his prayer? It is to proclaim that only Jehovah is living God, but Baal, Asherah are false gods. Elijah 's prayer included the contents. Actually, it is most important title. How did God answer it to him? Look at the answer. The text pointed that the people realized that Jehovah is living God who all prosperity and all peace and all grace can be come to their actual life. They who were wandering in their intermediate state were assured the right knowledge of God in Holy Spirit. Without the work of Holy Spirit anybody cannot know God. Holy Spirit worked in their vague heart and restored their wrong knowledge into true knowledge by his personal supplication.

= We should accept Elijah's God in our lives. We have to throw away wrong knowledge of God. Baal, Asherah and Buda are not God. Do you believe in it?

III. Third, we can ask our personal issue to God as Elijah did.

As soon as Elijah asked it, God soon provide the real fire to the altar.

We experienced the wonderful event in his life. James remembered this event by faith. Although we have big issue we have to ask them to God. God prepared everything for us.

I remember that I studied seminary study in South Korea. Then I had much anxiety in my heart. Then I asked for them to God. After I reviewed his answers I received all grace from God. So, I devote myself to God wholeheartedly. And I always expect the wonderful grace before God.

My beloved students, I found that our students live very diligently, passionately in school life. I exhort that you should communicate with your personal God, almighty God and exact God. When now do it. When you study in your class, in your ministry, invite the Lord into your heart, into your study, into your ministry, into your serving time, into your relationship time and into your suffering.

Who is your God? He is Elijah's God who you can communicate to. Approach to the Lord. Your God is waiting for you, now.

Conclusion:

We should believe that Elijah's God is our God. And also, we can invite Elijah 'God in my actual life.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for your wonderful grace. We thank you for my God who is alive. Make us take personal intimate communication with you. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Prayer of Akur (Proverb 30:7-9) 2014.5.18

Two things I ask of you;
deny them not to me before I die:
8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
9 lest I be full and deny you
and say, “Who is the Lord?”
or lest I be poor and steal
and profane the name of my God.

Introduction:

1) Generally, the month of May have been kept traditionally the month of family in the world. Whoever loves the family think of the happiness of the family naturally in his life. This is one of common grace that comes out of the Scripture, the Word of God. If modern people return to the biblical teaching of the family, they shall solve many problems in the contemporary day.

Especially, the proverb teaches lots of truth about the keeping sound family. Among them the prayer of Akur in proverb 30:7-9 will cast wonderful impression to us. Although many people ignore actually the prayer it is wonderful prayer just like the prayer of the Lord.

Basically, as Job, Akur have been informed as a godly man who come out of an Asian to be related to Ishmaelite according to the teaching of Masoretic interpretation. What did he pray to God as main purpose of his whole life? Verse 7 says “Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:” What were they?

I. First, he requested to escape the falsehood and lying because he wanted to be faithful in his life.

1) Although modern church seeks pragmatism, he requested faithfulness in his life. Why did he pray such thing? I think that he saw the wonderful grace of faithfulness in his life. Actually, the Christian finds the same truth as he was born again. We love the faithful heart, the faithful word, the faithful attitude, the faithful motive and the faithful ministry. As Paul did his ministry at Ephesian church, he served the church with honest and in tears. (Acts 20:18-19 “And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, [19](#)serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews;”) After that day, look at his last desire before his martyr. “[13](#)When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. (II Tim 4:13) “He seek a simple necessity in his prison life. He was very faithful servant to the Lord. Actually, we should live the faithful life. John Calvin emphasized that the present life of Christian should enjoy good things in common grace. In his Institute, that depended on the teaching of I Corinthians 7: I Corinthians 7: 29-31 says, “This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, [30](#)and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, [31](#)and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.”

He pointed the faithful life at small things. This is the same principle like the prayer of Akur.

3) What is the Christian? He is a faithful person. How can he be faithful in his life? I assured that when he remains in the Word of God, the truth, he can be faithful. If he escapes out of the Scripture, he can fall down into the

falsehood. Why? Because only the Word of God must be the truth (Jn17:17 “Sanctify them^b in the truth; your word is truth.”)

4) But what is the man? Basically, he is unfaithful in his whole life. Jeremiah and the book of Proverb stresses that the man is corrupted being. So, without being attached on the word of God he shall be falsehood and love the boasting in his life. Why? Because Holy Spirit is the spirit of faithfulness and the Scripture is faithful language.

What is our ministry? It should be faithful ministry because Holy Spirit works through the Scripture. So, the workers of God should abide in the Scripture in his whole life. If he loves that Scripture he cannot follow the Lord for his inside falsehood and lying work strongly.

5) For example, there is an event recently in a big church and a leader in South Korea. He was fallen down into the falsehood because he wrote down some parts of his Dr. Dissertation out of the other author. It is stolen action. He was harmed because his small falsehood and the church members was frustrated deeply.

In your school life what do you learn out of your subjects? Although we are learning the several subjects, we need to learn faithfulness in our lives.

II. Second, he prayed the daily bread because he desires the God-centric life.

1. “give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me,”

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What do you think of it? It is related to the prayer of the Lord.

What points does it resemble to the Lord’ prayer?

1) He focuses on the balance and moderation of his life.

2) He focuses on the spiritual food than the physical food.ng life

3) He focuses on humility, self-denial than boasting life.

