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## **The Foundation of knowledge (Proverb 1:1-7) 2014. 8. 27**

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

2To know wisdom and instruction,  
to understand words of insight,  
3to receive instruction in wise dealing,  
in righteousness, justice, and equity;  
4to give prudence to the simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the youth—  
5Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,  
6to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.

7The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

### **Introduction:**

1. The book of Proverbs consists of several wisdoms from Solomon, David, Jeche, and Lumuel's mother. This wisdom is not human wisdom—the earthly wisdom—but divine wisdom. So, when we read the text, we treat it as the Word of God, becoming a special revelation in our heart.

2. In the first part of the introduction of Proverbs, we are able to think of a main theme: the foundation of all knowledge. As the other scriptures teach, Proverbs also teaches interrelated themes about who God is and who the man is. What wisdom does Proverbs especially teach us about the beginning of the life?

**1. First, it teaches us that the life should begin with understanding the Proverbs.**

1. Verse 7 says that the fear of the Lord is the foundation of knowledge and wisdom. Although NIV translates it into “foundation,” ESV uses the word “beginning.” However, in Hebrew, *reshit* (chief, foremost, first fruit, first) has both meanings. So, we can understand the fear of the Lord must be the beginning, foundation and head of all knowledge and all wisdom. Among all knowledge and all wisdom, generally the right knowledge of the life is essential to glorify God and to enjoy life fully. Also, the proverb reveals the term as the background with the knowledge of God. Although the proverb reveals short words, or apothegms, they are not men’s sayings but God’s revelation. Just like a woman is decorated with earrings, rings and necklaces on her body, we should accept teaching, rebuking, correcting and editing with the righteousness through the proverb in our lives.

2. The proverb is the fruit of the redemption of Christ that has revealed redemptive ethics into Christian lives. Because the proverb is the redemptive ethics, the Christian should concentrate on it for learning the example of normal Christian life. When we follow the example of the proverb, we can get many benefits in Christ Jesus through application.

Moses’s prayer in Psalm 90 tells us that the life is like a fling, a watch in the night, a dream, grass, a sigh and a shadow. “[5](#)You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:[6](#)in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.[7](#)For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.[8](#)You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. [9](#)For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.” So Moses stresses gaining wisdom every day with a habitual attitude. “[14](#) Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.” As Moses did in his life, we should also learn to enjoy the love of God within every morning. It is a divine wisdom. We learn that life has to begin with the fear of the Lord as the foundation and the beginning of our wisdom and our knowledge, as verse 7 teaches us. “[7](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

3. What do you think of life? We should begin with understanding the wisdom of the proverb—the fear of the Lord. Biblical fear is actually true faith of the Scripture. Do you believe in the Lord? Then, you have the fear of the Lord. This fear consists of two elements: the terror and the affection. When we believe in Jesus, we have both the terror aspect and the affection aspect in our heart. So, we have to make sure our faith comes with these two elements in our lives. If we don't have these elements in our conscience, we may not take a trembling attitude because of our corrupted heart.

At any place, at any time, the real happiness of man comes out of such knowledge. In your life, in your pastoral ministry, you should first assure that only true faith—the fear of the Lord—is the source of your happiness, your prosperity and success in your life. You should especially begin with that fear in your calling, your ministry and your wonderful vision. In this seminar every student should make sure they have such knowledge and wisdom in their heart through the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

## **2. Second, we should begin with expecting to bear the abundant heavenly fruit in every aspect of our lives.**

1. The proverb reveals that our transformation is set in the inner man by stressing understanding, wisdom, righteousness, justice, correction, insight, knowledge and sincerity. Read verses 2-4: “[2](#) To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, [3](#) to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; [4](#) to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth.” In other words, when we obey the Scripture, we can partake in the spiritual transformation as II Tim 3:16-17 reveals to us. “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom<sup>a</sup> you learned it [15](#) and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which *are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.* [16](#) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17](#) that the man of God<sup>b</sup> may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2. Where do you seek the wonderful wisdom to attain complete salvation in your actual life? The Scriptures must be the main means to grow your spiritual life. Proverbs reveals very short words and very simple sayings that we can easily remind ourselves about for application in our lives. So Proverbs stresses that we shall hold them in our five senses: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and speaking (or, feeling).

3. As Deuteronomy 6:4-9 points out, it means the detailed method to execute them in the Israelite life. “[4](#) Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.<sup>b</sup>[5](#) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [6](#) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. [7](#) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. [8](#) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9](#) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” As a tree that is planted by the brook produces much fruit, if we are rooted in the proverb, we can expect wonderful fruit in our detailed lives—our personal life, family life, social life and financial life, etc. As we apply the Word in these areas, we can understand and get direction, understand the method and receive encouragement.

### **3. Third, we should begin with enjoying the fear of the Lord.**

1. We have to enjoy the fear of the Lord, the foundation of knowledge. Then we experience that we can rise above just like the rising power of an eagle.

2. Isaiah 40:30-31 says “Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”



3. Glorifying God should be revealed by enjoying God. Enjoying is stronger than joy. Enjoying means to remain in, to be in unity and oneness.

Do you have a favorite habit in your life? What do you enjoy? As the teaching of Proverbs said, we have to enjoy the fear of God.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Although the world tells us the knowledge of life, they are too simple, too partial and so unsafe for our lives. Only when we begin with divine knowledge, the abundant fruit and enjoying God, it is glorifying to God.

2. We have to understand two questions of Christ: What is God's calling? And what is the foundation of our life? The proverb is a multi-vitamin that teaches the obvious answers to us. To know God, to understand your life direction, to know the abundant fruit and to enjoy God. In this time, let's learn the guidance of the proverb in order to bear much fruit in this seminar.

### **Let's pray**

Dear Lord, we thank you for your wonderful grace through the revelation of the proverb. Let us know the fear of the Lord and enjoy it in our lives. Especially provide your illumination, your power to know you and your truth.

Fill us with the Holy Spirit. Pour out your wonderful grace on your servants to glorify you. Strengthen your servant to proclaim the gospel to the Cambodian churches in the name of Jesus. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Two things that we should hold (Prov. 1:8-19) 2014.9.9**

[8](#)Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching,  
[9](#)for they are a graceful garland for your head  
and pendants for your neck.

[10](#)My son, if sinners entice you,  
do not consent.

[11](#)If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood;  
let us ambush the innocent without reason;

[12](#)like Sheol let us swallow them alive,  
and whole, like those who go down to the pit;

[13](#)we shall find all precious goods,  
we shall fill our houses with plunder;

[14](#)throw in your lot among us;  
we will all have one purse"—

[15](#)my son, do not walk in the way with them;  
hold back your foot from their paths,

[16](#)for their feet run to evil,  
and they make haste to shed blood.

[17](#)For in vain is a net spread  
in the sight of any bird,

[18](#)but these men lie in wait for their own blood;  
they set an ambush for their own lives.

[19](#)Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain;  
it takes away the life of its possessors.

### **Introduction:**

1. The text reveals two directions that the believer should go towards in his daily life. What are they?

**First, it exhorts that we should listen to the Word well**

1. Verses 8-9 say that we should not stray from the law. “[8](#)Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, [9](#)for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” Here, the statement “your father’s instruction and your mother’s teaching” refers to the Scripture because the Word of God that has the absolute authority is alive. Hebrews 4:12-13 says: “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” So, when we read the words and meditate on them, then we will actually taste eternal life. Our Lord stressed the unique character of the Scripture, the character of life. (Mt 4:4 “But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””——the words are compared to bread.) What is the Word? It is spiritual bread. All of the born-again Christians should eat it every day to keep their spiritual health. Just like Ezra did, we have to decide to receive the grace that comes from God and, in addition, we also have to practice it in our lives.

2. Why did James stress to listen to the word of God swiftly? “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” (James 1:19-20) Do you know the reason?

Because he knew that to carefully listen to the Word of God is to understand the meaning through the work of the Holy Spirit and also understanding that it could open his eyes and give him true faith in his heart.

**Second, it exhorts that we should watch out the deceit of the wicked. (10-19)**

1. Verses 10-19 warn us not to pursue four things:

1) We have to be cautious about those who are crafty and make the neighbors bleed (having no mercy), just as verses 10-11 say, “My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason;”—it is a wicked union.

2) We have to be cautious about the crafty devouring their neighbors covertly (coveting). Verse 12 says, “Like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit;”—it is the sinful desire, covet.

3) We have to be cautious in uniting with the crafty wicked and joining in one purse (wrong union). (15) “my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths.”

4) And also, we have to be cautious of the hidden sin of waiting to attack their neighbors in a quiet state. (16) “for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.”

As we know, David fell down into such dangerous sins in his life by a moment of some stimulated temptation of his secular desire, coveting as soon as he looked at a woman. And he also tried to conceal his own sins by using a human method. But he could not escape the eyes of the living God. Every sin is deceitful. We have to be careful of such deceit in our lives.

## **Conclusion:**

Although we were born again by the Holy Spirit, we have to fight against actual sin that is in our present life. It means to keep our good conscience in our lives. Why should we keep it? Because our conscience is the center of our existence, we have to watch out for it in every event. It is very, very important. If we feel any issues without possessing true peace, how can we keep our good conscience? According to Hebrews 9:13-14, we have to repent and believe in the merit of Christ’s death. Christ replaced our sins on the cross. “For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify<sup>f</sup> for the purification of the flesh, [14](#)how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without

blemish to God, purify our<sup>g</sup> conscience from dead works to serve the living God.“ We have to accept the powerful grace by faith. We can serve the living God boldly before God in Christ. The faith provides the wonderful power to serve God and our neighbors. Let’s take away such sins in our lives.

## Let's listen to the cry of wisdom (Prov 1:20-33)

Wisdom cries aloud in the street,  
in the markets she raises her voice;

[21](#)at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

[22](#)“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

[23](#)If you turn at my reproof,<sup>a</sup>  
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

[24](#)Because I have called and you refused to listen,  
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,

[25](#)because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

[26](#)I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when terror strikes you,

[27](#)when terror strikes you like a storm  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.

[28](#)Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

[29](#)Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

[30](#)would have none of my counsel  
and despised all my reproof,

[31](#)therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,  
and have their fill of their own devices.

[32](#)For the simple are killed by their turning away,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

[33](#)but whoever listens to me will dwell secure  
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

## **Introduction:**

As we think, we wonder about many things in our study life and social life. In those moments, we should apply our gospel, the wisdom of God. It is actually very simple but it is also very difficult. Although we have the Scripture, the Word of God, if we cannot handle the Word in our detailed life, we cannot solve any issues. So, we have to learn wisdom.

The text teaches that as soon as we have listened to the crying voice of the wisdom, we have to respond to it immediately.

What is a life that has the fear of God?

### **First, we should listen to the calling of wisdom carefully.**

1. According to verses 19-21: “Wisdom cries aloud in the street and in the markets, she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?”

2. The wisdom called out to us passionately at a road, at a playground, at a corner of the way, at the corner of the city and also among the city (23) by revealing the eschatological warnings. (26) It represents the last chance in his life. What is wisdom? It is the gospel, or the word of God. We have to proclaim the gospel at any place to our neighbors. If anyone listens to our gospel, he shall be saved out of miserable sins. What is the gospel? It is Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose out of sins for us. Furthermore, the reformed theology and its faith is the system of gospel because it explains them

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**Second, when the wisdom calls us, we should response immediately to it. When there is no answer, they shall meet some horror and severe calamity as the storm and the gale.**

1. Verses 27-29 say “when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,” Why did not they answer the direction of the widom? Because they have no true love to the Lord, they could not answer the lovely call.

2. When we read the Scriptures, we should touch it with lovely heart. When ever we listen to the verse by the verse, we should apply them to our heart as we eat some food. If any Christian ignores the Scripture he shall not live in wisdom but in folly.

So, Ps 1:2 says, the blessed man is a person to meditate the Word of God.

Here meditation means to attach to the Word by using lovely sayings.

Such attitude is very important to understand the Scripure. Then Holy Spirit works in us.



**Third, we should ask the eternal peace that the wisdom provides to them.**

1.The life that responds to the gospel is to listen to the loving voice of the Lord and to response immediately and also seek to the eternal peace. (31, 33 “would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproofs therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.)

2.What is the Word of God? It is the source of peace. When we obey the Word of God, our heart shall be changed into peaceful heart. Why? Because God rules over us, our heart enjoys the love of God. It is the peace to come out of the God.

3. When we greet to our neighbors we say “Jumurisuer, Sub suby” What does it mean? It is to bless peace. It is depended on the human wisdom. So, the result is very obscure. But he christian peace has different point because it come out of grace. So, apostle greets, “May the grace and the peace be with you.” Grace is first and then peace is second.”

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved brother and sister.

Let us listen to the voice of the wisdom. And also let us follow the direction immediately until feeling the peace in our heart. When we listen to such voice we can get the wonderful truth and the amazing event in our Christian lives. As we know, Eliah, the prophet stayed in a den in Mt. Horeb, Then he had seen stom, fire and earthquake, But he could not the Jehovah. After these phenomena were passed he could meet Him by listening to the small voice. We need to listen to some small voice in our chaos day. This is the way to follow the wisdom.

### **Let's pray.**

Heavenly father,

We thank God for your wonderful love and grace and peace. Especially you gave us the wonderful wisdom of our salvation, the Scripture in our lives. Make us listen to the Word of God very well to follow you and to enjoy them. In our school life as Eliah did, we want to follow you by undersandng the small voice come out of the Scripture in our lives. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **The Life of the Word and the Prayer (Prov. 2:1-9)**

My son, if you receive my words  
and treasure up my commandments with you,  
2making your ear attentive to wisdom  
and inclining your heart to understanding;  
3yes, if you call out for insight  
and raise your voice for understanding,  
4if you seek it like silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
5then you will understand the fear of the Lord  
and find the knowledge of God.  
6For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
7he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
8guarding the paths of justice  
and watching over the way of his saints.  
9Then you will understand righteousness and justice  
and equity, every good path;

### **Introduction:**

1.In the book of the Acts we find that the Apostles in the early church Christian life is to devote themselves to proclaiming the Word of God and praying faithfully for the church. (6: 4-But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”) In the contemporary the pastor is not the apostle but apostolic in the meaning based on the Scripture. Our true apostle is only the Scripture. So, the reformers stressed sola Scriptura in the reformation movement.

2.And we can find the powerful, effective of prayer and the Word of God to product the purification. I Timothy 4:1-5 says “Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to

deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 3who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.“ What does it mean? Although most of people argue about the eating foods, we can get some benefits through prayer and the Word, as the means of grace of God. Why? Because Paul knew that our God work through the prayer and the Word of God, he could stress two works in chritian life.