This is a important spiritual principle. Israel in the wilderness followed this principle and God guided them into the place

Ex: As the heavenly manna was given to them, thy gathered hem every day morning time on the wilderness. Then God gave some directions to them. Among them they had to keep that they had to gather only their daily food for their family. If they break that regulation their manna should be rotten by some worms. They were trained for 40 years in the wilderness. They should follow the principle of daily bread. As we know the manna is the symbolism of Christ. John says the reality of the manna is Jesus Christ. (John 6: 35-50) Our daily bread is Jesus Christ. In our earthly life we have to live Christ centric life, as Paul stressed in I Corinthians 1:23-24, “For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23](#)but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24](#)but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God“. This is just the life of contents and sufficiency in Christ. Paul says “I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11](#)Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. “(Philip4:10-11).

Actually, if he learns this principle he can enjoy all things in Christ.

This is to pursue the moderation in Christ. This is to follow the virtue in the world. This is the best safe seat of the Christian life in the world. The gospel leads us to pursue the wonderful blessing place.

I think that many people misunderstand the true meaning of Jabez’s prayer, because they used the theory of pragmatism, the theology of prosperity. But we need to relate to the Akur’s faith that pursues the moderation in the early life.

We have to overcome the temptation of worldly temptation in enjoying good things in this earth. So, we need to learn Akur's faith. He stressed to walk through the way of moderation, the narrow road, the most useful life

and the abundant life in Christ.

What is the fullness of Holy Spirit? It is to follow the assurance of Akur.

Verse 9 says “⁹lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the Lord?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.”

What does it mean? He wanted to live God- centric life in the earth.

Long time ago when I served military duty in my country, South Korea, I prayed to the Lord depended on the Psalms 27:4 “One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire^e in his temple.”

“Then I took his prayer title as mine. Because of the bad environment that I could not present to the church in the Lord's day. As I read this passage I found the prayer title of his whole life. Later I made sure his consistent prayer in his life must be to abide in the Lord's house because he assured that only Jehovah must be the rock.

Who is your rock you can dwell eternally safely and consistently in our life? it is Christ Jesus, and his Word. What is your best desire in our life in your present life and in your future life? As Akur did we have to abide in the God centric life. Don't you think so?

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

In the confusion chaos day, what is your prayer titles in your life? Please check up your view of your life by examining Akur's prayer, God centric life that is the best blessed life, the safest life and the most abundant life in the world. We have to build our lives and our families on the foundation.

I want that our students should pursue the life of center of God in their lives. We have to make our family to be filled with the godliness of Akur in order to glorify God.

The Self-image of a Godly Man (Proverb 31:1-9)

- 1**The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:
- 2**What are you doing, my son?^a What are you doing, son of my womb?
What are you doing, son of my vows?
- 3**Do not give your strength to women,
your ways to those who destroy kings.
- 4**It is not for kings, O Lemuel,
it is not for kings to drink wine,
or for rulers to take strong drink,
- 5**lest they drink and forget what has been decreed
and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.
- 6**Give strong drink to the one who is perishing,
and wine to those in bitter distress;^b
- 7**let them drink and forget their poverty
and remember their misery no more.
- 8**Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.^c
- 9**Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Introduction:

1) In remembrance of Christian family, we need to draw the normal image of manhood and womanhood in our heart to accomplish keeping the sound family in order to accomplish the purpose. Now, I want to treat to the manhood image in our lives. What do you think of it? Do you have a self-image of manhood in your heart? I would like to introduce the revelation of proverb 31: for you to know the wonderful mage in our hearts.

- 2) The text reveals the detailed instruction of normal Christian life in the manhood. Many people think that Lemuel came out of Arabia just like, Jabez or, Job and also his mother was a godly woman and a royal family. Although we do not know the detailed background of the king, we have to admit that it should be concluded into the special revelation of God. What did Lemuel learn by his godly mother in the inspiration of Holy Spirit?
- 3) It emphasizes that the king should prohibit following three things.

First. the king should caution the woman.

1) Verse 3 says “Do not give your strength to women,” As we know David and Solomon had been failed by the relationship to the women. David had been tempted by a woman, Basheba and adultery and murder. And Solomon had 300 wives and 700 concubines in his later life. And also, the king, Ahab was failed because his wife, Isabella who many people called for her as one of the wicked women in the history.

Proverb 6:20-28 stressed to caution the allure of prostitutes by using many metaphors.

20My son, keep your father’s commandment,
and forsake not your mother’s teaching.

21Bind them on your heart always;
tie them around your neck.

22When you walk, they^d will lead you;
when you lie down, they will watch over you;
and when you awake, they will talk with you.

23For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light,
and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,

24to preserve you from the evil woman,^e
from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.^f

25Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes;

26for the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread,^g

but a married woman^h hunts down a precious life.

27 Can a man carry fire next to his chest
and his clothes not be burned?

28 Or can one walk on hot coals
and his feet not be scorched?

In our Christian life and in our ministry, we should caution the temptation of any women or men. Why? Because we have the burning, stimulating, sinful desire, if we cannot handle it, we shall fail execution of our ministry. It is very severe elements and very harmful dirty elements to follow Jesus Christ.

2) What is the normal image of the manhood in our ministry? It is to escape the sexual desire temptation because it is just like a fire.

Positively we have to pursue the habit of godly life in his daily life. Among them we need taking the regular devotional time and exercising some activities, and other methods that is able to avoid out of physical desire.

If you have any temptation in your heart, now he should repent and pursue to study the Word of God. When we read and meditate the Word of God, God provides the powerful grace to overcome the temptation. Why does the Scripture prohibit using the garlic, vinegar, spicy materials in normal meal for Israel? Because this was one of elements to control his desire in order to overcome the abnormal sexual desire.

3) So, we have to draw sound image to use the precious desire in our lives. We have to despise the secular usage to accomplish the sound family according to the teaching of the Word of God.

4) Actually, we live in the environment of such temptation, legalizing the polygamy and the gay and unfaithful attitude of the temptation in the earth. Especially the Christian should follow the wisdom. (Ephesian5:18-) We are the kings in the life of Christian. Actually, when we meet many chances to meet to all people unconditionally in the name of Jesus under the godly style. Then the ministers should caution this thing, he need to use some wisdoms. In this time the failure of this issue he shall be destroyed soon because the Spirit

of God may leave out of him directly. (Ps 51:) If anybody had fallen down into this place he shall be repented deeply.

The man of God should not devote himself to contact to the women. Always he should keep his spiritual purity and his physical purity in his life. We should take care of the normal image of manhood in our lives for the glory of God.

Second, the king should caution to the warfare(violence)

1) Verse 3 says “your ways to those who destroy kings.”

Why did his mom emphasize this thing? Because God wants to pursue the peace and the purity in the world. The psalmist declared, “Seek the peace of Jerusalem. “Why? Because God is Jehovah of peace we have to seek the peace of Holy Spirit in our lives.

The king can incline into the violence and fighting to bleed the neighbors because he has power of kingship.

For example, David’s life is filled of warfare according to God’s command. One day, when he asked to build the house of the God. God rejected his requirement because he was bleeding much in his life.

Another example is there why not Moses entered into Canaan. Because he did not reveal the righteousness of God at Messiah. At that time, he was angry in the church. At that moment he failed before God, he was rejected to enter into the Promised Land.

In the New Testament, Peter’s case we find the same principle, what is that? He used a knife to kill his enemy in Garden of Gethemane. As he cut the one side ear of his enemy with his tool. Then Jesus warned that if anybody used with his knife he shall be perished with the knife. Violence is serious issue in the ministry of the Lord.

2) In our ministry we have to learn spiritual passion in our heart, then we have to caution the contest, the fighting and the hot temper, the violence.

When I had been fallen down by my stroke, I had lied down on the hospital bed. Then God pointed to this sin in my pastoral ministry those are; cruel heart,

hot temper to harm church members, then I had repented them but, now the harmful sinful desire works still in my ministry. I caution the sinful desire in my ministry. Forgive my sin. I am trying to caution my violence.

3) What is normal Christian image of the manhood? He shall be the man of peace with the meek and the humility in his life. We have to pursue the way.

Third, the king has to caution the wine(intemperance)

Verse s 4-9 says “^aIt is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, ^blest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted. ^cGive strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress;^b ^dlet them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more. ^eOpen your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.^c ^fOpen your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Why he needs to pursue to prohibit the wine. As we know that, The Scripture did not prohibit to drink the wine but indulgence of wine. It is one of the common graces.

Recently South Korean have been stressed the movement of wellbeing to use the enzyme (yeast) which was made of the process of Juice, wine etc. for their health. Actually, the wine is one of materials. But the alcohol of the wine is main issue. Verse 5 points that “lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.” Although we can use it for medicine, we have to make sure our purpose of our health. I Corinthian 10:31 says, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God “

2) In the Christian case we have to seek a wellbeing for our ministry. But we have to learn the self-control in using every common grace. Sometimes we have to prohibit some benefits for keeping the godly life.

Rather, we have to take the fullness of Holy Spirit in our lives. We have to pursue the fullness of Holy Spirit. As Ephesian 5:18 “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, “ . This should

be the experience event in our heart. Then we enjoy the abundant grace in our heart.

Moreover, The godly woman suggested the positive method to his son in the verses 8-9, “Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute **9**Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” What is his positive exhortation to keep godly life? In a short words, it was to abide in the Word of God. : “open your mouth for the rights of all poor and needy, and defend them and judge righteously in all issues.” It is possible to judge it as we know the truth, the Scripture. What does it mean? That point to abide in the Word of God. As we know, Akur’s case, we find that positive action to accomplish the moderation life in the world. He pointed to abide in the Word of God, the divine authority. 30: 5-6 says “**5**Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. **6**Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar. “

Reading the Bible, meditating the word and obeying the truth in our heart, God shall provide the wonderful grace to us. It is the fruit of the light those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. This is the important image of spiritual royal family, the Christians.

Conclusion:

In the spiritual chaos day, we have to draw the sound image of godly manhood in our heart. Our man students have to follow this image, “to caution the women, the violence and the wine.” And they should abide in the Scripture.”

In the women case, they have to supplicate three things in their families and in their future. If they are fallen into such secular relationship in their lives, make sure this image in your heart.

In the present life our students should have self -image of godly manhood to establish sound family to glorify God and to enjoy it fully.

Let’s pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful plan for us, the self- image of godly manhood, make us escaped the adultery, murder and worldly desire in our present life. Help us to complete the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in our future. Specially help us to abide in the fullness of Holy Spirit and in the abundance of the word of God. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Self-image of a Godly Woman (Proverb 31:10-31)

10^d An excellent wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

14 She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.

15 She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.

16 She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

17 She dresses herself^e with strength
and makes her arms strong.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

20 She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

21She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.^f

22She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.

24She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.

25Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

26She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

27She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

29“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

30Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

31Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Introduction:

1) Continuously, now, we think of the self-image of the godly woman following the self- image of the godly man. As we review the title of the text (1the words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him□ it came out of the mother of king, Lemuel who was an Arabian just like Job. Here, we see a wonderful image of an excellent woman.

2) In comparing to a secular image, we can know the different points versus the secular image of arrogance, pride, courage, strong power and etc.

As the same faces of a twin, the text reveals a godly woman to make the people concentrated to God. What is your image of a godly woman in your heart?

When we meditate the contents of her positive activities, we can summarize them as three characters to help to see an obvious image of a virtuous woman. The text says that she reveals about 20 features to us.