3.In our Christian life we need to know two powerful grace in our lives.

Today text reveals two facts to us in the heavenly wisdom.

How can we possess such wisdom in our lives at any time, any place?

**First, we can possess the wisdom as we receive the word of God.**

1.If in worldly work we seek to our successfulness, we should devote ourselves to receiving the Word of God. So the text stresses to receive the Word, to possess it, to listen to it and put your heart on it.(memorization) (1-2 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;)

2.As we know, as the Scripture stressed the importance of some familiar relationship with the Scripture, these reveal the abosulte character. For example, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (Jn6:63) “Why did the Scriptures emphasise such thing? Because only the Scripture must be the spirit and the life. What is the wisdom in text? It is the Scripture. So, we should possess the wisdom in our lives. The action to receive the word of God is the same to recieves the eternal life, Jesus Christ, the regeneration and the salvation. How

did you receive the eternal life? How did you receive the Holy Spirit? In one word you could get them by faith that include the devotional action, the strong commitment.

In your school study activities, you should devote yourselves to study the word of God.

## **Second, we can possess it by working of prayer.**

1. Verse 4 tells us “to seek it and call for it.” So, we should want to receive the wonderful grace out of the struggling prayer. We should caution that we get any benefits without struggling. We should enjoy receiving the grace of God with our effort. We know justice, honest, and righteousness very well through faithfulness.

2.(6-9 [6](#)For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; [7](#)he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, [8](#)guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. [9](#)Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;)

- “from his mouth come knowledge and understanding” Here knowledge and understanding is to know God. It means the eternal life (Jn17:3). “To know God” is the ultimate purpose of the Christian life because it is reality of the eternal life. We should devote ourselves to it with whole sacrifice.

As we understand the things we have to the secret of prayer in our Christian lives. Some body stressed the prayer is the breath of soul. What is the breathing of soul? It is the Scripture and what is the exercise of the soul? It is evangelization. Every function of soul, bread, exercise are very precious in our ministry, but prayer as breath of soul is more precious in our life and in our school life. If we lost personal prayer in our time we lost our lives. Do you have Christian life on your heart? Go to the prayer room before God personally. Sometimes I had heard of weeping voice before God. When I

listen to that sound, I received God's grace from the prayer. It is very precious thing in our heart.

If we want to live as a reformed Christian in Cambodia in the chaos day, we should devote ourselves to prayer for achieving our goal. In the history the examples reveal to us.

Ex: As we know the British puritans know the secret. They are both the man of the Word of God and the man of prayer. John Knox had prayed in the room for his Scotland. He shouted "If you do not give me the Scotland take away my life! When the blooded Mary queen was more afraid of His prayer than Scotland military. His prayer achieved the reformation of religion in Scotland. And another example was revealed in our lives. John Welch who was the son in law of Knox. He had prayed 12 hours every day. Then he receives mysterious experience in his life. He knew the age very well. His sayings were admitted as relevant gifts by the age. But he did not accept the wonderful experience if they did not follow against the Scripture. He always gave up his action. He was a reformed pastor.

What do you think of the self-support of Cambodia church? I think that it is one of modern great issues to develop our church in Cambodia. Without learning self-support no reformation. At the other time I saw that PES and WLS includes 50% offering to God. I found small good clues to reformation in Cambodia. I think that the main issue is the thinking transformation. If they hold the two things, Word of God and prayer. They shall see the wonderful grace in our lives in Cambodia.

### **Conclusion:**

What should we do to get the wisdom? We should seek God's grace by faithful prayer before God.

Our school students should accept such things in our heart to some wisdom out of God.

Let us pray.

## Unique Benefits that the Wisdom Gives (Prov. 2:10-22)

for wisdom will come into your heart,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;  
[11](#)discretion will watch over you,  
understanding will guard you,  
[12](#)delivering you from the way of evil,  
from men of perverted speech,  
[13](#)who forsake the paths of uprightness  
to walk in the ways of darkness,  
[14](#)who rejoice in doing evil  
and delight in the perverseness of evil,  
[15](#)men whose paths are crooked,  
and who are devious in their ways.  
[16](#)So you will be delivered from the forbidden<sup>a</sup> woman,  
from the adulteress<sup>b</sup> with her smooth words,  
[17](#)who forsakes the companion of her youth  
and forgets the covenant of her God;  
[18](#)for her house sinks down to death,  
and her paths to the departed;<sup>c</sup>  
[19](#)none who go to her come back,  
nor do they regain the paths of life.  
[20](#)So you will walk in the way of the good  
and keep to the paths of the righteous.  
[21](#)For the upright will inhabit the land,  
and those with integrity will remain in it,  
[22](#)but the wicked will be cut off from the land,  
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

### Introduction:

1. Continously we think of the excellence of wisdom in Christ. As we assure, the wisdom makes us thought Christ Jesus for it works the role of Jesus Christ



and also the Scripture, the special revelation. So, if we replace them into the place of wisdom, we can understand the reality easily.

For example, “for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;” can be changed into “for Christ will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant (*ynam*/ delight, sweet, beautiful, lovely), to your soul;”

2. In our daily life we need such wisdom, that is, Christ Himself in our hearts. What do you think of it? Do you have such wisdom in your life? If you answer “yes” to the question, you must abide in Jesus Christ.

3. In this time as we get the wisdom, the fear of the Lord, what benefits shall we get in our lives? We can arrange three things from this passage.

### **First, the delight comes into our soul.**

1. Verse 10 suggests that Christ rules over everything by working Christ as the Lord of life. “for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; “What is the delight to the soul? It means the intimate fellowship with God without taking any opposite attitudes in our heart. Then we have true joy in our heart through the familiar fellowship, as I John 1: 3 says to us. “That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

2. The delight of soul is so important to our constant ministry. Although we can not find some expression that Christ our Lord laughed at his ministry, we understand that his soul was filled of heavenly delight always.

Where are they? Heb 12:2 says, “2looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Joy (*kalas*) is used 22 times in the New Testament with peace, fullness of Holy

Spirit and grace. Therefore, we understand that as we receive the wisdom we experience the joy of soul. This thing is the same to receive the Word of God, to obey it. We need this experience in our lives. Do you have it in your school life and in your personal ministry? Actually this joy is the life in our soul. Whenever we have school life in any time and any place, we should search for such things in our lives.

Especially you approach to the proverbs any times. Then you shall wonderful illumination in your heart to know Christ and His redemptive grace.

What is the Bible College and seminary? It is the place that experienced the heavenly joy in our soul. As we know, the apostle Peter knew unspeakable joy, immeasurable joy in his soul in Christ. (IPeter1:8) When he has this deight he could die for Christ on the upside down cross at Rome.

When we follow Jesus in our school life, God handles us repectively for his plan. Then we can meet some unique suffering that we can not explain. Sometimes we think that our lovely Lord ignores me in our lives in the night time. But God knows our trouble time detailedly.

Then we have a chance to get the heavenly joy from God by praying, meditating and proclaiming. God prepared every gift for you. May the delight of wisdom be filled in your soul!

### **Second, it shall deliver us out of some wicked trouble.**

1. Verses 11-15 says the corruption of the wicked “[11](#)discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you, [12](#)delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,[13](#)who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,[14](#)who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, [15](#)men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.”

2. And also verses 16-19 says the salvation out of the temptation of the lewd woman. “16So you will be delivered from *the forbidden<sup>a</sup> woman*,from the *adulteress<sup>b</sup>* with her smooth words, 17who *forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God*;18for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed;<sup>c</sup>19none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life.”

3.Here, the woman means the heresy that is, the false teaching and decietful words to stimulate our sinful desire. We should accept the faithful truth in our heart. In other words, it is the spiritual adultery. Today the lots of false teaching is overflowen in the church. We should caution some false teaching in our thought. Why? Because a small false teaching has the powerful explosion to destroy our whole life.

For example, recently in South Korea, a pastor had taught that a regenerated man cannot sin in his soul for Chist forgave his all sins on the cross. Even though he commits sin if he ignores the quilt feeling and claim the promise, he shall be free without repentence. It is very simple doctrine attractive teaching to us. Finally, their wrong results were revealed in the world in the providence of God. In this year a great ship was broken on the storm sea because of several reasons finally about 300 students were died in the water. All Korean people was fallen down into the deep depression for this event. Because of the covet of prosperity that a person pursued, this sorrowful thing was happened. What is he? He pursued the perfectionism, one of the false doctrines. He himself and his family and his followers are destroyed in the precious life.

Do you have thankful heart in your soul because of reformed doctrine and its faith? Where is the sound doctrine? It is the Scripture that reveals the sound salvation and the sound life. Do you have this assurance in your soul?

If you have no such assurance, solve it today in your life before living God.

Do not hesitation and do not wander in your soul. Hold steadily this wisdom in your study.

### **Third, it helps us to keep going on the way of righteousness.**

1. In our lives we need heavenly joy, deliverance and we need to keep the way of righteousness.

Look at verses 20-22. “[20](#) So you will walk in the way of the good and *keep to the paths of the righteous*. [21](#) For the *upright* will inhabit the land, and those with *integrity* will remain in it, [22](#) but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.”

When we listen to the voice of the wisdom, we can overcome the severe temptation that come to the heart of Christian walking on the narrow way. By devoting ourselves to have prayer and meditate on the Word of God we should enjoy the heavenly blessing and the absolute protection out of evil situation continuously.

2. In our Christian life although we were saved out of sin, we meet the wicked situation before us. Then We should hold the wisdom, the words of God by reading, meditating and obeying according to it. Then We get the wonderful deliverance from God.

As we know, look at the Peter's wisdom in his event. What are they? As Jesus ordered to him “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” then Peter replayed “[5](#) And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” When he got wonderful events in his life. It was not the event to get his worldly propriety, but to get spiritual grace in his foundation of his whole life. His life was lifted up to the more improving state, restoration of God's image. This is the wisdom of the proverbs. May such fruit, delight, deliverance and keep on the way of righteousness of wisdom be with you.

Let's obey the word of God in silence at our any situation.

Let's pray

## **The Principles of Blessing (Prov 3:1-6) 10/13/2014 chapel**

“My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,  
2for length of days and years of life  
and peace they will add to you.  
3Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
4So you will find favor and good success<sup>a</sup>  
in the sight of God and man.  
5Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
6In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths”

### **Introduction:**

1. Generally the man likes to receive blessing in their lives. Especially the poor man wants to receive the wonderful blessing. How about the rich man? Of course, they want to get the wonderful blessing too. The oriental people; Chinese, Korean and Cambodian, like to take the blessing in their lives. Most people think that the blessing is the wealth, the health, the honors and the long life etc. In case of Cambodia, many Cambodians enjoy many festivals; Zolzinam, Pchumbun and water festival. Their feasts relate to the buddism. So, although they do not know the reality very well, they like to bow down to the budda. Why? Because they want to receive the blessing, they offered some foods, some money and also bowed down to the idols. Really did they receive such blessing from the idols? It is so miserable thing in the earth. But the Scriptures, the word of God reveals the method to get the blessing obviously.

2. The Proverbs teaches how we get the blessings of long life, peace, honor and guide clearly to us. We can admit them as the principles of blessing. What are they?

**First, when we obey the word of God, we get the long life and peace (1-2).**

1. “My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, [2](#)for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.”

Here, to keep the Word of God (“my law”, “my command”) is not easy. The word of God reveals law style and simple style to our remembering easily. The format of the law and the command provides some helps to keep them.

The word promises the length of days and years of life and peace. What does it mean? It is not the long life without the spiritual fellowship. It means to enjoy the eternal life in the world. In other words, it means to enjoy the fellowship with God.

Since I had arrived at Cambodia I see the very much development of Cambodia. Also, I found that as American, Korean, and Chinese, Cambodian love to have some blessing in their heart. Moreover, Cambodians concentrate on the take some blessing by some ceremony. Among them the desire of the long life must be common desire. Do you have the desire in your heart? Did you find the method to get eternal life and to enjoy it in your actual life? The proverbs said ““My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, [2](#)for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.”

**Second, when we love the mercy and the truth, we shall get the honor by God and the man. (3-4)**

1.”<sup>3</sup>Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good success<sup>a</sup> in the sight of God and man.”

What does the love and the truth mean in the passage? In other words, they are the love and the truth. It is the word of God, the Scripture. Then we shall get wonderful honors out of God and our neighbors. Actually, challenge your life. Love the word of God, the love and the truth, then you shall meet wonderful grace. Paul said that it is the love in truth. John Frame love that term “love in truth” that he used the term on one of his theological books. When we attach on the word of God(obedience) we can feel that our lives shall become honorable in our lives.

Many people want to become beautiful life in their lives by using many exercise, many activities and many medical tools. Bible obviously tells us that the secret to be honorable shall be to obey the word of God and to taste the love and truth in it. So, the Acts points the Berea Christian is gentle (Acts 17:10 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.)

When we embrace the Scripture and follow it, we can taste the sweetness and proclaim them to our neighbours. We can know the sweetness of love in truth of God.

When I had heard of kampot province out of our students, they were proud of the environment. In this my mission trip in this week, I understood the reason because of wonderful scene of hamornized environment; green colores, mountains and coconut trees etc. Before I take my trip, I can not understand clearly about that knowledge of Kampot. But after I tasted the areas I know it. I enjoyed it in my life. Our honor is same case. When we in our lives. obey the Word of God with sacrifice we can understand the grace of God.



Whenever we study the Scripture, we shall be changed into noble person May the grace be with you.

**Third, when we depend on Jehovah and admit him any time, we can receive his lead. (5-6)**

1. 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths”

2. Just like a mate that knows his way very well, as we pursue to the leading of the Lord, we shall be prosperous by following the Word of God. We are not the persons who pursue to secular prosperity (pragmatism) but we are the prosperity in Christ to glorify God. When we have any richness, we have to give thankfulness to God and use them in the proper areas for the glory of God.

John Calvin said that we have to enjoy the present wealth in the earth in hristian life. How can enjoy our present wealth in the earth? We should admit his peresence and his works although we can not see him in our situation. True faith follows the invisible beings.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints,

We listen to the principle of blessing out o f the simple command of wisdom. The wisdom is our Lord’s command, the Scripture. What is the principle of blessing? It is differsant to secular principles as berbibun ceremony in Cambodian buddism ceremony. They cast some foods to the ground to get some blessing from their deied parents. It is o ridiculous. But we know the real blessing and real method to get real blessing in our lives.

May the great blessing be with you all in your life.

## **Let's pray**

Dear Lord, we thank you for your wonderful blessing. Make us followed your promise by obeying your command, your wisdom in our hearts.