I. She has the good habit of her personal godly life (10,31)

1) Verses 10 says “An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.” And verse 30 says “[30](#) Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” It stresses the godly life of a woman who fears the Lord.

She was called for “an excellent wife” or, “a virtuous woman” because of her inner godly character. She was the inner person centric life, not the external centric life. And she knew the value of godliness in versus of charm and beauty of world.

2) As we knew, generally godliness consists of two kinds, those are; fear and affection. Ps 2: said that to kiss the son and to serve the son with fear and trembling. Although we cannot understand it easily, we have to admit that godliness means to love God faithfully. The revival of a Christian means that the godliness rules over his heart. The renewal means godliness centric life.

3) What should the man of God pursue in his personal life? It should pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and meek. (I Tim 6:11) Among them the first element is godliness toward God. From this source all good things come to every area.

4) What is the self- image of woman we should ponder? It is a godly woman. So, Paul pointed a pastor’s wife needs godliness as her husband, a

pastor in her life. (I Tim3:1-2 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.) It means that the pastor's wife needs same godliness of her husband to accomplish the will of God. As she has the godly character she can be used by God in the church. If she has no such godliness in her heart she can make very strange thing in his ministry. As we know Priscilla was a godly woman, because she could teach the word of God about the work of Holy Spirit to Apollo pastor who had served at Corinthian church in his mission field. Although she was a woman, she could influence to the church greatly (Acts 17 :)

5) Our chaos day needs such godly woman in the church ministry, as the rider on the red horse in the valley among the forest of the myrtle revealed in Zechariah 's vision. (Zechariah 1:8). The contemporary church is waiting for some godly women with the fullness of Holy Spirit. May God 's grace be with you in walking in the way of godliness.

II. She had the strengthen personality that was consisted of wisdom, kindness, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. (14-25)

1) The personal godly life influences on the personality, the innate person, that is, soul (spirit) that consisted of the institute, the spiritual fellowship and the conscience and also three areas those are; Intellectuality, emotion and volition. In a short word, godliness products the godly character, the godly personality trained by God- centric life. So Roman 5:3-5 says “³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” suffering products endurance , endurance makes character that means the trained personality and also the character brings up hope in the God's love. This is the presence of God.

2) We cannot see the godliness in our eyes obviously because of our weak power. So, our godliness should be expressed through our personal character. It means that we need our trained character in our lives.

Providentially God shall lead us into that place anytime, any situation.

As we know, we can find that her character has been trained by God because her character reveals in the several areas. What are they?

– Her husband trusts her. (11-12 the heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. Why? Because her faithful character and honest character help him her husband trust him.

– She influenced her virtue to her husband (12 [12](#)She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.) Why? Because her husband's social position was lifted up in the community he gets her goodness in her life...

– Her leadership reveals to give some portion to her man and woman servants (15 she rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.). She had the faithful leadership in the family.

3) From that passages we can summarize three elements as followings;

(1) Intellectual elements (I Q)-

- Verse 27, She does not eat the bread of Idleness. She had the criteria to discern all action by the wisdom of God. She depends on the Word of God revelation. The issue of eating daily food was treated by her knowledge. She was the woman of spiritual knowledge.

(2) Emotional elements (E. Q) - she has dignity, strengthen power (25[25](#)Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.) Her knowledge was expressed by her emotion. She had the dignity, the right attitude. And she laughed at the time to come, because he prepared to overcome all problems, the poverty and the abundance. She shines her beautiful

personality light to their neighbors. So, they praised her. Her emotion had the balance, the moderation that controls the extreme tendency.

(3) Volitional elements (V. Q) – She had strong arms (17¹⁷She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.) And helped something to the poor (20²⁰She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.).

Her balancing attitude appeared the strong assurance of every area as a lion.

Finally, she embraced her neighbors in the world. She was a global person.

1) Verses 20, 21 and 29 say, “²⁰she opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet”^s ²⁹“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”) Suggested his power in the world. Really, she was one who proclaimed the virtue to the world. (I Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellences of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”)

Her godliness and her trained character were used by God for his faithful ministry. She had the real leadership in the earth. Why?

Because her leadership stood firm on the foundation of God, the Bible, the solid personality and the sound life. She could sustain the balance life.

= The train of goodliness provides many benefits all the time in our lives. Physical train helps us but spiritual train provides more things to us. I Tim 4:8 says., “or while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

2) In our Christian life, we need to pursue the self- image of woman in our heart. In woman case he needs to prepare such godliness in our present life.

For example, Hannah, Mary was godly women. They knew the highest God as well as knew the total corrupted state of the man. (Lk2:48-49 say, “For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; [49](#)for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.)

They produced the fruit of restoration of God’s image, redemptive ethic in their character, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. They influenced their life to the all the world.

III. Finally, her godly character was expressed in her family life and in her social work. (11-12 22-34) (25-28) (29-30 20-21 13-18)

1) Her godly personality influenced on her personality and also her godly personality was expressed at the several areas (her family life and her social life.)

Verse 13- She works with willing hand (cheerfully, voluntarily)

Verse 14- She was diligent like the ship of merchandise. (The chance consciousness – the eschatological tension)

Verse16 - She took care of the personal field. (Faithfulness)

Verse 20- She took care of the poor and the needy. (Strong responsibility, virtue)

Verse 24- She used the home-made things. (The family centric life)

Verse 23- She supported her husband. (The family centric life)

2) Here, we can find the redemptive ethic that is the restoration of God’s image – righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, as the reality of pictorial revelation in her relationship, the kingdom of God.

- She reveals divine characters to all areas.

– She really occupies all the earth (Gen 1:26-27) (Mt28:19-20)

– She has the same character as a godly woman of the church – a pastor’s wife served with spiritual authority- as an elder woman. Although they served all the people with his faithful power in the Holy Spirit, her influence was very excellent in the church. By making disciples by evangelism, teaching, baptizing (worship), she participated into the greatest command of the Lord positively and faithfully.

Conclusion:

Actually, we can find the wisdom of Holy Spirit in an example of a virtuous woman in the text that reveals the real character of the church of the Lord.

The church is not a building but godly persons who comes out of the godliness and are established in the personality and should be expressed in all areas in the earth to restore God’s image, the righteousness, the mercy and the faithfulness.

In our chaos day, we need the virtuous woman in our Christian life, our church life, and our ministry to glorify God and enjoy Him fully.

Let’s pray

Dear Lord. We thank you for your revelation to reveal the example of our blessed life, God centric life. Make us and our family lived a godly life in the wicked world. As Kaur’s pray, make us pursued to the life of godliness, moderation for the abundant life in Christ. Provide your grace to our family, our parents, our brothers and sisters and all families in Cambodia. Especially make our all students pondered the self-image of God of manhood and womanhood in Christ. I pray these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Jabez's Request (I Chronicle 4:8-10) 2014.5.9 by Rev. White Young Jeon

Koi fathered Nub, Obeah, and the clans of Charnel, the son of Harem. [9](#)Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jibes, saying, “Because I bore him in pain.”^b [10](#)Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm^c so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.

Telos: You should learn the prayer of Jabez because it reveals Christian moderation

In the Christian life. (obligation proposition)

You can abide in the abundant life by asking three titles (enlarging the territory, escaping out of the suffering and pursuing the soul- centric life. (possibility proposition)

Introduction:

3) Jabez's prayer has been interesting theme in last contemporary day in the Christianity world. Wilkerson who is a pastor in Chicago in USA wrote a

small book, “The prayer of Jabez” and published it to the Christian world. The contents consisted of the pragmatism, the theory of prosperities and materialism. It means to make the Christians pursued to the external elements and the tendency of present, those are; the positive thinking, the possibility thinking etc. I remember that he applied his prayer titles (healing disease, making money, wealth, honor etc.) as Jabez did every day; finally, he had answered them by God. So, he claims that whoever follows the principle of Jabez’s prayer shall be able to success, to be prosperous, and to have the wonderful health and the great wealth etc.

4) What do you think of it? Really does the Scripture teach that we tend to the physical health, the respectable honor and the best relationship? Does Jabez pursue to the pragmatism in his life? Never, Jabez’s prayer belongs to God centric prayer just like, Jabez’s prayer (Proverb 30:7-) and Lord’s Prayer.

4) Basically, Jabez whose name means “pain” was appeared only in I Chronicles 4:9-10. Especially the first of Chronicle describes briefly the historical events from Saul’s monarchy to Israelite destruction those are, Saul, David, Solomon and Jeroboam who divided Israel to two parts, the north Israel and the southern Judah. The writer wrote the profile of Jabez in the chapter 4 and revealed the feature of that early monarchy of David. Verses 8-9 reveal Jabez's profile and verse 10 is closed up a special event in his life in order that the readers might concentrate on the importance of the faith that possess the fear of God.

I. First, who was Jabez? (8-9)

1. Keil thought that he was honorable person because the name of a place in Judah (2:55) depended on his name and he explained that Jabez was one of Koth’s sons (Anub, Hazzobebah and Aharrhel 4:8 “Koz fathered Anub, Zozobebah, and the clans of Aharhel, the son of Harum.”) His mother seemed not to be treated as a worthy honorable wife and might have lots of trouble in her life. Just as like the names of Simon and Levi were made of the expression of the trouble heart that Leah and Rachel pondered in relationship to Jacob. Here the honorable person means one who has the fear of God and the wisdom of

God that he experienced in his temporary suffering. (Prov 3:8-9 It will be healing to your flesh^b and refreshment^c to your bones.⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce)

2. Here, we see an example of the fear- faith of God out of Jabez located in the sever suffering. Many people complain their present lives, their suffering, their family, their nation and God because of their present troubles. And they are frustrated by some settled issues, health, wealth, family and repeated struggle. In our Christian life we meet many kinds of troubles, and then we can remember God's grace in Jabez who was a man of suffering. Although he stayed in the very miserable condition, his life was different than the other in good conditional state. What does it mean? As Paul emphasized to us we can do all things in Christ Jesus, in the poverty or, in the abundance. Do you believe in it? Especially when we meditate his life we think of the suffering of Jesus Christ, our Lord for us. Why? Jesus Christ came on the worst condition in the world but he accomplished the redemption for us by his death and resurrection. So, we should see Christ through the life of Jabez.

II. Second, what was his honorable blessing?

1. We can find three titles in his prayer.

““Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm^c so that it might not bring me pain!”(10)

1) The first prayer title is the blessing that his property was enlarged “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, – He asked that his territory was enlarged by God. As like Joseph received the great territory that the vine go over the wall, he wanted the successful and prosperous territory. Abraham's blessing includes these things.

(1) As we know that Abraham had the rich property, David had the kingship and Solomon had marvelous richness (wisdom, materials) Although Paul had no abundant wealth and health in his life, he claimed that he can do all things for Christ. What is his secret? It is to abide in Christ. So, we need to ask our present necessity to God in the will of God. We need to ask some wisdom, skill, money and health to glorify God. We have to apply the principle to our

calling, the evangelization of our country, our family and our village by seeking God's grace with wide mouth. Why? Holy Spirit works in our heart through holy desire. (Philip2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13](#)for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.)