Strengthen us to go straight to know You and love in truth. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Sound Faith Cannot Be Shaked (Prov 3:21-26)**

“My son, do not lose sight of these—

keep sound wisdom and discretion,

[22](#)and they will be life for your soul

and adornment for your neck.

[23](#)Then you will walk on your way securely,

and your foot will not stumble.

[24](#)If you lie down, you will not be afraid;

when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

[25](#)Do not be afraid of sudden terror

or of the ruin<sup>d</sup> of the wicked, when it comes,

[26](#)for the Lord will be your confidence

and will keep your foot from being caught.

### **Introduction:**

1. Historically, the 911 Terror, the event that was happened in USA made the world awakened about the violent terrors. Like such terror, Chritian life has been attacked by the outside things, those are; secular philosophy and wordly pleasure, and the influence shakes our faith. Then we need to take the spiritual wisdom to be equipped by strong faith.

Paul exhorts, “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.” (Colosian 2:6-7)

2. To fear the Lord is to keep the wisdom. Actually, it is another expression of keeping the faith. The text reveals what the blessing of sound faith is and how to keep it. “My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion, (21)”

**First, what blessing shall we recieve by keeping the faith well?**

1.The text promises three blessings those are; the fullness of life, the work of prosperity , and the heavenly peace.(25-26) “[25](#)Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin<sup>d</sup> of the wicked, when it comes, [26](#)for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.”

1)What is fullness of life? “[22](#)and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.” “life for your soul” means the abundant life that comes out of the eternal life that points the knowledge of God. As John10:10 says,” The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. “The sheep of the Lord should be recieved the abundant life in his life. It is the fruit of the eternal life. Although the believer is tempted by several attacks, he enjoys the only his Lord because he finds that Jesus Christ is the reality of his abundant life. As we follow the fear of the Lord, we keep strait the the fullness of the life on the earth. John 10:9 says “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. “

2)What is the work of prosperity? The prosperity is not the sin but the prosperity without the presence of the Lord is the sin. As we pursue the wisdom faithfully, generally we shall get the prosperity that is rooted in the wellbeing of his soul.( III John 1:2 “[2](#)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.”) Keeping the wisdom, the fear of the Lord shall make us occupied the prosperity in common grace as Genesis 1:28 promised to us. “And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Although God prepares the unique grace in the suffering time for us, He shall keep his promise of the prosperity in every area. Look at the life of Abraham. As God called for him as a blessing in all nations, through much suffering duration finally he enjoyed wonderful prosperity physically and spiritually.

3)What is the heavenly peace? It comes out of God through some intimacy fellowship. It is the fruit of grace by the work of Holy Spirit. Although we have prosperity, success in our lives, if we have no spiritual fellowship, heavenly peace we shall live in the chaos state and dark state. “[23](#)Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble. [24](#)If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.”

Today, many people do not devote themselves to keeping such wisdom and the self-control. So, they lose the wonderful blessing. We have to long the best blessing and to offer all things to get them.

## **Second, what should we do to keep the faith rightly?**

1. We should devote ourselves to repentance, prayer and dependence.

1) Repentance- As we know, conversion is the one time to return to God in our lives, but repentance is many tiwe arrives to the semetery. I John 1:9 says” If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. “Here the confession means the repentance. After we were saved we need lots of repentance to keep our sound salvation. Actually, the repentance can not be separated of the faith. The text points to keep the sound wisdom with repenting through appling the merit of Christ in the light of the revelation. True repentance makes the work of the life in our lives. So, acts 11:18 says, “When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

2) Prayer- In order to get such blessing, we should pray early as the camel knee. Although we have received all spiritual blessing, unless we supplicate some hings to God, we may not enjoy the grace in our actual life. James 5:3-4 says “[3](#)You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. [4](#)Your adulterous people! “And our Lord teaches, in Matthew 7:7-8 ““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.” Verse 21 says “My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion,” The prayer is one of methods in keeping the wisdom. When we pray some issue before God who is seen by our eyes, first we feel to stand up before the wall. Then we know that we are very weak and look up only the Lord. We pray them by faith according to the promise of God in Redemption of Christ and in Holy Spirit. We get true faith as we listen to the word of God and also when we pray to God we get sound faith by understanding the word in the illumination of Holy Spirit. This is to keep sound wisdom.

3) Dependence – Repentance and prayer make us strengthen to hold the wisdom. Furthermore when we depend on the wisdom constantly we can enjoy the fruit of wisdom in our lives. Many christian misunderstand that the worldly prosperity and honor and healthy in the life is the blessing as the results of our faith. But the Scripture warns to watch out them in the lives. “Jer 17:5-8 says “[5](#)Thus says the Lord:“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength,<sup>a</sup> whose heart turns away from the Lord.[6](#)He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.[7](#)“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. [8](#)He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

So, to keep the sound wisdom, we should learn the dependence to the Scripture, the special revelation, as David did. Psam 119:97 “[97](#)Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.” He meditates on the Word of God all day long. [103](#)How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (103) We need to take in our lives. If we can not depend on Christ we can not devote our whole life to the Word of God. And also, if we can not devote ourselves to the Christ we can not enjoy the spiritual nutrition in our heart in the Scripture. Then our salvation may receive the temptation and our faith may be shaken in our lives.

My teacher, Dr. Yune Sun Park, who the only Korean commentator of all Scriptures in the church history, emphasized the thought that depends on the revelation in his book, Biblical Theology, which is his assurance in the biblical expression with much science and much godliness in the center of Gerhardus Vos and Herman Ridderbos.

We have to attach to the sound doctrine, the Scripture. When we read the any verses in the Scripture, right now, we listen to the Word of God in the Scripture. It means that we are depended in the Word of God. “If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound<sup>b</sup> words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4he 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, 5and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.”(ITim6:2-5) Then we stand firm on such place by despising all our thinking and all our consciousness and all our lives. Then we can enjoy the sound doctrine. And we find very reasonable thought and very wonderful truth and very excellent freedom in our lives.

What is the purpose of our studying at ITCS? We should seek the wisdom, the fear of the Lord. So, we can expect wonderful grace in our lives.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Does your faith so strong before any temptation in the world? Or, did not your faith shake in your life? Where is your blessing that the wisdom provides to you? Come back to the wisdom, Christ and the Word of God, then God provides wonderful grace to you.
2. In your study time you have to get through to that place. Especially you shall get abundant life in your heart.

### **Let's pray**

## **The Way of Right Relationship (Proverb 3:27-35)**

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,<sup>e</sup>  
when it is in your power to do it.

28Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,  
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

29Do not plan evil against your neighbor,  
who dwells trustingly beside you.

30Do not contend with a man for no reason,  
when he has done you no harm.

31Do not envy a man of violence  
and do not choose any of his ways,

32for the devious person is an abomination to the Lord,  
but the upright are in his confidence.

33The Lord’s curse is on the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

34Toward the scorners he is scornful,  
but to the humble he gives favor.<sup>f</sup>

35The wise will inherit honor,  
but fools get<sup>g</sup> disgrace.

### **Introduction:**

1. Just like the Ten commandments teach us; the Christian life consists of both to love God and to love our neighbor. Our Shorter Catechism of Westminster Confession was made of two systems, those are; the first part, questions 1-32 is about the salvation, to love God and the second part, questions 33-107 is about the saved life, to love neighbors. It is the same line to the proverbs. Now in the text, we concentrate on the way to relationship to the neighbors. The proverb is a wonderful treasure room to provide the wonderful insight and wisdom to us as the text reveals.

2. In our church life, we find two kinds of relationship, one is even though he has many good relationships in his diligence, actually he experiences the dark



relationship with his neighbors because of his sinful desire. On the contrary, the other enjoys the right relationship with their neighbors in his faithful life in Christ. Really Christian life is the life of right fellowship, *koinonia* as John confesses in I Jn 1: 7. It 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 “. Actually, the fellowship of John is the same state of the wisdom of the proverbs.

What does today text say to keep the relationship of neighbor rightly?

### **First. We should share all goodness to our neighbors.**

1. Verses 27-31 reveals our attitude to the weak; providing goodness to them, doing not take jealousy to the neighbor. “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,<sup>e</sup> when it is in your power to do it. [28](#) Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you. [29](#) Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you. [30](#) Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm. [31](#) Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways,” It means to give some benefits and virtue in every areas. Paul stresses all goodness in the fruit of the light for a normal Christian life. Ephesian 4: 7-9 says, “Therefore do not become partners with them; [8](#) for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9](#) (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)” Verses -

2. That passage points that we should bestow the mercy to the weak because it is the godliness that was admitted by the people. (James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction means godliness, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. – religion means godliness.” True godliness is right relationship and right fellowship with God, and purifying his life. This is real goodness in our lives.

4. Jesus, our Lord teaches us the importance of the merciful life in Mountain teaching. Mt 5:7 says “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “And also, James stressed “For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. “(James 2:13). Actually, mercy is the expression of unfailing love.

All Christians should express the unfailing love of God (divine goodness) in their lives, any time, any place. As we know, as we have the good hearts in our lives, the word of God works in them to product much fruit.

Mt 13: 23 says, “As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” Ex: Cambodia soil is very fertile in growing of some seads. The Mekong River provides natural good soil in the field. Actually, although they have some troubles because of the flood, the natural fertile mineral nutrition comes out of the flood of the Mekong river and much rain. Without accepting the good soil of Mekong River, Cambodian field can not product the lots of fruit. Ou heart in our studying activities shall be good heart. Above of all, we try to have good heart in order to keep fruitful relationship by repentence and faith before God.

## **Second. But we should not pursue the evil by quarreling, compromising and applauding.**

1. Organizedly, as a man does not devote himself to give his goodness to his neighbor, naturally he may pursue to the evil by guarreling, compromising and applauding. Generally, it is easy to be inclined to hate the enemy and to avenge him. However, the Scripture stresses that we have to commit the thing to God and to bless to them.

2. Roman 12:20-21 says, “To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” And also, Mt 5:44-48 says, “You have heard that it was said,

‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers,<sup>i</sup> what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” It is the same principle of the life of God’s people in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

3.As we know, Levitus 19:18 says “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” As the New Testament teaches us, also the old testament teaches same lesson about the method of the love to us. Our redemption follows the same goal, the same method and the same stream.

Why does the Scripture stress the teaching to the enemy repeatedly? Because Christian life can meet the same situation, we should be careful of it in our lives. And also, although we are born again, our sinful desire works in our heart any time and any place. When Peter confessed best faith to Jesus and he was praised by Him, but, soon he was fallen into the role of Satan by refusing the cross way. Why? Because he thought the work of self, not the work of God, temporally he was fallen down into the miserable seat.(Mt 16:22-23 “And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord!<sup>e</sup> This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance<sup>f</sup> to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”)

4.So we should learn to deny ourselves in our situation humbly, sincerely and faithfully. Why? Because it is the wise way that we go to the right relationship in our lives we should learn to deny ourselves as the Lord ordered to us. All right relationships come out of the positive action to deny himself in any situation. When we meet good friends, we learn denying myself and also when we meet bad enemy, we learn to deny myself because our sinful desire, *sarks*

is very miserable character in our lives. Matthew 16:24-25 says, “[24](#)Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25](#)For whoever would save his life<sup>g</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. “

**Third, concerning the righteous and the wicked, the Scripture reveals three obvious promises to us.**

What are they?

First. The righteous loves to communicate to God but the wicked shall be cursed by God. Christian happiness is the fellowship to living God. Actually, this fellowship means the reality of the eternal life. We who were justified by faith should enjoy this grace in our lives.

Second. The righteous receives the grace but the wicked receive mocking.

Christian, who is justified legally by grace of God should long the more grace of God that Holy Spirit provide to us.

Third. And also, the righteous receives the inheritance of glory but the wicked the punishment of dishonor. Christian refuses to unrighteous benefits but welcome the righteous benefits in his life. For already Christ Jesus is his inheritance we should claim the abundant grace and enjoy the wonderful grace in our lives.

Where exists the happiest life on the earth? Where is the most joyful life in the world? Where are they? The proverbs answer that to love God and to love our neighbors faithfully shall be the exact way. Finally, we have to come back to original word of God, the love of God, the core of God’s commandments. We should walk to his life with holding such glorious promises.

## **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints,

As we know, our eternal life reveals the right relationship, *koinonia* to God and our neighbours obviously. In the world surrounded by many kinds of relationship with the world, first of all, we should keep the biblical relationship to achieve his redemptive purpose, the restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

Today, let us fill of the abundant grace of God in our relationships by obeying his commands and by applying God's love in our lives by faith. Although we are very weak to execute his love to our neighbors, as Joshua's priests approached in the Jordan river by faith, we approach to our miserable relationship by faith. Then we are sure of wonderful *koinonia* by the work of Holy Spirit.

## **Let's pray.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace. We thank you for your precious command that we obey unconditionally to attain to the world of blessing. Make us learnt your love in our relationship to know you and your truth. Fill us with the fullness of Holy Spirit. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Love the wisdom! (Prov.4:1-9) 10/30/2014 Chapel**

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain<sup>a</sup> insight,

2for I give you good precepts;  
do not forsake my teaching.

3When I was a son with my father,  
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

4he taught me and said to me,  
“Let your heart hold fast my words;  
keep my commandments, and live.

5Get wisdom; get insight;  
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

6Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;  
love her, and she will guard you.

7The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever you get, get insight.

8Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.

9She will place on your head a graceful garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

### **Introduction:**

1.Our salvation consists of lots of relationship in our heart, in our doctrine and in our faith community. In other words, we should keep the life of sound relationship to God and our neighbors. What is sound relationship in our lives? It means the life to apply the truth in our lives. According to the text we can find the life to apply the wisdom, the fear of the Lord.

Especially the text reveals the wisdom of relationship to us, not to be the worldly wisdom, but to be the spiritual wisdom.

2.Today, we think the method to relate to the wisdom and the results that comes out of the relationship as followings.

### **First, how can we take right relationship with the wisdom?**

1.“Wisdom”, “insight”, “understanding” in the text reveal the unique character of the wisdom to us.

Knowledge is passive but wisdom (accumulated knowledge or erudition or enlightenment) is active, And the insight is the knowledge got by penetrating something, clear or deep perception of a situation. And also understanding is the recognition got by accepting the explanation of some information, characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy.

The text shows four methods to get the wisdom as followings;

1) First method is to listen to the word of God. (1,5,7) The wisdom that revealed as the word of God should be listened to in our lives. Actually, listening points one of the activities of the heart. To listen to the Scripture products the faith in our heart. Dark heart can not to understand sound word in his heart because it makes them become dark in the work of Satan. II Corinthian 4:4 says, “In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. “ So we should success to listen to the Word of God always. Then we can get some wisdom from it.

2) Second method is to keep on the word. To keep mean obedience, it means ignore my opinion but God’s direction absolutely in our hearts. Who is the much fruitful person? Lk. 5: points one who keep on the word of God faithfully.

“[14](#)And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life,

and their fruit does not mature. “[15](#)As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”(Lk8:14-15) It means to get heavenly wisdom in our lives. When we keep on it we meet many troubles, worldly anxiety, pleasure and money etc. that covers to grow up rightly in them. Then we try to overcome such temptation.

3) Third method is to love the wisdom (6-7) “[6](#)Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. [7](#)The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.”

4) Fourth method is to lift the wisdom up (8). It is the methods to love the word of God. “[8](#)Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. [9](#)She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

How can love the scripture? We should respect highly to the Scripture. And also, we should hear the verse by verse in our heart to obey it in our lives.

## **Second, what blessing does the one to love the wisdom receive?**

1. He shall revive (4), shall be protected (6) and shall be honored (9).

- *He shall get the spiritual revival.*

[4](#)he taught me and said to me, let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. Do you know what “live” mean? To live in the Scripture points revival, that is renewal state, changed life and the life restated into the image of God. s Paul claims that the faith makes the work and the events. Why? Because our faith is alive that comes out of living God. So, when any body has the faith we feel the reviving action in their heart. Our heart should be filled with the living power for Christ.

- *He shall be protected by God absolutely.* Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;



love her, and she will guard you. - We need the absolute protection in our lives because today is very dangerous.

If anybody hold the wisdom faithfully in his heart, God shall provide the wonderful grace to you. The wisdom is our power, our weapon, our blessing and our foundation as Paul confessed them to Christ. I Corinthians 1: 30-31 says, "And because of him<sup>e</sup> you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [31](#)so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." This confession is the same of David's in Ps 18: 1-2 "I love you, O Lord, my strength. [2](#)The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

- *He shall be honored by your neighbors.*

8 Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.

9She will place on your head a graceful garland; If you want to climb to the high position, follow the wisdom, Christ, the Word of God.

How the wonderful promise it is! As we know, Habakkuk Prophets received God's answer of his riddle question to God. Why does the unbeliever enjoy the wonderful blessing, victory, prosperity in the word? Why the righteous falls down into the suffering on the earth? Then God revealed wonderful honor obviously, In 3:18-19, "yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. [19](#)God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."

2. To get such wisdom we should love the wisdom very much. To love the proverb points to take the relationship with the wisdom. Our own flesh disturbs to accomplish the kingdom of God in our lives. What is the flesh? It points the sinful desire., that is, the spiritual corrupted nature. It follows the contrast way of the wisdom by keeping against the thing of God. Roman 8:3-8 says, "For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,<sup>e</sup> he condemned sin in the flesh, [4](#)in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to

the Spirit. [5](#)For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. [6](#)For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [7](#)For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. [8](#)Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. “

By following the wisdom faithfully in our lives, we should enjoy the blessing in our daily life.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints

Remember the promises of the wisdom in your heart. God prepared everything for us. We believe in them. I feel some troubles for Cambodian church because I see that it is very difficult to follow the wisdom. What do you think of it in the future of Cambodian churches?

At the other time I visited a church at Dacao province. Here two Korean missionaries worked. I am glad to meet them in Cambodia. After I called for them about some issues, Then I asked about the issue of Cambodian church self- support. A woman missionary answered positively. If they learn the faithfulness of a small thing, it is possible. What is the small thing? I think that they follow the wisdom of the Scripture anytime, any place. Just like the text promise if we follow the order, God shall keep his wonderful promise in our lives. May the grace of God be with your studying.

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly father,

We thank you for your wonderful grace and for your wonderful promise for us. Make us follow you faithfully in our lives. Give us the illumination of Holy Spirit to know you and your wisdom in Christ. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **The Way of humility (James 4:13-17)**

“[13](#)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.” [16](#)As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. [17](#)So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

### **Introduction:**

1.The life-attitude of God’s people should be the way of humility, as we see it through the teaching of James, the man of God. Verse 15 reveals the way to us “Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” The humility is not to follow the will of man but the will of God. In sum, the way of our humble attitude is the will of God.

Actually, this is the same concept of servanthship that our Lord teaches to his disciples. “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mk10:45)

2.Why is it different to the way of the world? Because the way of the world is rooted on the secular philosophy, it is basically different. The secular teaching put our attitude on the sinful nature but the word of God teaches to put it on the Lordship of God.

3.Most Christians follow to the secular attitude of their worldview. American, Korean and Cambodians stay in such seat because their attitude could not be changed because of their sinful nature. Today, we think that issue according to James’s teaching.

### **1. We have to caution the sinful desire.**

1. Verse 13 says “ [13](#)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”

Here, James saw the sinful desire world that is hidden behind the several activities of the man, their personal visions and them covet to secular philosophy. They want to move from this city to another city to make much money. They enjoy the natural environment in several towns and they are proud of his life on the earth. They pursue to the very strange world, not the world of the Scripture. Rather, they run toward the contrast state of Jesus’s teaching. Jesus says, ““Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.”“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.”[26](#)“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.(Lk6:25-26)” One who is praised by the other shall be fallen into the woe of God.

Do you understand the meaning? This is the issue of our attitude, our heart. The Americans enjoy such culture in the society. The Koreans love that glory of pride in their families. How about Cambodians? They too love the pride culture. As we saw the historic site of Angkor Wat’, we observe many evidences of secular arrogance. How about you? We have to be careful of pride culture because the Word of God warns us of the danger in our lives.

2. What is the result of pride? As we know, Cambodia was one of the poorest countries in the world. Recently after the gospel of Christ entered into it, they are changing gradually towards the country of the wonderful hope. The Scripture says obviously to us be careful of the covetous desire, the pride.

As we know, the king, Nebchadnezzar was proud of his dominion on Babylon. He thought that his wisdom, his power and his stregyty had built his country. Then as the soverighity Lord snatched his wisdom from him, immediately he was fallen down into a miserable state by the hand of God. He became a beast that eats the grass in the wilderness and did not take care of his body in his life for his stupit brain, temporarily. God threw him down at such state. The pride

leads us to destruction. The Proverbs says “<sup>5</sup>Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished. (16:5) “” Before destruction a man’s heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.” (18:12)

In our lives we have to caution our covetous desire to lead us to the pride, arrogance. Even though we have good ambition, excellent dream and bright vision in our heart, we have to learn to walk with humble attitude that is ““If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”

This attitude is the secret of success that we must follow in school life, in Cambodia and in our mission fields. Do you have it? We need to remember this passage “ ” We have to stand firm on the warfare that fights with our covet any time, any place.

## **2. The way of servanthip has two contrast states in our heart.**

1. Even though many Christians confess that humility is very wonderful virtue in our lives, but they do not understand the reality, that are two features; one is understanding the weakness of the man and another the strong power of God. In other words, the humility consists of two knowledges of our impossibility and God’s absolute power. This is godliness, happiness, power, our goal and the reality of restoration of God’s image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. It is the background of Justification and sanctification and glorification.

As we know, how did John Calvin reveal these things in his institute religion Volumn 1 and chapter 1? “It is evident that man never attains to a true self-knowledge until he has previously contemplated the face of God, and come down after such contemplation to look into himself. For (such is our innate pride) we always seem to ourselves just, and upright, and wise, and holy, until we are convinced, by clear evidence, of our injustice, vileness, folly, and impurity. “It reveals the fact that Calvin knew the greatest power of humility.

So, he could mention such things in his heart. We have to check up these elements in our hearts.

When we study the Scripture and ministry within limited space and limited time in our lives, we should attain to that state. Whoever should try to know that precious states by serving our God and our neighbors.

This is the way of blessing. No, it itself is blessing. Therefore, our Lord emphasize that Blessed is poor in Spirit. (Mt 5:3) Here poor, “putokos” means the absolute poverty without any aid. It is spiritual poverty. When we think that without any help of God I can not do anything, it is the blessing. Why? Then God provide his almighty help to us. On this foundation every blessing shall be provided in our hearts. This is power of the humility. When we restore such state, we can get the wonderful grace, we can long more grace to God, have mercy, become pacemaker and be sanctified by the grace and be persecuted for the gospel.

2.As we know, our age has fallen down into very unmiserable state in all areas. E can not wait for good state in the earth. Then we have to keep the humility continuously. I mean that we obey the will of God in every where. “we ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” (Mt 26:39)

Study time, ministry time, serving time, evangelism time and teaching time and preaching time and counseling time. We should seek the will of the Lord with humble heart.

We have fight to the pride in our heart. We have to control our mouth to express the pride things.

In my pastoral ministry in America I always have emphasised to my congregation of it. And also, in my preaching I emphasized it. One day an elder complained for he had loved to recieve some compliment of his neighbor

and to give it to his children. Then I told him “your case is not compliment but encouragement. Any way, we should devote ourselves to follow the way of humility. This is the only way of the kingship. This is the way of the life even though it is a narrow way.

As our Lord kept the way, we should go straight to the way. Cambodia church need that and our school, our professors, our students, our sponsors and all people of God should stand firm on it until the Lord come again into the world.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints!

Where do you stay in your life? What kind do you think for your future? I exhort that you should walk in the way of humility as the water stream of Cambodia. Although the water come out of the bottom of the temple, the water influences to all areas greatly to product much fruit. The Dead Sea will be changed into the living sea, All trees shall product much fruit in any seasons. Ezkiel the prophet reveals the living picture of living stream to us. As the Lord points to us, we should to the way of humility. This is the goal of our study, our ministry and our life in the earth.

May the grace of humility be with you.

## **The vision that Isaiah had seen (Ish 6:1-13) 2014.10.12**

\* Telos: You should answer to the calling of God faithfully as Isaiah did.

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;

the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

9He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;



be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

10Make the heart of this people calloused;

make their ears dull

and close their eyes.<sup>a</sup>

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts,

and turn and be healed.”

Introduction:

(1) Generally, two perspectives of Isaiah chapter 6 exists in interpreting it. Which one do you think Isaiah’s experience as the regeneration or the baptism of power of Holy Spirit. Actually, this points the calling of God for his new ministry. Just like it is the same of Moses’ calling visited by the Lord at mountain Horeb and Peter’s calling mentioned in Luke 5:8-10. “<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”<sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,<sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”<sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”

Even though Isaiah was born again by God’s grace at his past time, he needed the calling of ministry in order to execute God’s mission in the confused day of wicked Judah community. In other words, it is the special event that he received the power of Holy Spirit. The experience points the

glorious delight and the unspeakable joy as Peter says in IPeter 1:8. “<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,”

(2) What was the vision that he saw? And what is the experience of Isaiah?

### **1. The Lord who Isaiah saw (1-4)**

(1) He saw the Lord in the glory.

1) It was that trouble time when the king Uzziah was passed away from the world since he had lived as a lephesy in the isolated palace for God’s discipline. Probably the event might stimulate Isaiah and frustrate him greatly. “<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.”

Our trouble day shall be the time that we can receive greatly the grace of God. The door of heaven shall be opened when we concentrated on the Lord.

2) He had looked the glory of throne where was located at the highest. What did he see in it?

- There are the train of robes that were filled with in the temple.
- The humble serving of serrabims to living God.
- The praising of serrabims one another “the fullness of holiness and glory”
- Shaking and smoking was filled with in the temple. These phenomena points the glory of God and presence of Holy Spirit. In sum, Isaiah saw the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament through the power of Holy Spirit.

(2) Here, what do we learn? We learn that the Lord in the glory dwells in the temple now, like the son of man come and go among the seven lampsticks and hold the seven stars in his hand. (Jn1:14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” I Cor. 3:16-17<sup>16</sup> Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”

And we watch that through the serrabims’ serving in the self denial and diligence and modest as a example of true worship in Spirit and in truth. The only man that stands before the glory is able to such humble attitude. Especially their ministry revealed the mediated ministry of Christ. As we know that every Christians has a wonderful promise of it, in Jn.1:50-51. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” <sup>51</sup> He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

(3) Therefore we have to focus on the heart of the Lord with our sincere heart in order to be filled with the glory of God.

## **2. The three stages of Isaiah’s findings**

The prophet, Isaiah saw the Lord and found a wonderful thing. The born-again Christian should find such things, because he can see himself as he sees the Lord. What did he find? It is very important to follow the sequence of his findings

1) the first stage is finding of himself

It is the finding that recognize that he himself is a sinner. (5) <sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

It was the same of Peter’s experience “<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

Moses’s experience (Exd 3:11-14) “<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain. <sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”<sup>[c]</sup> This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Did you have found such things? When you found yourself? Did you confess that you are a miserable sinner before God? God works in us continually so that we had experienced the finding of a tax collector. The journey of our faith is the constant finding as our miserable state. <sup>(Lk18:)</sup> <sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ <sup>14</sup> “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## 2) The second stage: finding the remission (adornment) (6-7)

He understood that only the blood merit of the Lord can forgive us. “<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Here the live coal means the blood of Christ as a symbolism.

IPeter 1:18-19 “<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Only the blood of Christ is precious.”

We have to accept the grace of forgiveness applied by Christ’s cross that can took away our every sin. Jn1:7<sup>says, “</sup><sup>7</sup> 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, purifies us from all<sup>[b]</sup> sin.” And also, Hebrew10:14 says, “<sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

### 3) The third stage: the finding of mission (8)

After his sin was forgiven by God He committed his mission to him. Verse 8 says,

“<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The Apostle Paul answered delightly to the commitment of the Lord at Damascus. <sup>5</sup> “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. <sup>6</sup> “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” And “<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” <sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands-on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.”

## **Conclusion:**

We have to take the marvelous experience of Isaiah. And also, we saw the glory in Christ and ourselves in his light. Therefore, we have to expect the spiritual three findings that Isaiah had seen as a forgiven sinner. And we should response his calling in our comtemporary.

(2) What is your mission that the Lord had committed to you? Now be faithful of this mission as Isaiah did. “Here I am Send me for them.”

## **Let’s pray**

Dear Lord

We thank you for your faithful word to us. We want to have the same experiences in our heart, self denial, remission and response to God’s command with passion and faitfulness. Lord provide your spirit to us to know and your truth in our lives. Lead us to proclaim the gospel to all the Cambodia areas. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **The Power of Christian Viture (IPeter 2:9) 2014.11.2**

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. “

### **Introduction:**

1.Our salvation is related to the world of the eternal life. So, it includes personal relationship and personal life after our salvation. We have to make sure the assurance of salvation and also the sound salvation life. It is called for “the viture”. Peter defines that the Christian life is to proclaim the virtue of Christ, IPeter 2:9 says “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. “

2.What is the life of wisdom revealed in the Proverbs? In short, it is the life of the viture. In other words, it means the life to give some benefits to his nighbors. Why is such life so important to our life? Because the viture strengthens our faith in our lives. If we lose the viture, it makes to reduce the grace gradually. Finally, we shall live as a carnel man. As a tree without the roots soon we shall be died and as a tree without the leaves also may be died soon, just as the faith without viture loses the power. So, the Scripture stresses to pursue to the virture, the sound life. Among them Peter emphasizes the fact in this text. “that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. “

3.Here, we can think three contents in our teaching as followings: what is the Christian salvation? what is the Christian position? And what is the chistian powerful life?