(2) What is your dream? What is your vision? What is your project for your ministry? Without having some vision for Christ, you shall be perished. We have to check up our vision, our spirit in my heart.

I exhort that you have following dream those are; wonderful wisdom to evangelize Cambodia, an idealistic godly example in our church and an evangelism method to break the religious pluralism in Cambodia.

2) The second prayer title is the blessing that was delivered out of his present suffering – “and that you would keep me from harm^c so that it might not bring me pain!”

He might meet some painful tribulation of his health, his financial issue, his relationship issue and his children issue etc.

The says “if you have please things he shall praise the Lord but if you have trouble things he shall pray to God. “God shall answer the wonderful things to you.”

James 1: 5-6 says “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6](#)But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts are like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. “

= if we have present harm, present pain in our lives, we can ask it to the Lord, as Jabez did. Two years ago, I had fallen down in the trouble time. Then I remembered the suffering, harm pain in my heart and in my family. I was struggled for about 2 years. Obviously now I can confess that God granted his grace to me and my family. I assured that God answered our prayer surely and provided his wonderful grace to us at his due time.

If you have impossible issues in your present life, ask it, seek it and knock to the door. God prepared the wonderful grace to us. God shall be answer wonderful grace to us. Although you cannot see invisible thing and you

cannot listen to the wonderful things, believe that God is waiting for your prayer.

3)The third prayer title is the blessing that enjoyed the peace in his soul- “and that your hand might be with me,” The core of every problem is the issue of our souls. We have to seek that our soul shall be very well. III John 1:2 says “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. [3](#)For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers “This passage stressed the wellbeing of our soul. What does it mean? What is the wellbeing of our soul? In a short word it is the fullness of Holy Spirit in our soul. When we will be filled with Holy Spirit, our souls are very well. (Eph5:18) “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, “It is the source of our blessing. So, we should be thirsty to that state any time, any place, in our preset life, as Elisa did in the Old Testaments.

(1) According to II kings 2: why did Elisa seek the double portion of inspiration to Elijah? In a short word, in order to keep his sound doctrine in his trouble day, he asked the powerful grace in his life. Look at his passion and his endurance to receive the grace from God. “What do you want? He answered I need the double portion of your inspiration.”

I think that we have to understand three reasons to seek the fullness of Holy Spirit. We need the wisdom of Holy Spirit to sustain sound faith in our trouble time. And we need health through the common grace. And also, we have to devote ourselves to execute the calling of God.

(2) The man of the Word of God should be the man of prayer. Actually, the praying state in our soul is blessing. So, God evaluated Jabez as an honorable person because his soul reveals the beautiful image of God. Righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

III. Third, how could God answer to Jabez?

1.Holy Spirit says simply “And God granted what he asked. “. God of Israel permitted what he wanted. What he is so important is not become the man of culture, the man of mammon and the man of health but to become the man of

prayer. He knows the world of the prayer very well. And he assured that the most important blessing was the living relationship to God in the eternal life. 2.He pursued the example of Jacob's prayer at Bethel. As Jacob was answered God's blessing, Jabez also received wonderful grace, prosperity, the physical health and the wellbeing of the soul. This is the man who was filled with Holy Spirit and the man who is filled with the Word of God and the man who is restored image of God in his present life.

Conclusion:

My beloved students in Christ, you need double portion of the inspiration, the fullness of Holy Spirit in school life. Anytime anyplace we can ask it to God. God shall provide it to you for his glory. What is your best prayer title? It must be the double portion of Holy Spirit. Until receiving the grace we cannot give up my study, my ministry and my prayer.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful promised grace for us. We thank you for the double portion of the inspiration, the fullness of Holy Spirit. Now provide this grace to our students, our professors and our school students to know you and your truth.

Make us to proclaim the gospel to all Cambodian people. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Rediscovering Your Calling of God (Lk 5:1-11)

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, [2](#)and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. [3](#)Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. [4](#)And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." [5](#)And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6](#)And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fishes, and their nets were breaking. [7](#)They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. [8](#)But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [9](#)For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10](#)and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."^a

[11](#)And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Introduction:

1. The text teaches us the principles of the faithful life to God's calling. This scene is one of the effective calling for our salvation. In Osteology in systematic theology the order of our salvation consists of several steps, those are; calling, regeneration, repentance, faith, adoption, justification, sanctification and glorification. As we see them the calling of Christ is the primary step of the application of God's predestination. Actually, the calling of God depended on his personal salvation. In other words, calling of salvation is established on the calling of mission. Without personal salvation no mission permit to him.

So, this event reveals true calling of his chosen people in their lives very clearly to us. We can observe the effective calling in Christ.

2. What does the effective calling possess? How did Peter response to calling of Christ?

I. He found his miserable state in his life under the light of the revelation.

1. [5](#)And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6](#)And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fishes, and their nets were breaking.

2. Although he had tried to catch fish in the all night, he did not catch any fish. This was not different experience in his life. Now he experienced special thing, failure and frustration in his life. His such state is the background of God's calling, Moses, Eliah and Paul.

3. Do you have any frustration in your life? At that time, it may be good chance to get some grace from God. God was waiting for his miserable state.

But every frustration is not the foundation of blessing. If God does not use his failure he shall be fall down into absolute despair.

[8](#)But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." What did he response such answer to the Lord? Surly he found some wonderful truth and grace in the event of a miracle. Through the wonderful events he shall find his miserable state that is, ignorance of the truth, blindness of his spiritual state and his impossibility of Lords work. So, he confessed "I am a sinner." Why could he confess his identification of his sinner? Because he sees himself in the light of illumination of Holy Spirit. This knowledge of himself came out of the knowledge of God. God is sovereignty God but the man is absolute poverty. This is the way of the truth.