### **1.What is the Christian salvation?**

1)It is to enter into the light of mysterious life. What does it mean?

Jn5:24 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. “And 8:12 says, “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

If we were saved out of sins by faith, already we abide in Christ Jesus, the light of world. It is a relevant metaphor. “who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. “We believe that we stay in the light in order to see the world of viture, the excellent world.

Do you have the assurance of salvation? It means to have heavenly light in your soul in contrast of the darkness, those are, sins, punishment and curse.

We have to make sure our salvation sometimes in our lives. II Corinthian 13:5 says, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you fail to meet the test! “. What is the life of the light? Paul points three elements, righteousness, goodness and faithfulness. It means the life of salvation through the wok of Holy Spirit that comes out of the source of Christ’s merit. As the light of gospel shines at any areas just like changing life was happened we assure that it’s power can influence to our miserable areas.

Recently I have thought that Cambodian heart stay in the very miserable state in all areas, those are; spiritual area, social areas and relationship areas. The majority of our church neighbors are the factory workers who comes out of every province. Whenever I observe them I have some spiritual mercy. But actually, their heart is very dark because of the ignorance of the gospel, inability of health, the addiction of making money and physical pleasure etc. Really, I am wandering to approach to them because of my weakness. What do you think of it? We have to assure that the gospel has most powerful ability as Paul did so. (Rom1:16-17) The normal Christian salvation is to use the power of gospel.



## **2.What is the Christian position?**

1.Peter tells us that the Christian stay in the three excellent positions, those are; kingship, priestly, and prophetship. After salvation he understood the facts, the spiritual position of a believer. After he was changed in the light he gets the wonderful position.

-First, he has the kingship- Actually every Christian stands firm on the kingship in Christ. Why? Because God gave the righteousness to them. As the king hold the righteousness, he can rule over his country well. If he has no it, he cannot make his righteous nation. As we know, Ahab was one of wise kings in Israel. He had very wise to take care of his people, by occupying such things. But as he lost the righteousness, he was fallen down into the wicked person in the Isralite history. As Ussiah, the King of Judah despised the righteous method that the law told to offer some offering in replace of the priest, he lost the authority of kingship. He had lived alone in the separated palace for his leposy and was died unhappily.

The righteousness was outpoured on the church, the christian by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. When we walk to the righteous way in our lives we can get the wonderful power to rule over everything. We, as a king in Christ should walk on the way of the righteousness.

-Second, he has priestship. It stresses mercy to take care of his people. In order to bear the burdens of his people, he needs it. Without possessing the mercy, he shall be corrupted soon into the miserable state. The king Saul who had no true mercy in his ministry, he was fallen down into miserable state against God. But Samuel, who had true mercy in his heart, he could overcome all sever state in Israel. As the mercy is the life of the priests, the mercy is the life of Christian life. The church should be filled of such mercy, such vitrure to their neighbors.

-Third, the prophet needs faithfulness. Actually, faithfulness is the foundation of righteousness and mercy. It is very very important in the christian life. The

faithfulness comes out of the truth and the truth comes out of faithful God. The prophets should proclaim the truth in the channel of faithfulness in his whole life. If he has no faithfulness he shall be lost the real life in his ministry.

So, they should stand firm on the truth, the Word of God, the trustful God. Actually, the life of virtue consists of three things, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. This is the excellency of the Christian life.

We who receive the calling of God, first of all, should be trained to be used by God by being changed as a man of virtue that are filled with righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Why? Because the virtue is the power of gospel life.

### **3. What is the Christian powerful life?**

1. It is virtuous life. It means that we are the one who proclaim the merit of Christ, the grace of the cross. So, we can define that a Christian is an excellent virtuous man in the world.

What is an evangelist? A missionary? And a pastor? He should be called for a virtuous man.

= Especially we have to learn the life of virtue. What is it? I think that the virtuous life includes two things, consideration and corporation.

Consideration is to think deeply in the life. It is not negative but positive. We can find it in the Rebecca's character in Genesis 24:46. "She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.' So, I drank, and she gave the camels drink also." What was the main point she had? She could not finish to serve a stranger, Eliezer. Positively she approached more action for him. She served Him as well as his animals. It is consideration. We need that point in our ministry. In school life we have to learn the considerable attitude.

For example, when I fall down in the bad situation in the hospital, I was very miserable in my body. At that time, I lost much power in my body because of stroke, when I listen to a telephone ring sound, I could not receive it with my hand. Then I tried to hold the telephone. At that moment I had fallen down on the bottom. But I could not control myself but to do it. 30 minutes was spent. No body helped me, no nurse came to me. Then my wife came to my room. As soon as she saw me and found my miserable state, I was rescued by her. I had experienced her considerable heart.

After salvation we need the positive action not the mechanical attitude. As I Corinthian 13: 1 says, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. “As we know, noisy gong and clanging cymbal are a mechanical system, when we hit them, it trembles and makes some sound. The Christian life is not a mechanical life. Moreover, it must be an organism consisted of the most positive, living action. We have to prepare the attitude and that power. Then we can proclaim the gospel to the world.

And also, we need corporation. In Cambodia as we live without any corporation we will become a miserable state. Sometimes I see that the thought of serving students is wandering in this state. Why? Because they lose corporate heart in their lives. They became the egoists or, the extreme egoists. Although our neighbors are starving, they ignore that situation. They lost the corporation, one of main power in the life. If Jesus Christ ignore the world, who can be saved out of severe states? Without the corporation, our ministry shall become hypocrisy. They lose the power to stand firm on the eternal foundation. We can not expect self-supports. Just like they changed as small yeast, the egoism surely shall be destroyed by the hand of God’s judgement. Such principle shall be applying to the Christian life.

## **Conclusion:**

Where is the power in our lives? It is the salvation. Only the salvation is “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

“We believe that we have marvelous power in our lives because of Christ’s merit. As Paul confessed that I could do every thing in one who provides the power, we can assure that the excellence of Christ is the source of our power. That’s right. But more important thing there is. What is the life of power? As the text reveals it is just the virtuous life. In our school, a house of mission, we should study to receive such power. As a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for his own possession we should approach to embrace our dark neighbors in our breast to the spiritual miserable state. We need to claim the basic grace, our personal salvation and moreover we have to try to attain to that excellent place, the world of virtue that includes consideration and corporation action. Actually, it must be the power of virtue, his marvelous light. It is the world of true love. Actually, Paul points that love is the best way in Christian life. Corinthian 12: 37 says, “But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. “And 13:13 says “So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love. “May the marvelous power, the Christian virtue be with you always!

### **Let’s pray**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace and your unfailing love to us. We thank you for your wonderful salvation power to redeem us out of our miserable sin, our wicked carnal desire and our every demoralizing state. Lord, make us followed to the excellence of Christ, true love in our lives. Provide us your power to keep pursuing the best way, the love that is based on the faith and the hope. Especially make our school filled with such power, Christ’s virtue, consideration and corporation to proclaim the gospel to all worlds. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

1“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5I 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. 6If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### **Introduction:**

1.If a christian has no God’s calling, he shall not become a pastor. So, every pastor should have the proof of God’s calling in his heart. What is the proof of God’s calling? Shortly we can say it 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 that the pastor should preach the word of God in any seasons. If you have any desire to preach and teach the Word of God in his whole life, you have the calling of God.

So, the pastor has to be equipped by the godly characters, righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and humility in him. Why does Paul stress such character? Why does he need in his ministry? How does he a So if any attain to such character? Above of all, he should improve his ministry by abiding in Christ that the text mentioned to us. “5I 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. “.

“*En chritos* (in Christ)” is very important term to understand the Paul’s theology and his faith, the biblical faith. So, we concentrate on the meaning of “in Christ” in this situation because it is the way to product much fruit in our lives.

How will we abide in Christ?

### **1.We do not have to accept Christ again.**

1.Why? Already we live in Christ by accepting Christ as my Lord. Christ stay in our heart eternally. (Rev3:20) It means to be ruled by the Lord by the grace of Holy Spirit. Because we stay in Christ we can not enter into Christ again. We should assure that I live in the Lord Christ Jesus.

Ex. A certain sister confessed that she invited Jesus one time everyday in her heart. But she always lives to be afraid of it. She had no true peace in her heart. Why? Because she has no assurance that depends on the Word of God. After she accept Jesus as her savior one time, she could enjoy her salvation in her heart. She needs the assurance of salvation.

2.Where do you stay presently? Make sure that if you do stay in Christ or, not. If you have no the assurance, now accept that Jesus Christ is your savior.

### **2.We have to devote ourselves to unite with Christ and His word.**

1.Jh 15:8 says “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. “What does it mean? 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. So, we should try to meditate it in our lives.

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

Ex. Just like Ezra did in the difficult age, among chaos, we have to decide to read the word of God, to keep it and to teach it to our family and our church.

Do you have such decision in your life? Then we can enjoy our life really among the tough environment.

### **3.We have to devote to ourselves to unite with His love.**

1. Already we reviewed the meaning of abiding in Christ and abiding in the Word of God, and also 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 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 the beginning of our daily life in any time any place.

2. Do you know the best life in christisan life? It is the life to enjoy the love of the Lord in Rom 5:1-5," Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we<sup>a</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2](#)Through him we have also obtained access by faith<sup>b</sup> into this grace in which we stand, and we<sup>c</sup> rejoice<sup>d</sup> in hope of the glory of God. [3](#)Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4](#)and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5](#)and 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.

My beloved saints,

Do you abide in Christ? Do you abide in the Word of God and Do you abide in the unfailing love of God? May the grace of God be with you.

Conclusion:

Especially we glorify God for a missionary's farewell and also, we give thankfulness to him for his faithful ministry.

Although we serve our Lord at the different places, we should try to abide in Christ Jesus, our savior.

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

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly Father, we thak you for our wonderful grace to us. Make us abided in Christ, in the Word and in Love of God always. Bless your servant with

your right hand in her future life. Pour on the fullness of Holy Spirit, abundance of the Word of God to glorify you and to enjoy you. Give the long life and heavenly peace to her life. And also provide your comfort to your church to know you deeply. Send the faithful servant to us to lead us to the world of grace! I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.



## Thanksgivings of A Leper (Lk17:11-19) 11/13/2014

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12](#)And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers,<sup>f</sup> who stood at a distance [13](#)and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” [14](#)When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. [15](#)Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16](#)and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. [17](#)Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? [18](#)Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” [19](#)And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”<sup>g</sup>

### Introduction:

1.Especially I would like to apply the Proverbs 29:18 (Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint,<sup>e</sup> but blessed is he who keeps the law.) to the life of thanksgivings that is a main theme in Christian life. Just like “If the nation that are chosen by God has no vision, they shall be perished”, the person who has no thanksgiving shall be perished in his life. And also, I emphasize that the nation without having thankfulness shall be perished because the action itself is the rebellion against God. In Cambodian life I observe *akun Jiraun* (thank you very much) in their lives.

2.In Christian life thanksgiving is the fruit and the flower of his salvation. I claim that It is the beginning and the ending of the Christian life, according to evidences of several passages.

Col 2:6-7 says “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.” And Ephesian 5:18-21 says “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, [19](#)addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20](#)giving thanks always and

for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
[21](#)submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

And also, In the Old Testament, we find that thankfulness is the foundation of the Israel life, any time, any place. What is it? It is the confession of thanksgiving and the life of thanksgivings. Lots of the yearly feasts of Israel prove it. Especially the Psams emphasizes that thanksgiving life is the crown of Israel people, covenant people by praising thanksgivings in every area. Psalm 107: 1 says” Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! “.

What do you think of thankful life in Cambodian culture? I think that Cambodian Christians should learn true thankfulness in their lives because I am worry about their natural habitual attitude that should receive aids out from another people. That thought shall make them spoiled into the state that have no thankful heart in their lives. Finally, it shall bring some bad influence in their thinking and their living that give up the independent attitude that is related to social sinful state. To overcome this dangerous state, we should learn the thankful attitude.

In our church, what is the revival? It is the state that is filled with thanksgiving. All christians should be changed into the thankful heart to come out from God’s grace.

Traditionally the protestant churches have kept the harvest Thanksgiving Day in November every year. Especially we want to consider Christian thankfulness in confession of a Samaritan leoper in the text.

### **1. Did ten lepers have true faith?**

1.They believed in the Lord and His healing power that could heal their severe disease. Verse 14 says, “When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. “Through this verse we find their faith that consisted of three elements, those are; 1) to shout

out to Jesus (prayer) 2) to obey Jesus's command by faith. (Obedience) They were healed by Jesus dramatically by faith. 3) But among them a leper came back to Jesus and gave thanksgivings to him and bowed down to Him. (worship) The life of thanksgiving needs such elements, prayer, obedience and worship.

2.If we have true faith in our live, make sure three followings;

First, it has true prayer. What is prayer? Christian prayer is relationship with living God. In verse 13, "ten lepers lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." They prayed to his master, Jesus who is the only object of prayer, with humble heart. This is a example of our prayer. We have to learn this prayer. And their faith was very wonderful. It was very beautiful faith because they devoted themselves to Jesus unconditionally. Always true faith is the unconditional trust. And their prayer petition title was very obvious. And they shouted out in one heart to Jesus. They confessed to need divine mercy in their heart. Jesus worked through this faith for his glory.

Second, it has brought the answer of Jesus. Verses 14-15 says, "[14](#)When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. "They had obeyed Jesus' command without excuse and complaning. It is very precious attitude. Jesus did not touch them and Jesus did not send some medicine to them as expression of his mercy to them. Jesus only commanded to them. "Go and show... "then a marvelous event was happened.

He sent the word of God to them. Then as they obeyed immediately the order, the word worked on them, they were changed into cleaned body suddenly. In the process of obedience, the healing work was happened. How did this miracle happen them? Can you explain the fact? Actually, we can not know the detailed process of miracle. It was mysterious. Only we can know the only result.

True faith creates wonderful things. So, Paul claim that every work belongs to the 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. “We need this kind faith to our study, our ministry and our future. According to Jesus’ command of Mt 28:19-20, we have obeyed continuously go to all nations and make disciples. We believe that only God shall accomplish wonderful event in our lives. We want to pray, to obey and to taste the marvelous event in our lives. May the true faith be with you all.

## **2. Jesus wanted that they shall accomplish the complete salvation.**

Verse 19 says, “[19](#)And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.” Korean version points that your salvation become complete. And ESV says “your faith has made you well.” It means the faith of thankfulness controlled him and made the strengthen faith.

What is the complete faith? It is the faith of thanksgiving just like a samaritan leper responded to Jesus.

Verses 15-16 says “Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.” And also verses 17-19 says, “Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? [19](#)And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

What does it mean? True faith should reveal the thanksgiving life. Although some get wonderful healing grace in their bodies, nine lepers may not arrive to the place of complete salvation.

We believe the perservance of the saints for our salvation, as a reformed Christian. What does it mean? God shall accomplish our salvation completely. (Philipian 1:6 [6](#)And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you

will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.) So, we understand that our thanksgiving life is the main tool to accomplish our salvation. Do you want to have complete salvation? Take thanksgiving life in your heart. Then we can get abundant grace of salvation. We can say it as the life of fullness of Holy Spirit, the abundant life of Word of God, and the restoration of God's image. Such this thankfulness life is very important. In other word, thanksgiving is the channel of sanctification. If we were botn again in our lives, we should go to the place of thankgivings. So, we need the thanksgivings of one Samaritan healded leper.

### **Conclusion:**

As we know, many nations have several expressions of thanskgiving heart to their gods, but they fall down into the dangerous state. But we know true thankfulness. To whom should we give thanks? Jesus Christ and trinity God, how should we thank to Him? We have to take true prayer, unconditional obedience and tasting his grace and furthermore we have to the place of thankgivings. So, Paul reveals the will of God. Give thanksgivings all circumstances. If we can not walk to the way we shall be destroyed. The Christian without thanks shall live in the very miserable state. So, we have to say the speaking of thanks, when we can see the wonderful grace of our salvation. Let us restore thanksgivings of a leper in this season.

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly father, we thank you for yourwonderful grace, make us seen the world of thanksgivings in our present life. Provide your wisdom to keep thankful het to our situation. Make us known the power of thankful life. I pray thes things in the nam of Jesus. Amen

## **The Way of the righteous and the way of the wicked (Prov. 4:10-19)**

[10](#)Hear, my son, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.

[11](#)I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

[12](#)When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.

[13](#)Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.

[14](#)Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of the evil.

[15](#)Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.

[16](#)For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.

[17](#)For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.

[18](#)But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

[19](#)The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
they do not know over what they stumble.

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace. Clean our dirty heart with the blood of Jesus Christ. Provide your illumination to open our eyes to know you and your truth. Make us follow the will of God in Christ Jesus. Although we are very weak, use us as your precious tools to glorify you and to enjoy your grace in our lives. I pray these things in the name of Jesus Amen.

## Introduction:

1. What different points between the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked? What are their results?

### **First, the way of the righteous shall be shined. (10-13)**

1. [10](#)Hear, my son, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.

[11](#)I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

[12](#)When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.

[13](#)Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.

2. Who says “my son”, my words” in verse 10? It is the wisdom personalized to help understanding deeply to us? Then in verse 13 who is “her”, and “she”? she is wisdom. Of course, the wisdom in the proverbs is the fear of the Lord that makes us thought Christ Jesus, our savior. Verses 10-13 said us the way of the righteous. What is the the way of the righteous? It is the state that keep the fear of the Lord that consist of trample state to God and affectionate state to God. In other words, it is the true faith that comes out of the Lord. Actually, the proverbs point the Christian life in the New Testament.

3. So, we can apply these teaching to us as ust followings. The way of the righteous is the life that is united with Christ and the result shall be bright as the rising sun and the brightness of a day.” [10](#)Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. It means the long life and peace in Christ. And he walks on the strengthen way in his life any time any place. [12](#)When you walk, your step will be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Natually he gives thanksgivings in all circumstance. Why? Beause he stands firm on the absolute protection and he warrant of his future he can thank God and he can praise God.

What can give the warrant for their future? It is the righteous life. Actually,

the way shall be established, as we try to keep the united life with Christ. May the grace be with you and your today study?

## **Second, but the way of the wicked shall be so dark. (14-17)**

1. Verses 14-17 says “[14](#)Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

[15](#)Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.

[16](#)For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.

[17](#)For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.”

2. Do you understand this passage about the feature of the wicked? In a short word, the way of the wicked is the short way that the evil craft person enjoys. So, the wisdom, Holy Spirit warns us ““[14](#)Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. [15](#)Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.” They can not sleep without executing the evil, and ate the bread of unupright and drink of the wine of violence and they devote themselves to unite to the wiked. Verse 19 says, “although they slipped down into and are broken for the darkness, they cannot realize it.” If the chritians does not enjoy the life that abide in Christ, they can not help themselves but live in darkness. As the reslt thet can not rejoice always, can not prayer without ceacing and can not give thanksgiving in all circumstans because they walk to the way against the will of God.

## **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints,

As Paul thinks so, we live some spiritual struggle time at one contest point between the dark world and the bright world. Then we cry out for our conflict fact in our heart, Oh I am truble man, who save me out of this miserable state? Then we should choose the way of the righteous, the way of wisdom to geet the wonderful grace in our future.



Especially we have to learn the way of wisdom to proclaim the will of God to our neighbors. Although all the scriptures are the will of God, three things, “rejoice always, pray without pause and give thanksgiving in all circumstance” is the obvious will of God in Christ Jesus. Let’s walk the promised way in our study life in our school. “[18](#) But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. [19](#) The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.”

**Let’s pray,**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace, your precious promises and your wondrous blessing. Lead us to the world of blessing by obey your word in all circumstance to glorify you. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Keep your heart (Proverbs 4:20-27)**

My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.

[21](#)Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.

[22](#)For they are life to those who find them,  
and healing to all their<sup>b</sup> flesh.

[23](#)Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.

[24](#)Put away from you crooked speech,  
and put devious talk far from you.

[25](#)Let your eyes look directly forward,  
and your gaze be straight before you.

[26](#)Ponder<sup>c</sup> the path of your feet;  
then all your ways will be sure.

[27](#)Do not swerve to the right or to the left;  
turn your foot away from evil.

### **Introduction:**

1.Biblical pschalogy reveals that the system of aman consiste of two elements, soul and body in reformed theology. But I would like to think that it consists of three elements, body, soul spirit. Although I do not follow three system of a man, I get much benefits from such thinking to understand the spiritual life. that is the life of normal Christian life, the life to be filled with Holy Spirit on the earth. Why? Beacue the role of spirit includes many aspects., those are, spirituall, carnel and natural. Spirit has three facts, communication, conscience and institute and sul have intellectusl, emotional and volitional aspects. In the proverbs we can find the heart, the center of our whole body, as the seat of affection, the center of our will.

2.So today text points to keep the heart. Verse 23 says, “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

“What is Christian life? It is to keep the heart very well. It means to keep the word in the heart. “My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.”

So, we think of the importance of the heart and the reasons of its importance

### **First, why is to keep the heart so important?**

1. Because the source of the life comes out of it, we have to keep our heart. What is the source of life? The life in the Scripture points the eternal life and the life to relate to it. Of course it is to know Christ and trinity God, who is experimental intellectuality. *Kinosco* and *yada* means the most intimate relationship state that a male is united with female in every area. So, we can not think it without taking the relationship with God because only God is the real life. The eternal life is not able to be separated of God. God is the eternal life; the eternal life is God.

Why does the proverb say that the source of the life is heart? Because the heart is the center of whole life, those are; emotional, intellectual and volitional life. So, the Scripture defines that it is called for the soul, the spirit and the inner man. As we say “we accepted Jesus as my Lord”, it means that we accept him in our heart. So, Mary praised the Lord in her spirit. (Lk 1:47-48) And Roman 12:1-2 said that your heart should be renewed by offering your whole body as a living sacrifice to God. So, the state of our heart is very important for it is depended on the relationship to God.

The proverbs reveal the method to keep the heart very much. As we keep on this principle well, it shall be the life and the nutrition in our christian lives.

But if we despise to keep the heart, easily we can fall down into miserable state. Do you know the reason that the pharisees was warned by Jesus in Matthew 23:23? “ ” What is main reason? Because they failed down to receive the word of God, they were inclined into the hypocrisy. Their heart was filled of much covet, dirty conscience and secular trash. Their lives were

developed by using the others to fill their greedy heart. But look at an example to keep his heart in his ministry! As we know Apostle Paul confessed his pastoral ministry at Ephesus for 3 years in Acts 20: What did he testify? He told them “ ” In summary, he had kept his heart before God and men.

Although we do not know his wonderful result we can assure that he had enjoyed the truth, the wisdom and the grace in Christ.

Do you keep your heart by handling the word of God in our study?

## **Second, why is it so important to keep our heart?**

1. Because the source of life shall be come out of heart. Verse 23 says, “[23](#) Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” Basically, the source of the life is God and also the heart of the Christian is the source of life because the regenerated Christian can express it through his life naturally. If their heart shall be filled with God, God shall please it but if it shall be not filled with God, the fruit of devil shall be appeared automatically. As we know as Paul pray to God for Ephesian church, he entreated that God fill them with all God’s belongs. “ ” This is the purpose of our christian life and our spiritual warfare on the earth. Finally, God shall fulfill it in the world. Do you know the real feature of the proverbs’s foolish person? In meaning of original term, kersil, points to open to his heart door toward every area. Keep your heart. Then God shall provide wonderful grace to them.

2. Then what does the proverbs say to us of the method to keep the heart? How can we keep our heart? In order to keep the heart well, we should try to devote ourselves to follow two things.

*1) First, we should not offer every parts of our body as the weapons of evil. (24-27) [24](#) Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. [25](#) Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.*

[26](#)Ponder<sup>c</sup> the path of your feet;  
then all your ways will be sure.

[27](#)Do not swerve to the right or to the left;  
turn your foot away from evil.

Our mouth should stay at a distance place from the decept, and our lips from evil craft and also our eyes and our eyelids should see at somethings rightly and our feet should be walked on the short way plainly and also our way should be made strongly.

*2)Second, we should offer our bodies to God as the weapons of righteousness.* Most Christians misunderstood the normal life of Christian. They stress their lives with their own activities, as Nymrod did against Go to build a tower. What is his purpose? He claimed that they shall build the tower to control to schatter them on the earth. They emphasized “let us build it with own power and wisdom without God’s help. The Christian life is not automus, human wisdom of extream egoism. Rather it should be God- centeric action, to obey the will of God “ ” This is the method t keep our heart in the world.

Therefore, we should listen to the Word of God, should not leave the door of wisdom and keep rightly on the way. In one word, It means that we should mediate the word of God as Psalm 1:1-2, “[1](#)Blessed is the man<sup>a</sup> who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; [2](#)but his delight is in the law<sup>b</sup> of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

“Actually, when we meditate the word of God, we experience the wonderful grace out of the word of God. Sometimes we taste sweetness, burning heart, strong impression and amazing love of God.

For example, at the other time we had meditated Jn11:35, “Jesus wept”. When we meditate the verse simply we think general action in our lives. But

when we meditate in the context. We taste his warm love for us. We can find the truth that Jesus is human nature that we can communicate to us, because he has emotion in his life. Why did Jesus weep before the tomb of Lazarus? Because of his righteous anger to the death. Warfield comment that it means to express his righteous anger to attack the death, the main tool of Satan. So, Jesus wept as a lion for our salvation. Meditating the Word of God is very important to keep our heart in our lives.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints,

What is your main job in your school life? It may study English, study the Scripture, and learn the human skill in your future. But the proverbs point to keep your heart. Why should we keep the heart? Because it is the source of the life. How can we keep them? It is to meditate the word of God and apply it to our present lives. Then we can find wonderful things in our lives.

May the grace of God provide fully to your obedience.

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly father, we thank you for your wonderful grace in the school life. Make us know the world of truth and grace. Lead us into the world of our renewed heart to follow your truth. Especially provide your illumination to us in our meditation. Help us to see the precious light in our school life.

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

## **Keep discretion against the forbidden woman (Pro.5:1-14)**

My son, be attentive to my wisdom;  
incline your ear to my understanding,  
2that you may keep discretion,  
and your lips may guard knowledge.  
3For the lips of a forbidden<sup>a</sup> woman drip honey,  
and her speech<sup>b</sup> is smoother than oil,  
4but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,  
sharp as a two-edged sword.  
5Her feet go down to death;  
her steps follow the path to<sup>c</sup> Sheol;  
6she does not ponder the path of life;  
her ways wander, and she does not know it.

7And now, O sons, listen to me,  
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.  
8Keep your way far from her,  
and do not go near the door of her house,  
9lest you give your honor to others  
and your years to the merciless,  
10lest strangers take their fill of your strength,  
and your labors go to the house of a foreigner,  
11and at the end of your life you groan,  
when your flesh and body are consumed,  
12and you say, “How I hated discipline,  
and my heart despised reproof!  
13I did not listen to the voice of my teachers  
or incline my ear to my instructors.  
14I am at the brink of utter ruin  
in the assembled congregation.”

**Let's pray**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace. Clean our dirty heart with the blood of Jesus Christ. Provide your illumination to open our eyes to know you and your truth. Make us followed the will of God in Christ Jesus. Although we are very weak, use us as your precious tools to glorify you and to enjoy your grace in our lives. I pray these things in the name of Jesus Amen.

## **Introduction:**

1. Here, the forbidden woman (v 3) points the physical adultery between a male and a female and the spiritual false teaching. Historically such temptation has always been happened in the world. Our contemporary day also is struggling in our lives for them.

2. How can we overcome such simulated sins? The proverb cast the best way to us. What is it? It is to follow the way of wisdom faithfully.

3. Today, may the grace of God be with you in following the wisdom in your school life in order to overcome such temptation.

Now we want to meditate the reason to follow the wisdom in the spiritual chaos day. Why should we follow the wisdom, the fear of the Lord, the word of God, Jesus Christ?

**First, because her temptation is very stimulated to us, we should pursue to the wisdom.**

Her temptation is like honey and oil, for their allure is very charm. Verses 5-6 says, “Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to<sup>e</sup> Sheol; 6she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it.” But what is the result? Finally, they shall be fallen into the destruction as sheol and a sharp razer.



Especially be careful this one in our training time as God's man. One time is able to be cut off out of God's grace. One time makes two-time, three time and his habit.

As we know, Samson was a very great judge in the dark time of Israel.