II. He responded unconditionally the calling of God for his mission.

1. Verse 10 says, "[10](#)and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." After Peter confessed his miserable state to the Lord, he soon listened to the calling of Christ unilaterally. " " Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." The calling included the purpose of his calling in his future that he should devote himself to wholeheartedly. Really when we review his whole life after that, God guided him to the goal of his calling, "to catch up the soul,"- evangelism and church planting and establishment of the sound doctrine. As the rock of the church of the Lord, he had served the Lord faithfully and finally was martyred at Rome. Although he descended down into the failure spiritually by denying the Lord three times and using his sinful desire for supporting to the work of Christ, the Lord trailed him with his wise methodology in his own situation to attain to the goal of his calling. Look at his last state of his life that resurrected Jesus mentioned to him in John 21:18-19, "[18](#) Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." [19](#) (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

That passage pointed us the beautiful, faithful person who accomplish the mission which came from the above.

2. My beloved saints, according to the Scripture, God shall lead us to the original position that is the purpose of his calling for us. Although we escape out of his calling intensely and occasionally in our lives, he shall lead us to the blessed place of our calling. Do not be free out of God's calling as Jonah did. How did he stay in his life? He was fallen into a big fish's belly, just like the hades. Did the Lord ignore him and his calling? No, never, God made him understood his calling and repented him out of his extreme egoism. Finally, he proclaimed the urgent message to the Nineveh people. Calling of God is the eternal, absolute and effective in our lives. Never it can be changed. So, we have to live in the center of God's calling.

III. He pursued on God's calling without pausing.

1. Verse 11 says, "[11](#)And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him."

1) What did Peter response to calling of Christ? Probably he rejected the stimulated calling of prosperity, success and the miracle pride

sternly, before God he holds the calling to win the soul. From this event he followed the calling to the point of his death.

Here we can two important attitudes in the obedience of Peter.

1) He left everything. It is to deny himself that means serving to the Lord out of serving to his ego. John Calvin says "self-deney is the core of our whole life, sanctification. Cross bearing is included in it.

2) And Peter soon followed him. It means the total devotion life.

Paul emphasize 1) the Christian of salvation should offer himself to the Lord as the weapon of righteousness.

Roman chapter 6 pointed three stages to us. Those are: to know the completed salvation in Christ, to reckon the fact by faith, and to offer us to the weapon of righteousness. This is to follow Jesus.

2. When we study the bible and our theological subject, we should review our calling from God. This is our main work in the world.

We need to make sure the calling of God to me by rediscovering our actual life.

Yesterday I had read my absence of public worship in this semester. I glad to see the proofs of God's calling in their heart. Among them one student confessed and decided I was very tied so I could not get up but I shall worship God eternally. That are very precious sayings.

Why? Because God called for him as his servant in his life.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

Make sure your calling of God for his ministry. And rediscover your calling in your lives. And again, response to Him Hear I am Lord send me!

“For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. [10](#)Therefore, brothers,^g be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. [11](#)For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (ii PETER 1:9-11)”

The Self-image of a Godly Man (Proverb 31:1-9)

1The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:

2What are you doing, my son?^a What are you doing, son of my womb?
What are you doing, son of my vows?

3Do not give your strength to women,
your ways to those who destroy kings.

4It is not for kings, O Lemuel,
it is not for kings to drink wine,
or for rulers to take strong drink,

5lest they drink and forget what has been decreed
and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

6Give strong drink to the one who is perishing,
and wine to those in bitter distress;^b

7let them drink and forget their poverty

and remember their misery no more.

8Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.^c

9Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Introduction:

1.In remembrance of Christian family, we need to draw the normal image of manhood and womanhood in our heart to accomplish keeping the sound family in order to accomplish the purpose. Now, I want to treat to the manhood image in our lives. What do you think of it? Do you have a self-image of manhood in your heart? I would like to introduce the revelation of proverb 31: for you to know the wonderful mage in our hearts. – needs and common place

2.The text reveals the detailed instruction of normal Christian life in the manhood. Many people think that Lemuel came out of Arabia just like, Jabez or, Job and also his mother was a godly woman and a royal family. Although we do not know the detailed background of the king, we have to admit that it should be concluded into the special revelation of God. What did Lemuel learn by his godly mother in the inspiration of Holy Spirit? – Beginning at the text. - An example of Lemuel.

First. the king should caution the woman.

1.Verse 3 says “Do not give your strength to women,” As we know David and Solomon had been failed by the relationship to the women. David had been tempted by a woman, Basheba and adultery and murder. And Solomon had 300 wives and 700 concubines in his later life. And also, the king, Ahab was failed because his wife, Isabella who many people called for her as one of the wicked women in the history. – explanation of the text

Proverb 6:20-28 stressed to caution the allure of prostitutes by using many metaphors.

20My son, keep your father's commandment,
and forsake not your mother's teaching.

21Bind them on your heart always;
tie them around your neck.

22When you walk, they^d will lead you;
when you lie down, they will watch over you;
and when you awake, they will talk with you.

23For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light,
and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,

24to preserve you from the evil woman,^e
from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.^f

25Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes;

26for the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread,^g
but a married woman^h hunts down a precious life.

27Can a man carry fire next to his chest
and his clothes not be burned?