Before he knew a forbidden woman, he had the supernatural power and wisdom by the work of Holy Spirit. But he was fallen down into the temptation of Delilah, he lost the grace momentarily and got caught by his enemy. His two eyes were picked out and he was in a very miserable state. This was an example to reveal the danger of fornication. So, Paul stressed to pursue to righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and love as the man of God. "But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:11) Here pursue means the passion that a hunter tries to catch to an animal.

### **Second, her temptation is very dangerous.**

1. Verses 7-14 reveals that it shall bring harmful, damage to our honor, life, property, work and physical parts. "7 And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, 9 lest you give *your honor* to others and *your years* to the merciless, 10 lest strangers take their fill of *your strength*, and *your labors* go to the house of a foreigner, 11 and at the end of *your life* you groan, when *your flesh and body* are consumed, 12 and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! 13 I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. 14 I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation."

2. We live in the dangerous time that idolatry and adultery activated strongly. Then to become the man of the wisdom, we should abide in the grace of Holy Spirit. We should be filled with Holy spirit. Ephesian 5:18 says " " hat is the fullness of Holy Spirit? It is the state that the word of God rules over us in our lives. This is the kingdom of God. that was filled of righteousness, peace and

delight in the grace of Holy Spirit. Ask this grace to God now to overcome this danger.

### **Third, how can we follow the wisdom very well?**

1.The Proverb says “be careful, listen to the word, keep the discretion, keep knowledge and do not abandon the word of God.” Among them to listen to the word of God carefully is the foundation to get the heavenly wisdom.

As we know Paml's 1:1-2 reveals the negative part and the positive part to walk to the blessing way. Actually, this point stresses to positive action, to mediate the Law. Then we can get power to overcome the sins. In other words, before we hate the sins, we can not stop them. So, we should enjoy the Scripture. The meditation of the word of God is the main target in our lives. From the thing we can be careful of sins, prohibit them and to follow the blessed way faithfully.

### **Conclusion:**

Examine yourself before God's light in this time.

Do you stay in the seat of adultery? Immediately repent to God.

Do you have struggle to such temptation, you should go to the safe place to meditate the word of God until you enjoy them in your heart? God prepared every grace for you in Cross.

### **Let's pray.**

Heavenly father, we thank you for your wonderful grace in the school life. Make us know the world of truth and grace. Lead us into the world of our renewed heart to follow your truth. Especially provide your illumination to us in our meditation. Help us to see the precious light in our school life.

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

## **Living Water (Jn 7:38-39) 2014.11.25**

[37](#)On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. [38](#)Whoever believes in me, as<sup>f</sup> the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”  
[39](#)Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. “

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace. Clean our dirty heart with the blood of Jesus Christ. Provide your illumination to open our eyes to know you and your truth. Make us followed the will of God in Christ Jesus. Although we are very weak, use us as your precious tools to glorify you and to enjoy your grace in our lives. I pray these things in the name of Jesus Amen.

### **Introduction:**

1. The thanksgiving Lord's Day which the protestant churches have remembered every year was depended on the Israel's feasts in the O. T. Among four feasts (Passover, Pentecost, tabernacle) thanksgiving feast has been rooted on two feasts, the Pentecostal feast and the tabernacle feast. The Pentecostal feast is the first harvest of barley buds and the tabernacle feast is the last harvest day. Especially the tabernacle feast should keep the day in remembrance of God's protection in the wilderness for 40 years. Then Israel established their tents on the house roof and dwelt in it for some days in eating the dry bread and the bitter herbs in the remember of God's protection, God's lead that saved them out of Egypt's oppression and Babylon's captive state.

2. Today text reveals the last day of tabernacle that our Lord executed at the great day. Verse 37: “On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. “ Then Jesus shouted out loudly to the people. “Whoever believes in me, as<sup>f</sup>

the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’“ It is to proclaim that true tabernacle is Jesus, true living stream is Jesus, and true thanksgiving day is Jesus.

3. In this time, we think that true thanksgiving should come out of the living stream (Holy Spirit) because Holy Spirit is living stream.

What do you think of true thanksgiving? Do you enjoy the living stream in your heart? What does living stream mean?

### **First, living stream should come out of inside, our heart.**

Verse 38 says, “[38](#)Whoever believes in me, as<sup>f</sup> the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Do you have this stream in your heart? Our Lord Jesus promised that if anybody comes to Jesus and drinks it, he shall have the stream. Here, “come and drink” means the action of faith. By faith we can get the wonderful grace in our heart. Now, we gather here by faith by listening to the word of God. Do you have any suffering (trouble, struggle, anxiety and stress) in your heart? Come to Jesus, you shall get wonderful rest.

### **Second, Jesus teaches how to get the living stream through 3 steps,**

1. We have to feel thirsty. When we have spiritual drought in our heart, we can search for God’s grace. Then we ask, cry out to God really. Then we receive it from Jesus.

In Ps.126: we see that Israel praised the Lord because to get great harvest grace out of oppression of Babylon, just like sowing the seed on the field with trouble, with tear and get the harvest from that place. After some days were passed away, they brought out much ripened fruit. This was very wonderful experience for them.

There we can find great truth in the history. If anybody sows some seed with tear in some trouble, then the Lord surely provides the joy, the prosperity, the peace and the praise.

What did they confess to God? “[1](#)When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

2Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

3The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

4Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like streams in the Negeb!

5Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

6He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.“

= Just like such praise, we can have the delightful hope in our trouble time.  
Why? Because God shall keep his promise.

I had heard of our church member's state at the last day. Some body was very busy, very sick. At that time, we should plant some tree for our future. We have to believe the promise of the Lord.

At the other time, I had read a book, “*killing field living field*”. There I found that under Polpot oppression God led his people at the refugee camp. Then some group had kept their faith by worshipping regularly, praying, studying CCC mission program. God provided his grace to them. Our school life needs this process. Now, go to Jesus Christ. He is waiting for your visitation. He prepared living stream for you.

2. We have to drink Holy Spirit that comes from living God.

Actually, Israelite thanksgivings feasts was accomplished by receiving Holy Spirit. Why? Verse 39 says “Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

Then, Jesus thought that Pentecostal day. Actually, at the last day of Pentecostal feast (first harvest day), God poured out his spirit to them. “1When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested<sup>a</sup> on each one of them. “(Acts2:1-3) So they have true delight in their heart. This is true thanksgiving in their lives.

Ex: Historically America is very violent country. Then England puritans went to the American continent to live the sound life in Christ. Then 102 Christin had arrived but within 2 years all they almost were died because of starving, cold, indian fighting and season dieases. Then they offered thankful worship to God at the first harvest. Actually, although they have no any cause of thanksgiving but they thanks to God. God provided wonderful blessing to them. Cambodia needs this first thanksgiving to God. Then God shall give wonderful blessing to them

Look at the America, they have “thankful culture” in all circumstance.

Actually, they have positive attitude to every area. Although the recent American is worse very much in every area, their background of thanksgivings holds on the country.

## **Conclusion:**

We need this thanksgiving that come out of Holy Spirit. So, we have to go to Jesus and drink it. He already have prepared every thing.

Give thanksgiving in all circumstance. The living stream is yours.

If we lose the chance of thanks, we shall be fallen down into very miserable place. May the grace of God be with you all.

## **Let’s pray**

Dear Lord, we are sinners who can not thank to God for our egoism. Make us become the men of thanksgiving. Especially make our church filled with thanksgivings in our activities. Lord, Change this area into the street of

thanksgiving. Provide your wonderful peace to us by thanksgiving worship. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **The Sincerity of Husband and Wife (Prov.5:15-23)**

Drink water from your own cistern,  
flowing water from your own well.

[16](#)Should your springs be scattered abroad,  
streams of water in the streets?

[17](#)Let them be for yourself alone,  
and not for strangers with you.

[18](#)Let your fountain be blessed,  
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

[19](#) a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;  
be intoxicated<sup>d</sup> always in her love.

[20](#)Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman  
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?<sup>e</sup>

[21](#)For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord,  
and he ponders<sup>f</sup> all his paths.

[22](#)The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him,  
and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.

[23](#)He dies for lack of discipline,  
and because of his great folly he is led astray.

The text reveals the importance of sincerity in the life of husband and wife by warning the sin of adultery. How can we overcome the adultery in the world?

### **First, we can overcome by keeping the sincerity of couple. (15-19)**

1. The sexual relationship of couple is expressed by the several metaphors. "Drink water from your own cistern,  
flowing water from your own well.

[16](#)Should your springs be scattered abroad,  
streams of water in the streets?

[17](#)Let them be for yourself alone,  
and not for strangers with you.



[18](#)Let your fountain be blessed,  
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

[19](#) a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;  
be intoxicated always in her love. “

Here, “your own cistern”, “your own well “and “your spring” mean the expression of sexual relationship. Why does the Scripture emphasize the principles of creation so? As we follow the law of creation in the relationship of covenant, all lives shall keep the balance by keeping the good conscience and making godly family.

2. So, Paul thought that the priority of fullness of Holy Spirit should be related to sound family, sound society and sound couple.

In Ephesian 5:18 he ordered to us and explained the result to us. “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, “In summary, he exhorts to praise the Lord, to sing a song, to love and to obey and to respect in the relationship between husband and wife and children’s obedience to their parents. These things relate to the state that is filled with Holy Spirit.

3. If we want to have godly Christian life in our family, we should be filled with Holy Spirit.

**Second, we can overcome by escaping from the temptation of the prostitute.**

1. Verse 20-23 says “[20](#)why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?<sup>E</sup>[21](#)for a man’s ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths. [22](#)The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. [23](#)He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.”

2. The feature of the prostitute is to despise the teaching and insist the pieces of stupid fool. (23) As the Lot’s family in Sodom and Gomorrah or, the families before the deluge event of Noah.

3. The devil tries to destroy all family. To keep our families well it is the mission and the evangelism. And the best way to overcome these sins that has so stimulated character is to escape it as Joseph did. (Genesis 39:7-10) We have to live in fullness of Holy Spirit to fulfill the sound family.

### **Conclusion:**

1. In the first week of December 2015 we want to check up our sincerity attitude to myself before God and we have prayed to make sound family by faith. Above of all, we have to make sure our godly life as the man of God as special stimulated sin, adultery and adultery, a spiritual adultery.

2. Positively we have asked to God about fullness of Holy Spirit to overcome this sin with sincere heart. May the grace of Go's be with you all today. Let's pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your obvious teaching for keep our sincerity to glorify you. Provide your grace and truth by the work of Holy Spirit. Help our school in the chaos day. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Getting freedom from some temptation (Prov.7:13-27)**

Let's think again through Proverbs about the form and results of the adulterous temptation and the way to overcome it.

**First, the seduction method of the adulteress is to tempt her with the appearance of godliness, like the devil who tempted her with the word.**

In verse 14, it is said that a vow offering was offered and a peace offering was offered. He tempts us with prophetic hints (15) and tempts us by promising the abundance of a banquet. In order to escape heretical teachings that show the appearance of godliness but deny its power, we must know the taste of true godliness and navigate that path.

**Second, as a result of those who succumb to temptation, suicide occurs first.**

It is very fatal, like a cow being chained up and taken into a slaughterhouse. It feels like an arrow piercing the liver or a bird getting caught in a net.

**Third, the way to overcome temptation is to listen carefully to the Word and be careful.**

The temptation of the adulteress is always around us and within us. We must strive to listen and obey the Word with the awareness that once we fall into it, it is over.

## **Let's response to the cry of the wisdom (Prov 8:1-21)**

The text calls for a response to the cry of wisdom. Why should we respond to the call of wisdom?

### **First, because wisdom is the most valuable lesson. (10-11)**

The comparison of something more precious than gold, silver, and pearls to wisdom shows its value. The world's favorite treasures are like passing shadows, but wisdom is always valuable in this life and the next. The devotion of wasting everything to gain faith in the fear of Jehovah is natural.

### **Second, because everything is prepared in wisdom. (2-3)**

The reason God's earnest invitation is made publicly and privately is because the abundance prepared within it is enormous and the method of receiving it is so easy. Shouting in the squares and whispering in the closets. All you have to do is respond with repentance and faith and you can have everything prepared for you.

Let us take the effort of prayer in our daily lives and receive that blessing by responding with Amen to the earnest cry of Christ, who is wisdom.

## **The Wisdom in the Beginning (Prov 8:22-36) 2014.12.4**

22“The Lord possessed<sup>b</sup> me at the beginning of his work,<sup>c</sup>  
the first of his acts of old.

23Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

24When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

25Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,

26before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.

27When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

28when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established<sup>d</sup> the fountains of the deep,

29when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

30 then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his<sup>e</sup> delight,  
rejoicing before him always,

31rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.

### **Introduction:**

1. First of all, in this semester our God have led us until now. Personally, I praise God for his wonderful grace and I appreciate you for your faithful corporation in my educational ministry. Especially I appreciate God for establishment of Cambodia Peniel Presbyterian Church. I shall come back to Cambodia after 1 month and I shall stay one year for my ministry.

2.The text reveals the roals of wisdom as personalized styles. (27) Verse 27 says, “When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, “. Although the wisdom is a abstract noun, here it appeared as a person in order to explain the reality to the readers. What is the reality of the wisdom?

**First, He is the pre-existist.**

1.Verses 23-26 says, “[23](#)Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
[24](#)When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
[25](#)Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
[26](#)before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.

2. “Who is the wisdom? He was set up at the first, before the beginning of the earth. It means that he was a pre-exitist. Actually, he relates to the word (Logos) in John 1:1-3. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2](#)He was in the beginning with God. [3](#)All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. “In the beginning the Logos was the wisdom. He was different to Philo ‘s Logos that was an abstract, imperson because the text expresses as a person. Who is the wisdom? Before creation he was the pre- existist, that is, another divine person God, Son- God, Jesus Christ. He was not person who was not made by the creator, but self- exitist. So, the Pamist called for him, the highest of the highest, who is Jehovah (the Lord) So what we have the wisdom in us means to possess Jesus Christ, Logos in our lives. Although we live in the small area in Cambodia we know the pre-eistist. So, we know the beginning of the world and its process and it’s result in history. Ad also we have the power to know every thing rightly in Christ.

## **Second, He is one who belongs to the creator. (22, 28-30)**

1.As the pre-existist he come out of the creator. Although the text does not use the father, the term, the wisdom belongs to the creator, just like the relationship between the father and the son.

2.Verse 22 says “[22](#)“The Lord possessed<sup>b</sup> me at the beginning of his work,<sup>c</sup> the first of his acts of old.“ And also verses 28-30 says, “[28](#)when he made firm the skies above, when he established<sup>d</sup> the fountains of the deep, [29](#)when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, [30](#) then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his<sup>e</sup> delight, rejoicing before him always,”

3.And as the begotton son came out of the father-God, the wisdom came out of the creator. So, the wisdom can be called for the Son- God. Actually, Jesus Christ had said the facts habitually in his ministry. John 17:5, in the prayer of the highest preist, reveals them very obviously to us. “And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. “Jesus claimed that he himself is the son who belongs to father-God. Without understanding his claim, we can not understand the reality of the begotton son and also, we can not understand that the wisdom is Son- God, Jesus Christ. The wisdom should be the begotton son, the Son, the most beloved by father. Our goal of Christian life is to resemble to the begotton son. (Rom 8:29) “[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.”

4.So Westminster Confession chapter 2 says “the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son. “

We can find that the wisdom was united with the father-God as oneness.” The Son is the father God and the father God is in wisdom. So, when we abide in

Christ naturally we abide in father- God Holy Spirit- God. we can enjoy the mysterious union in Christ.

### **Third, the wisdom is the creator and the provider. (27-28)**

1.The wisdom, who is the pre-existent being, the substitute being of the Father- God is expressed as the creator. Who is the wisdom? He is the creator who made all things

2.Verse 27-28 points the fact, “[27](#)When he established the heavens, I was there;when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,[28](#)when he made firm the skies above,” The wisdom is subject of all creatures, the means of creation and the nature of creature. And also, he is the creator who was the subjective executed person in the creating work of the father God.

3.The Apostle Paul, who was a excellent commentator of the proverbs in the New Testament explained that all creatures was created by Jesus, for Him and to Him. [15](#)He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16](#)For by<sup>f</sup> him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. [17](#)And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18](#)And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19](#)For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20](#)and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.“ And also the Apostle stresses that the reality of the wisdom is Jesus Christ, who accomplished the recreation (the redemption) in the eschatological time.

4. Lastly, the wisdom is the provider. Verse 31 says “[31](#)rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man. “What does it mean? After he finished his creating work, soon he has ruled over them as the provider. He works in every creature. Rejoicing in Father become rejoicing and delighting in every creature.



In the season of Christmas, we have to think the wonderful fact, that is: the wisdom who is the preeminence Son-God in the beginning, the creator and the provider was incarnated and had come on the earth. As the prophesy of Ishiah “<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon<sup>d</sup> his shoulder, and his name shall be called<sup>e</sup> Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” ( Ish 9:6) . John have seen that marvelous event (Jn. 1:14<sup>14</sup>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.) in the inspiration of Holy Spirit. Moreover, we enjoy the wonderful grace and the tuth in Christ here always. However, we saw that many people are wandering in searching for true wisdom, true salvation and true blessing. In this time, we have to proclaim the wonderful wisdom, Jesus Christ to my neighbors faithfully.

### **Let's pray**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful grace, giving the wisdom in the beginning, Son-God who is creator, provider and redeemer to us. Make us seen the meaning of the incarnation of Christ. And make us become proclaimer Him to the world by the power of Holy Spirit.

Especially provide your wisdom, your peace and our comfort to us in order to inform to our neighbours. Make our school understood the redemption of Christ deeply to glorify you. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Invitation of wisdom (Prov 9:1-18)**

Wisdom's earnest invitation (1-9) and the foolish woman's temptation to be diligent (13-18) are problems that always arise in our lives. At this time, a wise person must know the reality well in order to make the right choice.

**First, wisdom tells us that the foundation of knowledge and wisdom is the fear of the Lord and encourages us to fear and love Him.**

He builds a house, prepares a table, and invites us politely. (Isaiah 55:1-2)  
When you respond, all the abundance prepared becomes yours and you can enjoy the most beautiful feast. (Revelation 3:20)

**Second, however, the adulterous woman's invitation is also very zealous.**

A foolish woman is tempted by sweet talk. With the false promise that “Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is delicious” (17), they tempt us to believe that living an unrighteous life is more fun than fearing God. But if you follow this path, you will perish. If you happen to fall, you must immediately repent, believe and obey the promise of wisdom, and take the blessings of life and longevity that have been prepared for you as your own.

We must become a blessed family that moves into the world of the wise words of Christ and enjoys the taste of grace provided within it.

## **Let's accomplish the true relationship (Prov10:1-17)**

The text reveals the truth about God's relationship (3, 6-7), human relationship (1, 4-5, 8-14), and material relationship (2, 15-17). I can think of just two of them.

### **First, our relationship with God.**

Our God, who gives grace to thirsty souls (3), seeks souls that are hungry and thirsty for righteousness. Therefore, we must not forget that a dull heart is a corrupted and very dangerous condition, and we must humbly strive for a right relationship with God through repentance and faith.

### **Second, you need to watch your lips.**

The mouth of a fool will be destroyed (8,10), and the mouth of wisdom is the fountain of life. (11) We must possess the mouth of a person of understanding (13) and lips that seek true knowledge (14). A sugar-coated word led to Herod's death, but Isaiah, who realized his unclean lips, and Peter, who confessed his faith with just one word, were transformed into lives built on a rock.

## **The mouth of the righteous (Prov 10:18-32)**

The righteous person in Proverbs is someone who has a heart that fears the Lord and lives a life of reverence. Since this life is best expressed through words, the text shows the characteristics of language life.

### **First, the words of a righteous person have value. (18- 21)**

Because it heals, saves lives, and establishes the kingdom of God. The words of the wicked have an evil effect, but the tongue of the righteous is like silver (20), teaching everyone to live in the fear of God and edifying them (21).

### **Second, the prayers of the righteous are answered. (24)**

The wicked cannot fear the Lord due to spiritual laziness, but the righteous seek a wish that is in accordance with God's will and receive an answer. A wise man finds pleasure in wisdom. (23)

### **Third, the words of a righteous person have eternal effect. (27-32)**

The tongue of the righteous is blessed with long life and peace because it praises God and builds up neighbors. (27, 28)

In order to have the lips of a righteous man, let us devote ourselves to maintaining a heart that fears the Lord.

## **The honest person (Prov. 11:1-15)**

Honesty is vital in all relationships that occur in daily life. Truth, righteousness, and honesty are the foundation and expression of the fear of the Lord. God's character is revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit. What aspects of honesty do the words in the text show?

**First, it shows that we must be honest before God and people in material relationships.**

Verse 1: “Deceitful scales are an abomination to the Lord, but fair weights he delights in.” An honest life of giving, honest tax reporting, and a sincere work life must all come from this righteousness.

**Second, all issues must be resolved honestly.**

When faced with tribulation, honest people are saved (8) and the city prospers due to the blessings of honest people. (11) This is because God establishes the kingdom of God through honest people, that is, righteous people. Since only those who fear Jehovah can be honest, let us receive the word of God and live truthfully in order to lead an honest life.

## **Reward and punishment (Prov 11:16-31)**

The text shows what the reward for the righteous is and the punishment for the wicked.

### **First, the heart of the righteous God looks at our hearts and receives glory and punishes us. (20)**

Above all, there is hope when our hearts, the root of all actions, are based on the living God. So, you must guard your heart well. What kind of heart do you have? We must keep a sincere heart, a holy heart, and a good heart (23). This is only possible when we strive to live a life centered on God.

### **Second, we must experience the Lord's promise by continuing to follow the principles of righteousness.**

We must follow the path of the righteous by pursuing virtue, diligence, and kindness (16,17), holding fast to righteousness (18-21), living a temperate life (22-23), and managing our wealth well (28-30). At that time, it may not be pretty to look at, but it will prosper like an olive tree that produces green leaves and fruit even under adverse conditions.

We must always keep our hearts devoted to God so that all our family members can enjoy the amazing blessings of being a righteous person who has become more perfect in the gospel.

## **One who likes the rebuke (Prov. 12:1-20)**

Believers who live based on the fear of Jehovah love discipline. Discipline means “rebuke, discipline (1).” Since the Bible, the word of God, is filled not only with teachings but also with rebukes for correction, and because those rebukes are given only to those who love, the righteous live as people who cling to the Bible. The text also says that a fool is like an animal and hates instruction and loves evil, but a wise person gratefully receives instruction. Why do you like discipline?

### **First, because discipline is evidence of God’s love.**

We receive the Lord's rebuke with gratitude because we know that without discipline, we are bastards and rejected ones. (Hebrews 12:8-9)

### **Second, when we receive discipline, our problems are cured, we are refreshed, and our spiritual health can be restored.**

Just as an accurate diagnosis of an illness can lead to treatment, pointing out before God is itself a cure. (3,7) Discipline has the power to change the harsh heart of an animal into a soft heart that pities the children. (1,10) God Let us gladly accept 's admonition.

## **Award of the righteous (Prov.12:21-28)**

What is the reward for a righteous person who fears Jehovah?

### **First, there will be no disaster.**

It is said that no disaster will come to the righteous, but evil will be full of evil for the wicked (21), and that on the righteous path there is life and no death (28).

### **Second, Jehovah is pleased.**

The reward given to the righteous is that Jehovah is glorified. Abraham said that Jehovah is his reward and inheritance, and Paul said that one of the rich blessings the church has received is that Jehovah will be his inheritance (22,25, Ephesians 1:18).

### **Third, we bring joy to our neighbors.**

Another reward for a righteous person is to go to a place that not only pleases God but also pleases their neighbors. In verse 23, it is said that a wise man hides his knowledge, but the heart of a fool spreads foolishness, and that the hands of the diligent rule over people, but the lazy are called (24), and that a righteous person is a guide to his neighbors, but the actions of the wicked deceive him. He said, “Ke (26).” Let us race hard not to miss out on this righteous reward.



## **The Scripture is Sweeter than honey (Ps119:97-104)**

- <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!  
I meditate on it all day long.
- <sup>98</sup> Your commands are always with me  
and make me wiser than my enemies.
- <sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes.
- <sup>100</sup> I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts.
- <sup>101</sup> I have kept my feet from every evil path  
so that I might obey your word.
- <sup>102</sup> I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.
- <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- <sup>104</sup> I gain understanding from your precepts;  
therefore I hate every wrong path.

### **Introduction:**

1. Traditionally, the Christianity has been reminded the Lord's day of Scriptures at the second week on December. I think that the Scripture include the last mode of the incarnation of Christ. The word became Christ, Christ became the Scripture. So, we have to make sure our view of the Scripture for our sound faith. What is the Word of God? It is the Scripture that consists of 66 books. Do you have such assurance? Do you enjoy the grace in your assurance? In this time, I would like to think the view of the Scripture in the special verses to love the word of God.

2. What do you think of this passage? As we know, it is one part of alphabet psalm that admires the Scripture that were revealed as several terms (law, command, status, precept, and words) in it. This is begun with the 13<sup>th</sup> letter, "mem" of Hebrew alphabet at the first word.

3. When we concentrate and meditate (Yegeh) the term, the verse, and the phrase of the Scripture, we can enjoy the heavenly delight in our lives. What do you enjoy in your Christian life? Do you have the unspeakable joy in your present life? The Psalmist confesses, “<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.” How wonderful confession it is! How an interesting experience it is!

The psalmist must be known the abundant, mysterious and wonderful world of meditation in the Word of God. I want that his experience become ours.

“Why does the meditation of the Word make us be delightful?

**First, the Scripture has more than the best experience of the man (99).**

1.”<sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.”

When we have the knowledge of the Scripture, we can take the better knowledge than the knowledge of world, because the saints who have the biblical knowledge may possess some insight that can penetrate their future.

Who are our teachers? We have many teachers, professors, leaders, instructors, pastors and many friends. We admit their teaching but we want to follow the direction of the Scripture. Why? Only the Scripture can give complete knowledge in our lives.

2. James says “Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers; because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. (James 3:1-2) This passage leads that only the Scripture is our teacher. And also, Jesus warned to the hypocrite as such thing. “They love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.” (Mt23:7-10)

The Scripture is our teacher, our leader, and our instructor. In this day we want to follow the Scripture. So, we have to study the Scripture well, faithfully.

**Second, the Scripture has more than the wisdom of the world. (98).**

1.” <sup>98</sup> your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.” Even though the wisdom of the teacher came out of much knowledge, it should not go ahead the teaching of the scripture because only it teaches the fear of God. One who follows the Scripture faithfully is the man who has the foundation of all knowledge.

David had had much struggle in his life. In one day, his son, Absalom rebelled his father. Suddenly David ran away to the wilderness with his company to find the safe place. Then Simuoi criticized him in spreading the dust on the way. “Curse David”. Then David could kill him with one time. His company requested into him. However, David refused their demand because he listened to the word of God out of the criticized voice of his enemy. “<sup>10</sup> But the king said, “What does this have to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who can ask, ‘why do you do this?’”

Rather, “<sup>11</sup> David then said to Abishai and all his officials, “My son, my own flesh and blood, is trying to kill me. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. <sup>12</sup> It may be that the LORD will look upon my misery and restore to me his covenant blessing instead of his curse today.” (IISAm16:10-12)

2. How could he endure the difficult situation? Because of the meditation to the word of God he could endure that trouble. The meditation of the Word of God makes us been wise.

**Third, the Scripture is the source of joy. (133).**

1. “<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” When we are united with the Scripture, we can taste the sweeter experience than the honey and the more precious values than the gold. The

sweet taste is the experience of the eternal life and the God's love. Let's enjoy the delight of heaven through the concentration on the scripture.

2. Ten years ago I got stroke I had lost much things in my life but I found wonderful world in the suffering and troubles. Among them I found God's love that he hides many good things, common grace for our actual life. The natural plants, vegetables and its roots, leave and fruits etc. And honey belongs to the grace. However, I used many benefits out of them to get present health. Now I think that someday I shall edit the medicine books of Cambodia for their help.

Actually, I enjoy the Cambodia missions in my ministry. Really do you enjoy your ministry? Yes. Why do you enjoy it? Because of physical benefits, natural environment? No, I want to find the reason in the deep place. In a short word, it must be enjoying to meditate the Scripture. I enjoy the word of God. I taste the sweeter than honey. And I know the more abundant world than the beautiful culture and the natural benefits in Cambodia. It is to meditate the Scripture. Although our lives were fallen down into the miserable state, we can enjoy the unspeakable joyful world in our heart.

### **Conclusion:**

1. My beloved saints, did you have confessed the experience of the psalmist, "I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes." (99) <sup>"103</sup> how sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! "(103)

2. You, forget your past thing, in this time checkup that. I understand the delight of the Cambodian lives but we taste more delight in our studying the scripture. We have unspeakable joy that we got by meditating the Word of God in our personal life. We have the wonderful joy that the world cannot give us. Therefore, we want to study the Word of God consistently with humble heart. May God's blessing be with you all?

## **Let's pray**

Heavenly father, we thank you for your wonderful love, giving your word, the Scripture. Make us to get sweeter experience than honey in the Scripture. Fill our school with grace of Scripture to know you and your truth. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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