28Or can one walk on hot coals

and his feet not be scorched? – Parallel reference for supporting the division

In our Christian life and in our ministry, we should caution the temptation of any women or men. Why? Because we have the burning, stimulating, sinful desire, if we cannot handle it, we shall fail execution of our ministry. It is very severe elements and very harmful dirty elements to follow Jesus Christ. – Applicative elements

2.What is the normal image of the manhood in our ministry? It is to escape the sexual desire temptation because it is just like a fire. Positively we have to pursue the habit of godly life in his daily life. Among them we need taking the regular devotional time and exercising some activities, and other methods that is able to avoid out of physical desire.

If you have any temptation in your heart, now he should repent and pursue to study the Word of God. When we read and meditate the Word of God, God provides the powerful grace to overcome the temptation. Why does the

Scripture prohibit using the garlic, vinegar, spicy materials in normal meal for Israel? Because this was one of elements to control his desire in order to overcome the abnormal sexual desire.

3. So we have to draw sound image to use the precious desire in our lives. We have to despise the secular usage to accomplish the sound family according to the teaching of the Word of God.

4. Actually we live in the environment of such temptation, legalizing the polygamy and the gay and unfaithful attitude of the temptation in the earth. Especially the Christian follow the wisdom (Ephesian 5:18-). We are the kings in Christ. Actually, when we meet many chances to meet to all people unconditionally in the name of Jesus under the godly style. Then the ministers should caution these things, he need to use some wisdoms. Today the failure of this issue he shall be destroyed soon. Because the Spirit of God may leave out of him directly. (Ps 51:) If anybody had fallen down into this place he shall be repented deeply.

The man of God should not devote himself to contact to the women. Always he should keep his spiritual purity and his physical purity in his life. We should take care of the normal image of manhood in our lives for the glory of God.

Second, the king should caution to the warfare(violence)

1. Verse 3 says “your ways to those who destroy kings.” Why did his mom emphasize this thing? Because God wants to pursue the peace and the purity in the world. The psalmist declared, “Seek the peace of Jerusalem. “Why? Because God is Jehovah of peace we have to seek the peace of Holy Spirit in our lives. The king can incline into the violence and fighting to bleed the neighbors because he has power of kingship.

For example, David’s life is filled of warfare according to God’s command. One day, when he asked to build the house of the God. God rejected his requirement because he was bleeding much in his life. – explanation of verse

Another example is there why not Moses entered into Canaan. Because he did not reveal the righteousness of God at Messiah. At that time, he was angry in the church. At that moment he failed before God, he was rejected to enter into the Promised Land.

In the New Testament, Peter's case we find the same principle, what is that? He used a knife to kill his enemy in Garden of Gethemane. As he cut the one side ear of his enemy with his tool. Then Jesus warned that if anybody used with his knife he shall be perished with the knife. Violence is serious issue in the ministry of the Lord. - Illustration

2. In our ministry we have to learn spiritual passion in our heart, then we have to caution the contest, the fighting and the hot temper, the violence. When I had been fallen down by my stroke, I had lied down on the hospital bed. Then God pointed to this sin in my pastoral ministry those are; cruel heart, hot temper to harm church members, then I had repented them but, now the harmful sinful desire works still in my ministry. I caution the sinful desire in my ministry. Forgive my sin. I am trying to caution my violence. – Illustration, my testimony

3. What is normal Christian image of the manhood? He shall be the man of peace with the meek and the humility in his life. We have to pursue the way.

Third, the king has to caution the wine(intemperance)

1. Verse s 4-9 says “⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, ⁵lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted. ⁶Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress;^b ⁷let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more. ⁸Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.^c ⁹Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Why he needs to pursue to prohibit the wine. As we know that, The Scripture did not prohibit to drink the wine but indulgence of wine. It is one of the common graces.

Recently South Korean have been stressed the movement of wellbeing to use the enzyme (yeast) which was made of the process of Juice, wine etc. for their health. Actually, the wine is one of materials. But the alcohol of the wine is main issue. Verse 5 points that “lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.” Although we can use it for medicine, we have to make sure our purpose of our health. I Cor. 10:31 says, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” – Expository element

2) In the Christian case we have to seek wellbeing for our ministry. But we have to learn the self-control in using every common grace. Sometimes we have to prohibit some benefits for keeping the godly life. - applicatory

Rather, we have to take the fullness of Holy Spirit in our lives. We have to pursue the fullness of Holy Spirit. As Ephesian 5:18 “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, “. This should be the experience event in our heart. Then we enjoy the abundant grace in our heart.

Moreover, The godly woman suggested the positive method to his son in the verses 8-9, “Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute **9**Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” What is his positive exhortation to keep godly life? In a short word, it was to abide in the Word of God.: “open your mouth for the rights of all poor and needy, and defend them and judge righteously in all issues.” It is possible to judge it as we know the truth, the Scripture. What does it mean? That point to abide in the Word of God. As we know, Akur’s case, we find that positive action to accomplish the moderation life in the world. He pointed to abide in the Word of God, the divine authority. 30: 5-6 says “**5**Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. **6**Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.”

Reading the Bible, meditating the word and obeying the truth in our heart, God shall provide the wonderful grace to us. It is the fruit of the light those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. This is the important image of spiritual royal family, the Christians.

Conclusion:

In the spiritual chaos day, we have to draw the sound image of godly manhood in our heart. Our man students have to follow this image, “to caution the women, the violence and the wine.” And they should abide in the Scripture.” In the women case, they have to supplicate three things in their families and in their future. If they are fallen into such secular relationship in their lives, make sure this image in your heart. – sermon telos summary

In the present life our students should have self -image of godly manhood to establish sound family to glorify God and to enjoy it fully. -exhortation

Let’s pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful plan for us, the self- image of godly manhood, make us escaped the adultery, murder and worldly desire in our present life. Help us to complete the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in our future. Specially help us to abide in the fullness of Holy Spirit and in the abundance of the word of God. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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